

Scholarship Regulations of NEWTON University

Article I Introductory provisions

1. The Scholarship Regulations of NEWTON University (hereinafter referred to as the "Scholarship Regulations") are issued by NEWTON University (hereinafter referred to as "NEWTON University" or simply "the University"; until 13 May 2021 operating under the business name NEWTON College and the abbreviation NC) pursuant to Section 91(5) of Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Higher Education and on Amendments and Supplements to Other Acts (the Higher Education Act), as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), and in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 2 and Article 11, paragraph 3 of the Statutes of NEWTON University.
2. The Scholarship Regulations apply, unless otherwise stated below in the provisions on individual types of scholarships, to students (hereinafter referred to as "students") of accredited study programmes of the University in full-time, combined and distance learning.
3. Scholarships pursuant to these Scholarship Regulations are paid by the University from its own resources, as well as from contributions, subsidies and grants and from the scholarship subsidy provided by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (hereinafter referred to as the "Ministry") pursuant to Section 40(2) of the Act.
4. These Scholarship Regulations set out the types of scholarships, the conditions for their award and the method of payment.
5. For the award and payment of any scholarships other than those expressly described in these Scholarship Regulations, whether or not such scholarships are funded from any source, these Scholarship Regulations shall apply *mutatis mutandis*. Any other scholarships shall then be deemed to be designated scholarships under Article V.

Article II Types of scholarships

The University may grant the student (hereinafter referred to as "student"):

- a) merit scholarship,
- b) a one-off scholarship,
- c) a special-purpose scholarship,
- d) accommodation grant under Section 91(2)(e) of the Act,
- e) social stipend (scholarship in case of a student's difficult social situation) according to Section 91(3) of the Act.

Article III Merit scholarship

1. The merit scholarship reflects the student's overall academic performance for one full academic year (hereinafter referred to as the "academic year under review"). It is intended for full-time students of higher education institutions in bachelor's degree programmes who have completed the first or second year of study in the year under evaluation and for full-time students of higher education institutions in master's degree programmes who have completed the first year of master's studies in the year under evaluation.
2. For the purpose of determining the student's overall academic performance, the results of the assessment of individual courses of study expressed in accordance with the applicable university grading scale shall be counted as follows:
 - the result of an "A" rating as a value of 1.00;
 - the result of a "B" rating as a value of 1.50;
 - the result of the evaluation "C" as a value of 2,00;
 - the result of the evaluation "D" as a value of 2.50;
 - a rating of "E" for a value of 3.00;
 - a rating of "F" for a value of 4.00.
3. The overall study result represents the arithmetic average, rounded to two decimal places, of the numerical results of the assessment of all individual study courses enrolled in the year under assessment and completed by passing an examination or classified credit.
4. The student's overall academic performance is evaluated for the purpose of determining the possible entitlement to a merit scholarship by the study department of the university after the end of the year under evaluation, based on the record of the results of the evaluation of individual courses in the electronic information system of the university (hereinafter referred to as "IS").
5. A student may apply for a merit scholarship if he/she:
 - a) in the year under review, successfully completed all enrolled courses of study in the regular (not remedial) terms,
 - b) has fulfilled all study obligations in the year under review so that he/she can be duly enrolled in the following year of study,
 - c) in the assessment of all courses enrolled in the year under review, which are completed by passing an examination or classified credit, the student has obtained a grade of "A" or "B",
 - d) did not start studying at the university until the academic year under review,
 - e) did not interrupt his/her studies during the academic year under review,
 - f) did not resume interrupted studies during the academic year under review,
 - g) has no financial or other obligations to the university,
 - h) was not sanctioned for a disciplinary offence in the year under review.

