



REGULATION REGARDING THE GRANTING OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE “VICTOR BABEȘ” UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND PHARMACY OF TIMIȘOARA

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CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Art. 1. The “Victor Babeș” University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Timișoara grants, according to the law, scholarships to students enrolled in full-time and budgeted bachelor’s and master’s degree programs, based on the institutional contract for the scholarship fund.

Art. 2. (1) Scholarships, regardless of category, are granted for the entire duration of the academic year (12 months).

(2) Students enrolled in the last year of study of the bachelor’s or master’s degree study cycles who benefit from any type of scholarship in the last semester of studies of that cycle, will be granted the same type of scholarship/scholarships until they sit for the final examination.

Art. 3. Students may benefit from any type of scholarship for a single bachelor’s degree program and for a single master’s degree program.

Art. 4. (1) A student may not receive two types of scholarships simultaneously from the same category, but has the right to opt for the one with the higher value or which is granted for a longer period of time.

(2) By way of exception from para. (1), students who benefit from a social scholarship may also receive any other type of scholarship, if they meet the criteria set forth in this Regulation for that scholarship type and depending on the financial possibilities of the University.

Art. 5. The following may not constitute criteria for granting any type of scholarships from funds from the state budget: age, sex, religion, race, nationality, citizenship, sexual orientation, political affiliation of the candidate or his/her family, membership in legally established organisations or with activity in accordance with the European legislation in force, the number of years spent in other educational institutions, studies conducted abroad, as well as access to scholarships from other sources.

Art. 6. From the scholarship fund from the state budget, the University grants, in accordance with the law, the following types of scholarships to full-time budgeted students:

- I. Special scholarships
- II. Scholarships to stimulate academic performance
 - II. 1. Performance-based scholarships
 - II. 2. Merit scholarships
- III. Scholarships for the financial support of students with low incomes
 - III. 1. Social scholarships
 - III. 2. Scholarships for occasional social assistance

Art. 7. (1) Students who simultaneously attend two faculties in state higher education institutions may benefit from scholarships from the state budget only from one of the institutions, provided that the total number of semesters in which they benefit from the scholarship does not exceed the number of semesters provided as duration of schooling at the faculty (specialisation) from which he/she is going to benefit from the scholarship.

(2) Verification of the accuracy of the student’s situation for inclusion in the provisions of Art. 7 (1) is made based on an application signed by the student and accompanied by supporting documents.

Art. 8. The scholarship fund allocated from the state budget is distributed in the University to the faculties in proportion to the total number of students enrolled in full-time budgeted university study programs for the bachelor’s and master’s degree study cycles.

Art. 9. Scholarships are granted annually, per academic year, in the form of a monthly allowance.

Art. 10. (1) At faculty level, after the allocation of special scholarships, the remaining scholarship fund is distributed as follows:

- 30% - social scholarships (social scholarships are not distributed per study program).
- 70% - scholarships to stimulate academic performance - distributed proportionally to the number of students for each year of study, and within the study year proportionally to the number of students enrolled in full-time courses on budgeted places for each study program.



(2) If the fund for granting social scholarships is not used in full, it is redistributed for the granting of scholarships to stimulate academic performance.

(3) In the event that the scholarship fund to stimulate academic performance within one year of study has not been used in its entirety, it is redistributed to the following years of study (within the same faculty) for the granting of scholarships to stimulate academic performance.

Art. 11. The “Victor Babeș” University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Timișoara grants scholarships from its own extrabudgetary income, in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation.

CHAPTER II. METHODOLOGY AND CRITERIA FOR GRANTING SCHOLARSHIPS

I. SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Art. 12. Special scholarships are granted to students who fall into at least one of the following cases: have achieved outstanding professional, cultural-artistic or sports performances (1st, 2nd, 3rd place), at national and international level

Art. 13. The files requesting the granting of the special scholarship will include the following supporting documents:

- 1) Application
- 2) ID card copy
- 3) Diplomas, in original, regarding the certification of the performance obtained,

II. SCHOLARSHIPS TO STIMULATE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Art. 14. Scholarships to stimulate academic performance, granted from funds from the state budget, are:

- a) Performance-based scholarships
- b) Merit scholarships

II. 1. Performance-based scholarships

Art. 15. The **performance-based scholarships** are granted starting from the second year of studies to students who have completed all credits successfully from the bachelor’s degree cycle (years II - VI), and from the master’s cycle (year II), for a period of one calendar year, but no longer than the completion of studies.

