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## Scholarship programme for tuition fee paying students

### Grounds for the decision

In compliance with the Universities Act ([the amended Universities Act 1600/2015](#)), the Board of the University of the Arts Helsinki (Uniarts Helsinki) has decided on 16 June 2020 that

- 1) the annual tuition fee for students who come from outside the EU and EEA and study in a programme organised in a language other than Finnish or Swedish is EUR 5,000. Students will pay the same fee for both their bachelor's and their master's programme. The annual tuition fee will stay the same for the students' normative duration of studies as defined by law;
- 2) In joint degrees and other corresponding arrangements and in possible new programmes (e.g. master's programmes) that are organised in a language other than Finnish or Swedish and that are specifically intended and tailored for international applicants, the annual tuition fee may be higher on justifiable cost-based grounds. The rector will decide separately on the amount of the annual tuition fee for these kinds of programmes.
- 3) The rector is authorised to decide on a scholarship programme in the form of tuition fee waivers for students who are liable for payment. The aim of the scholarship programme for tuition fee paying students is to support student recruitment and to reward students for their academic achievements. The scholarships cover either the entire (100%) or half (50%) of the annual tuition fee. In addition to the tuition fee waivers, Uniarts Helsinki makes sure that it also has other additional grants that assist international students with their living expenses.
- 4) After subtracting the administrative costs, approximately 50% of the income from the tuition fees will be allocated back to tuition fee paying students in the form of scholarships.
- 5) These general guidelines concerning annual tuition fees and the scholarship programme will apply to study rights that are granted after 1 January 2021. The guidelines are valid until further notice. The rector assesses the effects of the programme on a yearly basis. If necessary, for example if there is a change in the university's economy or operational environment, the rector will bring the general guidelines on annual tuition fees for the reconsideration of the Board. The programme will be assessed by the Board in 2023 at the latest.

## **Scholarship programme**

With this decision, the rector decides on the criteria and practices regarding Uniarts Helsinki's tuition fee related scholarship programme. The scholarship programme supports student recruitment and rewards students for their academic success.

The scholarships are awarded annually by the vice rector for education.

The rector shall appoint a Scholarship Committee, which, in addition to the vice rector, will consist of three other members. The Scholarship Committee is in charge of reviewing the applications and supporting the vice rector in the decision-making.

The scholarships cover either the entire (100%) or half (50%) of the annual tuition fee.

The scholarships are awarded based on the student's personal application. Applicants are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of the information provided. If the information provided by the applicant proves to be inaccurate, the applicant is obligated to return the scholarship funds, and thus pay the full annual tuition fee for the time period when the tuition fee waiver has been granted. The Scholarship Committee may ask additional information on the applicant's right to study and academic progress from the applicant or the applicant's degree programme.

The scholarships are awarded for a maximum of one year at a time. The scholarships are personal to the applicant to whom they are awarded, and there is no reserve list system in the scholarship programme.

The decisions on scholarships cannot be appealed against.

## **Grounds for awarding scholarships**

### **New students**

New students are awarded scholarships each spring and autumn in connection with the student admissions. Admitted students are informed of the scholarship decision at the same time as they receive the notification of their admissions. When admitted students accept their placement in the programme, they must know whether they have been awarded a scholarship for their first academic year and what the amount of the scholarship will be (if they have been awarded one).

All new tuition fee paying degree students who have applied for the scholarship will be granted a tuition fee waiver of EUR 2,500 (50%) on their first academic year. The tuition fee waiver will be awarded to a new student if they have been granted the right to complete a bachelor's or master's degree at Uniarts Helsinki and they have applied for the scholarship in their application.

### **Scholarships awarded to students from the second year onwards**

From the second year of studies onwards, students must apply for a scholarship by submitting a separate application by the end of March (students who have been granted their right to study in the spring term) or by the end of October (students who have been granted their right to study in the autumn term). The vice rector makes decisions on scholarships prior to the next registration period for the academic year.

The scholarships cover either the entire (100%) or half of (50%) the annual tuition fee.

The scholarships are awarded based on the students' academic success. Academic success is assessed based on not only the annual number of ECTS credits that a student completes, but also the student's realistic plan for graduating within the normative duration of studies, their personal study plan and an assessment given by the degree programme concerning the student's academic success.

Scholarships are awarded to tuition fee paying students who make progress in their studies in accordance with the normative duration of studies as stated in the Universities Act. If it is not possible to award all applicants with tuition fee waivers, the decisions will be made based on the number of ECTS credits completed during the previous academic year (ECTS credits awarded by the end of the application deadline and the number of ECTS credits accumulated by the end of the ongoing academic term, as reported by the degree programme).

Applicants who have the same number of ECTS credits will be evaluated based on their degree programmes' assessments concerning the academic progress of the student in question. Possible 100% tuition fee waivers are reserved for students who have made the fastest progress in their studies.

Students must submit their application together with a copy of their personal study plan as well as their graduation plan. For their application, students must ask for the academy's recommendation, in which the head of the department, head of the degree programme or professor of the subject area comments on the student's academic success, academic progress, personal study plan and graduation plan.

In principle, the university does not award scholarships if the student has exceeded the normative duration of studies (bachelor's degree: 3 or 3.5 years, master's degree: 2 or 2.5 years).

Students who have not had sufficient progress in their studies may still submit a scholarship application for consideration if there are justified grounds. A scholarship may be awarded to students in order for them to complete their degree – for example for the completion of a thesis – at the discretion of the vice rector if there are justified grounds.

### **Income from the tuition fees**

The rector makes the decision on how to allocate the income from the tuition fees on a yearly basis. After subtracting the administrative costs, approximately 50% of the income from the tuition fees will be allocated back to students in the form of scholarships.

#### **Decision:**

In accordance with the proposal.

In Helsinki, 10 September 2020

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