6. Courses enrolled in the academic year under assessment, which the student has taken at a partner university during the Erasmus study stay and obtained an assessment result for, are assessed as if the student had taken them directly at the university.
7. In the case where some of the courses enrolled in the academic year under review have been recognised as successfully completed (whether because of a study stay under the Erasmus programme, because of their completion during previous studies at another university or higher education institution or for other reasons), the merit scholarship may be awarded only if the proportion of the courses so recognised in the number of all courses enrolled in the academic year under review does not exceed 20%.
8. The merit scholarship is awarded to students on the basis of their written application for the award of a merit scholarship submitted to the study department of the university by 30 June of the academic year under review. All applications for the award of a merit scholarship for the academic year under review shall be deemed to have been received and accepted on 30 June.
9. A student who has applied for a merit scholarship and has fulfilled all the conditions for its award according to the Scholarship Regulations will be notified in writing by the end of the academic year under review at the latest.
10. The amount of the merit scholarship is determined uniformly regardless of the study programme as follows - students who have achieved an overall study result with value:
 - a) 1,00 a scholarship of CZK 30.000 is awarded;
 - b) 1,01 - 1,10, a scholarship of CZK 15,000 is awarded;
 - c) 1,11 - 1,20, a scholarship of CZK 7,500 is awarded;
 - d) 1.21 and above, no merit scholarship is awarded.
11. The merit scholarship is paid by wire transfer to the student's account specified in the application for the merit scholarship in two equal instalments - the first by 31 October and the second by 28 February of the academic year immediately following the academic year under review.
12. The payment of the awarded merit scholarship is conditional on the timely payment of tuition fees for the academic year following the year under evaluation. Tuition fees for that academic year may be spread over a maximum of two instalments.
13. The payment of the merit scholarship will not be made or will also be terminated if a student who is entitled to a merit scholarship terminates his/her studies at the university or interrupts his/her studies at the university.
14. Payment of the merit scholarship will also be terminated with immediate effect if the student receiving the merit scholarship is sanctioned for a disciplinary offence or if the student's studies at the university are terminated by the university.

15. The payment of the benefit scholarship may also be made in the form of vouchers entitling the student to attend educational courses organised by the university or its partner entities at the choice of the student entitled to the benefit scholarship; the value of the vouchers in such a case is at least 1.1 times the value of the benefit scholarship awarded.

Article IV One-off scholarship

1. A one-off scholarship may be awarded by the university in the following cases:
 - a) for outstanding academic performance throughout their studies and the award of a diploma with an overall grade of "with distinction",
 - b) for preparing and defending an excellent final qualification thesis,
 - c) for outstanding professional achievements in scientific and research activities, including contributions to research reports prepared by the university and other institutions,
 - d) for publications in professional journals, proceedings and internal publications of the university,
 - e) for outstanding representation in the field of sport or culture, as well as other exceptional merits.
2. A one-off scholarship may be awarded on the basis of a student's application, on the recommendation of the head of the university's professional centre, on the basis of a proposal from the state final examination board or on the university Chancellor's own initiative.
3. The payment of a one-off scholarship is usually in the form of vouchers entitling the student to attend educational courses or other activities organised by the university or its partners.
4. The amount and date of payment of one-off scholarships is determined by the Chancellor of the university, taking into account the extent of the available financial resources earmarked for their provision.

Article V Special purpose scholarship

The special purpose scholarship may take the form of:

- a) scholarships within the meaning of Section 91(2)(c) of the Act,
- b) other special-purpose scholarships provided under conditions announced by the Chancellor of the university (e.g. special-purpose preparatory or recruitment scholarships financed by a specific natural or legal person as a potential future employer of students of the university, etc.),
- c) other special-purpose scholarships granted on the Chancellor's own initiative for reasons of special consideration,
- d) another special purpose scholarship, regardless of the source of its funding.

Article VI Accommodation grant

1. Accommodation grant financed from the funds provided by the Ministry is awarded in accordance with the wording of Section 91, paragraph 2, letter e) of the Act, and may be awarded to a student of the university who:
 - a) is a student of an accredited study programme carried out in the Czech Republic in the full-time form of study,
 - b) is studying in his/her first accredited bachelor's or first accredited master's degree programme in the Czech Republic,
 - c) has not exceeded the standard period of study, even in any of the other possibly concurrently studied study programmes,
 - d) in the case of a place of study in Brno, he/she does not have a permanent place of residence in the territory of the district of Brno and in the case of a place of study in Prague, he/she does not have a permanent place of residence in the territory of the capital city of Prague.
2. The condition referred to in paragraph 1, point b) of this Article is also fulfilled if the student of the higher education institution has transferred to the currently studied accredited study programme from his/her first accredited higher education study programme of the given level of study in the Czech Republic and his/her previous studies have been recognised. The transfer is understood as the termination of the previous study programme and admission to the study programme of the higher education institution, provided that the study programmes are of the same or similar content and there is no more than one calendar year between the termination of the previous study and admission to the currently studied programme. Recognition means recognition of the results of at least one course of study from the above-mentioned completed previous studies.
3. In verifying the fulfilment of the condition referred to in paragraph 1(b) of this Article, no account shall be taken of studies in a study programme in which the student enrolled and completed between 1 May and 30 October of the same calendar year.

