

**Regulations on awarding the scholarships  
for the best foreign doctoral students studying at Doctoral Schools as part of the Project  
"Education and Research International Network"**

**§ 1**

**[General provisions]**

- 1.** The Regulations define the conditions and procedure for granting scholarships for the best foreign doctoral students under the Project "Education and Research International Network".
- 2.** Regulations on awarding and paying scholarships for the best foreign doctoral students studying at UMCS Doctoral Schools as part of the Project "Education and Research International Network", hereinafter referred to as *the Regulations*, is established based on a project funding agreement no. BPI / STE / 2024/1/000017, concluded between Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, hereinafter referred to as *the Beneficiary*, and the National Agency for Academic Exchange based in Warsaw, hereinafter referred to as *the Agency*.
- 3.** Scholarships are awarded to the best foreign doctoral students studying at the Doctoral Schools of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, called *the Project Participant*.
- 4.** The National Agency for Academic Exchange finances the scholarships as part of the STER-Internationalization of Doctoral Schools Program – 2024 Edition.
- 5.** The project is carried out from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2027.
- 6.** Address of the Project Office – The Doctoral Schools at UMCS, Weteranów 18, 20-038 Lublin, Poland.
- 7.** The support to be provided to the Project Participants shall be implemented within the framework of the Task of Scholarship Support ( Agency scholarship payment) for the best foreign doctoral students.
- 8.** A foreign doctoral student is understood to be:
  - 1) a foreigner who is a graduate of a first-cycle, second-cycle, or unitary master's degree program completed in a foreign institution or
  - 2) a foreigner who is a graduate of second-cycle studies completed in a Polish institution or
  - 3) a Polish person who is a graduate of second-cycle studies completed in a foreign institution.
- 9.** Scholarships may be paid to foreign doctoral students for 6 months, the beneficiary plans to award a total of six scholarships to foreign doctoral students studying at UMCS Doctoral Schools during the project implementation, who will receive the highest grade awarded by the Committee based on the adopted criteria. The maximum number of scholarships in the following years will be as follows:
  - 1) 1 scholarship – April 2025-September 2025
  - 2) 1 scholarship – October 2025 – March 2026
  - 3) 1 scholarship – April 2026 – September 2026
  - 4) 1 scholarship – October 2026 – March 2027
  - 5) 2 scholarship – April 2027 – September 2027

**10.** Scholarships will be awarded on a semester basis - in the periods: April 2025-September 2025, October 2025 – March 2026, April 2026 – September 2026, October 2026 – March 2027, April 2027 – September 2027.

**11.** The expected amount of the scholarship is PLN 5,000 gross monthly. The scholarships will supplement the scholarships for doctoral students referred to in art. 209 of the Law on Higher Education and Science.

## **§ 2**

### **[Recruitment procedure]**

- 1.** Recruitment will be carried out in compliance with the principle of equal opportunities and non-discrimination, including accessibility for persons with disabilities and the principle of equal opportunities for women and men.
- 2.** Only foreign doctoral students of the Doctoral Schools at UMCSA may apply for the scholarship.
- 3.** The scholarship is awarded by the Rector at the request of the doctoral student.
- 4.** The application will be assessed by the appointed Committee, which will recommend candidates for the scholarship to the Rector. Based on the Committee's opinion, the Rector will grant scholarships.
- 5.** The Committee will be composed of, among others, the Directors of Doctoral Schools and one representative of doctoral students representing each Doctoral School, designated by the Doctoral Students' Council. In cases requiring expert evaluation in a particular discipline, the committee will include (as an advisory body) representatives of these disciplines from among their representatives on the Doctoral School Council.
- 6.** The application for a scholarship in the academic year 2024/2025 shall be submitted by the doctoral student by March 17, 2025. The deadlines for submitting applications in the following years will be announced in advance at the Project Office, ul. Weteranów 18, 20-038 Lublin and on the website ([www.szkolodoktorskie.umcs.pl](http://www.szkolodoktorskie.umcs.pl)).
- 7.** An application form for the scholarship is attached as Appendix 1 to these Regulations. Applications will be available on the doctoral school website ([www.szkolodoktorskie.umcs.pl](http://www.szkolodoktorskie.umcs.pl)).
- 8.** The information contained in the application submitted by the doctoral student shall be verified by the Committee.
- 9.** Doctoral students will receive a scholarship after meeting two key criteria, i.e.
  - after approval of an Individual Research Plan (IRP)and
  - obtaining a positive evaluation of the Committee based on the criteria set out in these regulations in point 10 of this paragraph.
- 10.** Assessment criteria:
  - a) average grade obtained from the course subjects (credits and exams), provided for in the study program in the semester preceding the submission of the scholarship application - max 10 points;
  - b) evaluation of the progress of the IRP together with the supervisor's opinion - max 10 points;
  - c) scientific publications following the scientific discipline or artistic creation in which the education takes place – max 40 points;

d) active participation of the doctoral student in scientific conferences or artistic symposia with an oral presentation - max 10 points;

e) participation in research projects, research grants (confirmed by the agreement), or obtaining scholarships or internships in scientific or research institutions or artistic entities (artistic residencies, finalized in an exhibition or concert, prestigious artistic scholarships) - max 30 points;

f) the achievements listed in points c, d, and e, which were shown in the scholarship application, shall not be assessed for persons who have received scholarships in previous editions.

**11.** The Committee prepares a point ranking of doctoral students who apply for a scholarship. The Committee shall establish a primary and reserve list of scholarship candidates.

**12.** If a scholarship is awarded, a scholarship agreement will be concluded with the doctoral student following the template attached to these Regulations.

**13.** The payment of the scholarship is conditional on the scholarship holder's stay on the territory of the Republic of Poland, excluding the period of the doctoral student's mobility abroad, i.e.: during the doctoral student's stay abroad on scientific, research, or training placement to carry scientific research.

### **§ 3**

#### **[Payment of the scholarship]**

**1.** Payment of the scholarship will be made each eligible month, which will ensure the material stability of the doctoral student and will be a disciplinary factor for good study results and re-obtaining the scholarship.

**2.** The purpose of the scholarship support for the best foreign doctoral students is to encourage doctoral students to carry out systematic research work and to motivate them for further scientific development

**3.** The assessment will be made based on these Regulations, which define the method of qualifying candidates for the scholarship.

### **§ 4**

#### **[Rules for suspending the payment of scholarships for the next period]**

**1.** The reason causing the suspension of the scholarship payment will be the doctoral student's resignation from education at the doctoral school or his/her removal from the list of doctoral students. In such a case, the scholarship will be withheld the following month, except point 2 below.

**2.** Where a scholarship is charged for an incomplete month, a 50% rate will be applied for participation for less than 15 days. The full scholarship will be applied for participation over 15 days.

**3.** In the case of suspension of the payment of the scholarship to a foreign doctoral student during the first two months the Committee shall award the scholarship to the first doctoral student from the reserve list.

### **§ 5**

#### **[Final provisions]**

**1.** These Regulations come into force on the date of signing and apply to proceedings on granting scholarships for foreign doctoral students studying at UMCS Doctoral Schools as part of the



Project "**Education and Research International Network**", granted from the academic year 2024/2025.

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Date of signing