Art. 16. Students enrolled in full-time budgeted study programs who have fully completed the didactic activities from the curriculum, obtaining all the credits provided in the curriculum, and who fall within at least one of the following cases:

- a) have obtained a general average grade of 10.00 in the last 2 semesters
- b) are the first author in articles published in the previous year, in ISI-rated medical-pharmaceutical journals, with an impact factor greater than 1.5, with the mandatory mention of the affiliation to the “Victor Babeș” University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Timișoara;
- c) are the holder of a legally registered invention patent in the medical-pharmaceutical field.

Art. 17. The files requesting the grant of the performance-based scholarship will include the following supporting documents:

- 1) Application
- 2) ID card copy
- 3) Proof of publication/patent for the provisions of Art. 16 (b) and (c).



II. 2. Merit scholarships

Art. 18. Merit scholarships are granted for the duration of one academic year, according to the legislation in force, depending on the grades obtained.

(1) **Merit scholarships** are granted to students who have completed all their credits successfully from the bachelor's degree cycles, years I-VI, and master's degree cycle, in descending order of the average grades from the previous academic year, who have fully completed the university activities in accordance with the curriculum. First year students will benefit from the merit scholarship based on the admission average grade (from that year). If there is a group of students with the same average grade in the first year of study, and the scholarship fund is not sufficient, the tie-breaking is done according to the tie-breaking criteria provided by the Regulation regarding the admission competition.

Art. 19.

(2) The merit scholarship is granted within the limits of the allocated funds, the minimum average grade from which the merit scholarship may be awarded being 8.50 (eight fifty%). If there is a group of students with the same average grade within a year of study (years II-VI), and the scholarship fund is not sufficient, the following procedure will apply:

(a) the maximum number of scholarships, according to the scholarship fund, in the respective category that can be granted for the study year in question is determined;

(b) the students who will benefit from the scholarship are determined from the group of students with the same average grade according to the following criteria:

(b1) grade from the discipline with the most credits from the previous academic year;

(b2) if the tie persists, the next discipline rated with the most credits will be considered. This criterion will apply until the differentiation is achieved. If there are several disciplines with the same number of credits, all these disciplines will be considered.

(b3) if the tie persists, the arithmetic mean of all weighted average grades from previous years will be considered (including admission).

III. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF STUDENTS WITH LOW INCOMES

Art. 20. (1) Scholarships for the financial support of students with low incomes are: social scholarships, and scholarships for occasional social assistance. These are granted from funds from the state budget, based on an application, depending on the socioeconomic situation of the student's family, the general criteria established by the Order of the Ministry of National Education no. 3392/2017 with subsequent amendments/supplements, and specific criteria, developed according to this Regulation.

(2) The "Victor Babeș" University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Timișoara may participate, within the limits of funds from its own available income, in the granting of scholarships for occasional social assistance, and in the granting of scholarships to stimulate academic performance, respectively, to the beneficiaries of social scholarships, under the conditions stipulated by law and this Regulation.

III. 1. Social scholarships

Art. 21. (1) Social scholarships are granted, upon request, depending on the student's financial situation, without academic criteria, except for passing, within the limit of the granted budget.

Art. 22. Social scholarships are granted for the duration of studies, until the age of 35.

Art. 23. In the case of social scholarships, the amount is established starting from the minimum amount proposed annually by the National Council for the Financing of Higher Education (CNFIS), taking into account the fact that they must cover the minimum expenses for meals and accommodation.

Art. 24. The allocation of social scholarships is made, within the limits of the allocated budget, in ascending order of the average net income per family member, **the maximum income limit being the**



minimum net basic salary, in force on the date of submission of the application, communicated by the Financial-Accounting Department of the University.

Art. 25. The allocation of social scholarships to their beneficiaries will be done in the following order:

- a) Students orphaned by one or both parents, and those for whom placement was ordered as a measure of protection and who do not achieve income above the limit for granting the social scholarship.
- b) TB students who are in the records of medical units, students suffering from diabetes, malignant diseases, serious malabsorption syndromes, chronic renal failure, bronchial asthma, epilepsy, congenital heart diseases, chronic hepatitis, glaucoma, severe myopia, immunological diseases, rare diseases, autistic spectrum disorders, haematological diseases (haemophilia, thalassemia, etc.), deafness, cystic fibrosis, students infected with the HIV virus or who have AIDS, students with locomotor disabilities, ankylosing spondylitis, articular rheumatism, and any other chronic diseases that the University Senate may consider. In exceptional cases where a student falls ill during the academic year, becoming eligible for the grant of the social scholarship on medical grounds (the opinion of the Medical Committee of UMFVBT), he/she will be able to benefit from the social scholarship from the date of approval of the application by the Board of Directors of the University, from the University's own available income.
- b*) The medical files are analysed by the UMFVBT Medical Committee. The UMFVBT Medical Committee is appointed by the UMFVBT Senate. The UMFVBT Medical Committee is composed of a chairperson, 6 members belonging to the following specialties: internal medicine, surgery, infectious diseases, neurology/psychiatry, pneumophthisiology, rheumatology/medical recovery, and a legal advisor. The UMFVBT Medical Committee meets during the designated period to analyse the files for the social scholarship on medical grounds. The UMFVBT Medical Committee analyses the documentation, and may request additional medical data. If the conditions presented meet the eligibility criteria according to the Order of the Ministry of National Education no. 3392/2017 with subsequent amendments/supplements, the committee issues a medical report confirming the right to benefit from the social scholarship.
- c) Students whose family did not achieve an average net monthly income per family member higher than the minimum net basic salary in the 3 months before the start of the academic year.

Art. 26. (1) The determination of the average monthly net income of the student's family is carried out, **up to the age of 26**, taking into account the incomes of the parents and the children under their care, and of the family members under the care of the student (spouse, children, if applicable), taking into account the calculation of:

- a) salary income and similar income, according to the provisions of Law no. 227/2015 on the Fiscal Code, with subsequent amendments and supplements;
- b) pensions, including those for war invalids, orphans, war widows/widowers, fixed amounts for the care of pensioners who have been assigned to the first degree of invalidity, as well as pensions, regardless of whether they are from the state budget or optional pension funds, and regardless of their type, in accordance with Law no. 263/2010 regarding the unitary public pension system, with subsequent amendments and supplements;
- c) income obtained from agricultural activities according to the provisions of Law no. 227/2015 on the Fiscal Code, with subsequent amendments and supplements;
- d) state allowances for children, in accordance with Law no. 61/1993 regarding the state allowance for children, republished, with subsequent amendments and supplements;
- e) placement allowances in accordance with Law no. 272/2004 on the protection and promotion of children's rights, republished, with subsequent amendments and supplements;
- f) income obtained from medical leave for pregnancy or disability or the allowance for temporary incapacity for work, in compliance with the legal provisions in force;
- g) aids, allowances, and other forms of support with a special purpose, granted from the state budget, the state social insurance budget, the budgets of special funds, local budgets and from other public funds, including those from external non-reimbursable funds, as well as those of the same nature received



- from other people, with the exception of allowances for temporary incapacity for work, including allowances for: maternal risk, maternity, child rearing, and sick child care;
- h) income obtained from the recovery of movable goods in the form of waste through collection centres, with a view to dismantling, which are the object of national programs financed from the state budget or from other public funds;
 - i) the rights in money and in kind received by servicemen, short-term servicemen, students and pupils of educational units in the national defence, public order and national security and civilian sector, as well as those of sergeants and conscripted or mobilised soldiers;
 - j) any income made from economic activities by self-employed persons, individual businesses and family businesses, according to Government Emergency Ordinance no. 44/2008 regarding the conduct of economic activities by self-employed persons, individual businesses and family businesses, approved with amendments and supplements by Law no. 182/2016;
 - k) any income obtained from liberal professions and from the exploitation of intellectual property rights;
- l) dividends made in the last 12 calendar months. The monthly average is made by reporting them to 12.
- (2) For students between the **ages of 26 and 35**, their average net monthly income will be calculated taking into account only their personal income and that of the people they take care of, such as children, spouse, etc., in accordance with the legal provisions in force.
- (3) The average net monthly income, calculated as the average of the net monthly incomes for the three months considered, per family member, of the families made up of students is calculated as follows:
- a) for student families in which neither spouse has income, the average net monthly income is calculated as the average of the average monthly incomes of the two families of the two students;
 - b) for student families in which one of the spouses has income and the other does not, the average monthly income is calculated as the average between the net income of the family member who earns income and the average net income of the family from which the family member who does not earn income comes;
 - c) for student families in which both spouses have incomes, the average net monthly income is calculated as the average between the incomes of the two spouses.

Art. 27. The files requesting the granting of the social scholarship will include the following supporting documents:

A. Students orphaned by one or both parents, and those for whom placement was ordered as a measure of protection and who do not earn income above the limit for granting the social scholarship.

