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Scholarship programme for tuition fee paying students

Scholarship programme

With this decision, the rector decides on the criteria and practices regarding Uniarts Helsinki's tuition fee related scholarship programme.

This decision replaces the previous rector's decision on the scholarship programme related to tuition fees (10.9.2020). The scholarship programme is applied to students whose right to study at Uniarts Helsinki began before 1.8.2026.

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

The rector has appointed a Scholarship Committee, which, in addition to the vice rector for education, consists of the vice deans for education. The Scholarship Committee is in charge of reviewing the applications and supporting the vice rector in the decision-making.

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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 was granted. The Scholarship Committee may ask the applicant or the applicant's degree programme for additional information on the applicant's right to study and their academic progress.

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 admission. When admitted students accept their study place in the programme, they must know whether they have been awarded a scholarship for their first academic year and, if so, what the amount of the scholarship will be.

All new tuition fee paying degree students who have applied for the scholarship will be granted a tuition fee waiver of 50% for their first study year.

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.

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Scholarships are awarded to tuition fee paying students who make progress in their studies in accordance with the normative target duration of studies as stated in the Universities Act.

Scholarships can be awarded until the end of the student's target duration of studies in accordance with the Universities Act:

- Bachelor + Master of Arts (Theatre and Drama) degree: 5 years of attendance or other enrolment that consumes study time (in total 10 academic terms, which do not have to be consecutive).
- Bachelor + Master of Fine Arts or Music degree: 5.5 years of attendance or other enrolment that consumes study time (in total 11 academic terms, which do not have to be consecutive).
- Master of Fine Arts, Arts (Art and Design), Arts (Dance) or Arts (Theatre and Drama) degree: 2 years of attendance or other enrolment that consumes study time (in total 4 academic terms, which do not have to be consecutive).
- Master of Music degree: 2.5 years of attendance or other enrolment that consumes study time (in total 5 academic terms, which do not have to be consecutive).

If a student has a justified reason for not graduating within the target completion time (e.g. illness), they may submit a scholarship application for consideration and attach a medical certificate or other document proving the reason for the delay.

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 target duration of the degree, their personal study plan and - if necessary - an assessment given by the degree programme concerning the student's progress of studies.

The credits accumulated by the end date of the application period as well as the accumulation of credits by the end of the current term, reported by the degree programme, are included in the annual accumulation of ECTS credits.

Income from the tuition fees

The rector makes the decision on how to allocate the income from the tuition fees on a yearly basis.

Entry into force and duration

This decision will be applied for the first time in scholarship decisions concerning the academic year 2025–2026, i.e. also in scholarship decisions concerning 2025 starting from the autumn term 2025.

The validity of the scholarship programme ends no later than 31.7.2030.