4. When verifying the fulfilment of the condition referred to in paragraph 1(b) of this Article in the case of concurrently studied study programmes, a student shall be entitled to be awarded an accommodation grant no more than once, i.e. in the study programme in which he/she was enrolled first.
5. The basis for awarding the accommodation grant is the data obtained from the Student Register and the university's Information System and the student's application for its award with the bank details listed.
6. A student who meets the eligibility requirements for the accommodation grant is entitled to the accommodation grant from the first day of the semester in which the student started his/her studies at the university.
7. A student is entitled to an accommodation grant for each calendar month for which he or she meets the conditions for the award of an accommodation grant, for a maximum of ten months in an academic year.
8. In the event that the Ministry does not provide the University with the funds necessary to pay the accommodation scholarship, the University is not obliged to pay the scholarship to the students, even if they are entitled to it under this Article of the Scholarship Regulations and have been awarded it.

Article VII Social stipend

1. The social stipend financed by the Ministry is granted in accordance with the wording of Section 91(3) of the Act.
2. A student of a higher education institution who fulfils the conditions set out in the current wording of the Act (i.e. is entitled to child benefit under a special legal regulation, while the decisive family income determined for the purposes of granting child benefit does not exceed the product of the family's subsistence minimum and the coefficient of 1.5) is entitled to a monthly social stipend in the amount of $\frac{1}{4}$ of the applicable basic rate of the monthly minimum wage, with the amount of the stipend determined in this way being rounded up to the nearest ten crowns.
3. The social stipend is awarded for the standard period of study of ten months in each academic year.
4. The social stipend may be granted on the basis of a student's application submitted via the electronic Information System of the University (hereinafter referred to as "IS"), to which the student is obliged to substantiate his/her entitlement to the social stipend by a written certificate issued at his/her request by the competent state social support authority that granted the child allowance, stating that the family income determined for the purposes of the child allowance for the third calendar quarter of the year did not exceed the product of the family's subsistence minimum and the coefficient of 1.5. The

certificate for the purpose of awarding the stipend shall be valid for 21 months from the end of the quarter for which the family income was ascertained.

5. A student can only claim the social stipend once in a given period of time.
6. An essential element of the application for a social stipend is the student's commitment to inform the university immediately of any future fact that the conditions for the award of a social stipend under this article of the Scholarship Regulations are no longer met by the student.
7. In the event that the Ministry does not provide the University with the funds necessary to pay the social stipend, the University is not obliged to pay the stipend to the students, even if they are entitled to it under this Article of the Scholarship Regulations and have been awarded it.

Article VIII Other provisions

1. Unless otherwise specified, the awarding of scholarships is decided by the Chancellor of the University, who also determines the amount of the scholarship and the method and dates of payment.
2. Section 68 of the Act applies to the decision to award a scholarship. The decision is delivered via IS in electronic form to the student's university e-mail box. In this case, the date of delivery and notification of the decision shall be the first day following the date on which the decision is made available in the IS.
3. If the scholarship is not awarded, the student may appeal within 30 days. The Chancellor of the University will issue a decision on the appeal within 14 days of receipt of the appeal.
4. Scholarships are paid by bank transfer to the student's bank account or, in exceptional cases, in cash at a place and time specified by the university.
5. Accommodation and social grants are paid retrospectively; payment dates are set by the university following the update of the Student Register and the provision of a grant or subsidy from the Ministry.
6. If a student meets the requirements for more than one type of scholarship, they may be awarded.
7. The amount of scholarships, excluding scholarships financed by a grant or contribution from the Ministry or another external provider, may be adjusted depending on the amount of available funds earmarked for their provision, as well as, where appropriate, on the number of students who have fulfilled the conditions for their award.

Article IX Final provisions

1. These Scholarship Regulations shall come into force and effect on 1 September 2021.
2. On the effective date of these Scholarship Regulations, the version of the NEWTON College Scholarship Regulations dated 1 September 2020 in force until that date shall be repealed.



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