- 1) Standard application, according to Annex no. 1
- 2) ID card copy
- 3) Copies of the death certificate/certificates of the parent/parents, or the document from which it appears that placement was ordered as a measure of protection for the student
- 4) Student's/parent's affidavit (where applicable) that they do not earn income above the limit for granting the social scholarship, accompanied by documents certifying this (art. 24).

B. For students applying for scholarships on medical grounds:

- 1) Application
- 2) ID card copy
- 3) Recent medical report (not older than 6 months) from the specialist attending physician (physician who passed the specialist examination in the field of diagnosis) depending on the diagnosis, in which the evolution and clinical picture of the student's medical problem is presented (medical aspects that fall within the legal provisions of Order of the Minister of National Education no. 3392 of 2017) in the original. The medical report submitted by the student must mention the classification of the diagnosis in the categories of diseases



specified in the legal provisions in Order of the Minister of National Education no. 3392 of 2017.

- 4) Medical documents relevant to the diagnosis of the conditions for which the social scholarship is requested (discharge summaries, medical investigations, disability certificate, etc.) in copy.
- 5) Medical report from the UMFVBT Medical Committee confirming the student's right to benefit from a social scholarship.

C. For students with an average net monthly income per family member lower than the minimum net basic salary:

1. Standard application, according to Annex no. 1
2. ID card copy
3. Copy of the marriage certificate, if applicable
4. Documents proving the income of the student, and of his/her family. In the event that none of the parents obtains income, they submit an affidavit in this regard, accompanied by the documents attesting to this (Art. 24.).
 - Certificate from the place of work (salary income)
 - Supporting documents (from the Mayor's Office) regarding the income obtained from the exploitation of family properties (agricultural land, forests, rents, etc.)
 - Supporting documents (from the Financial Administration) regarding the net income obtained from any source
 - Copies of the identity documents of the other family members, who are under legal care, and certificates, for each of them, certifying the quality of dependents (e.g., pupils, students up to the age of 26, descendants with disabilities), specifying: scholar - amount of scholarship, or, as the case may be, does not receive a scholarship
 - Notarised statement of the student that the net income/family member obtained both in the country and abroad, stated in the standard application, does not exceed the value of the net minimum wage in force on the date of submission of the file, as well as that he/she does not earn other income
 - Other supporting documents regarding income, as the case may be: divorce decision (copy), death certificate (copy), pension slip (copy), survivor's pension slip (copy), sibling allowance slip (copy), etc.
 - Proof of requesting a form of social aid from the Mayor's Office, in the case of files/requests for granting the social assistance scholarship with net income/family member declared 0 lei.
 - The social investigation report, if the student's parents work or live abroad

Art. 28. The files requesting the granting of social scholarships are submitted, annually, to the secretary's offices of the faculties, within the deadline set by the University management, brought to the attention of the students by posting on the notice board of the faculties and by publishing on the University website, with a minimum of 15 working days before the date set for their submission.

(2) In case of equality of the average income per family member, the division will be made according to the number of family members.

III. 2. Scholarships for occasional social assistance

Art. 29. (1) Students may occasionally also benefit from the following social assistance scholarships, upon request, and based on supporting documents, regardless of whether the student also benefits from another category of scholarship or not:



- a) scholarship for occasional social assistance for clothing and footwear, which can be granted to students with one or both parents deceased, or for whom placement was ordered as a measure of protection, to socioeconomically disadvantaged students, whose family did not achieve an average net monthly income per family member higher than the national minimum net salary in the 3 months before submitting the application for this type of scholarship. This scholarship category can be granted to the same student twice during an academic year, for different periods of time, subject to financial analysis;
- b) the scholarship for occasional maternity social assistance, which is granted to the student whose wife has no income or income higher than the minimum net basic salary, and consists of a scholarship for childbirth and maternity leave, and a scholarship for the procurement of clothing for the newborn child, which is granted only once during the academic year for each child born;
- c) the scholarship for occasional social assistance in case of death can be granted for the death of a member of the student's family. Family member means husband, wife, child. In the event of the death of the unmarried student, married to a spouse who does not generate income, the scholarship is granted to the first degree relatives/legal successor, only once during the academic year

(2) The amount of these scholarships is established by the University Senate, at the proposal of the Board of Directors, **but it must be at least equal to the monthly amount of the social scholarship.**

Art. 30. The files requesting the granting of scholarships for occasional social assistance are submitted, upon request, to the secretary's offices of the faculties.

