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Changes to the Scholarship Programme of the University of Turku from 1 January 2020 onwards

Background

The Rector has decided on the details of the scholarship programme on 19 September 2016. According to this decision, the University's scholarship committee has made a proposal to the Vice Rector on the scholarships granted by the University in 2017–2019. During its term, the University's scholarship committee has also discussed the development of the scholarship programme. Based on the committee's discussion and the discussion of the steering group of the Academic and Student Affairs, the following changes and specifications, presented in more detail in Appendix 1, will be made to the current scholarship programme.

Changes to the scholarship programme

Granting scholarships

- Scholarships are granted, according to a standardised practice, to max. 30 per cent of the accepted students subject to tuition fees in each programme.
- Students in the joint degree programmes can apply for an incentive scholarship if a) they do not receive any other grants that cover the annual tuition fee or b) their annual tuition fee is more than €3,000.
- Bachelor's degrees will be added to the scholarship categories, which makes it possible to grant scholarships for three years and students can apply for the incentive scholarships during their first and second year of University studies.
- In case a student cannot start their University studies in the first year, they can postpone the scholarship to the following year due to a statutory or other reason (e.g. delayed residence permit). A scholarship can only be postponed once due to other than statutory reasons.

Follow-up of study progress and incentive scholarship

- In order for a student to receive an incentive scholarship, their studies must progress on time (45 credits completed by the end of the third study period or 55 credits by the end of June) and their average grade for studies must be 3.0 or higher. The average grade limit is not absolute, meaning that a student who almost reaches the limit can receive a scholarship according to discretion

Graduation and delay in studies

- If studies are delayed due to reasons not dependent on the student, the student can receive a discretionary additional grant in order to finish their studies.
- In case the student does not graduate by July 31 (or by 31 December for students who began their studies in the spring semester) within the limits of the granted scholarship, but has completed all the required study attainments (including a submitted thesis), the evaluation of the thesis and the administrative work related to graduation can be completed during the next semester. In these cases, the student receives an additional grant for six months.
- Joint instructions are drafted for the faculties, so that all students subject to tuition fees are treated equally and have the same amount of active study time.



Effective date of the decision

The above mentioned changes and specifications to the University's scholarship programme come into effect for scholarship decisions made after 1 January 2020.

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Appendix 1

Changes to the Scholarship Programme of the University of Turku

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