CHAPTER III. AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Art. 31. The amount of scholarships granted to students is the following:

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| • Special scholarship | 800 lei |
| • Performance-based scholarship | 800 lei |
| • Merit scholarship | 750 lei |
| • Social scholarship | 700 lei |
| • Scholarship for occasional social assistance | 700 lei |

CHAPTER IV. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ETHNIC ROMANIANS WHO ARE SCHOLARS OF THE ROMANIAN STATE

Art. 32. (1) Students from all education cycles from the Republic of Moldova and from Ukraine, students of Romanian ethnic origin from outside the borders of the country, Romanian citizens residing abroad, foreign citizens, scholars of the Romanian state, who study at UMFVBT, benefit from a scholarship in the amount and under the conditions provided for in Government Decision no. 844/2008.

(2) These scholarships are suspended, in case of repetition, for the repeated academic year, following that they can be reacquired, in the following academic year, after passing the repeated year, provided that the number of scholarship years does not exceed the duration of the academic cycle. During the suspension of the scholarship, students who repeat the year will bear the tuition expenses. Students who benefit from the system of transferable university credits or are enrolled in the following year, having the approval to take exams from previous years, benefit from the scholarship, but not more than the academic duration of their studies.

(3) The scholarship provided for in paragraph (1) is granted during the academic year, including during the winter and spring vacations, and is not granted during the summer vacation.

CHAPTER V. SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTED FROM OWN EXTRABUDGETARY INCOME

Art. 33. (1) In order to support access to education, the UMFVBT study scholarship may be granted for Romanian orphan students, up to the age of 26.



(2) The study scholarship is granted, based on the application submitted to the secretary's office of the faculties, according to Art. 5 (4) of the Regulation on the amount of tuition fees and other fees within the UMFVBT.

(3) The value of the scholarship may be:

- (a) equal to 75% of the tuition fee for an academic year in the case of students orphaned by both parents;
- (b) equal to 50% of the tuition fee for one academic year in the case of students orphaned by one parent.

(4) The Scholarship is awarded only once in an academic year, and is compensated on the date of granting with the study fee owed by the scholar.

Art. 34. (1) Foreign students (EU and non-EU), enrolled in bachelor's degree programs, taught in Romanian, English and French, who do not enter the reclassification process, may receive merit scholarships.

(2) The number of merit scholarships is determined by calculating a percentage of 5% of the total number of foreign students/study program/study year.

(3) The merit scholarship is granted to students from art. 34 (1) who have completed all credits successfully, within the limits of the allocated funds, the minimum average grade from which the merit scholarship may be awarded being 8.50 (eight fifty%). If there is a group of students with the same average grade within a year of study (years II-VI), and the scholarship fund is not sufficient, the following procedure will apply:

(a) the maximum number of scholarships, according to the scholarship fund, in the respective category that can be granted for the study year in question is determined;

(b) the students who will benefit from the scholarship are determined from the group of students with the same average grade according to the following criteria:

(b1) grade from the discipline with the most credits from the previous academic year;

(b2) if the tie persists, the next discipline rated with the most credits will be considered. This criterion will apply until the differentiation is achieved. If there are several disciplines with the same number of credits, all these disciplines will be considered.

(b3) if the tie persists, the arithmetic mean of all weighted average grades from previous years will be considered (including admission).

(4) First year students, from the category provided for in Art. 34 (1), will benefit from the merit scholarship, within the limit of the allocated fund, based on the average grade/final admission score (from that year). If there is a group of students with the same average grade in the first year of study, and the scholarship fund is not sufficient, the tie-breaking is done according to the tie-breaking criteria provided by the Regulation regarding the admission competition.

(5) The amount of the merit scholarship is the same as that provided for in Art. 31.

(6) The period for granting merit scholarships is the one provided for in Art.2.

CHAPTER VI. FINAL PROVISIONS

Art. 35. The information regarding the method of accessing and granting of scholarships is made public by displaying it on the website and at the University headquarters, at the beginning of the academic year, as well as in the "Student Guide", as the case may be.

Art. 36. The files requesting the granting of scholarships are submitted, annually, to the secretary's offices of the faculties, within the deadline established by the University management, brought to the attention of the students by posting on the notice board of the faculties and by publishing on the University's website, with a minimum of 15 working days before the date set for their submission.

Art. 37.(1) The central scholarship granting committee in the University is established having the following composition:

- Chairperson: Vice-Rector for administrative-social issues
- Members:



- Chief Secretary of the University
- Chief Accountant of the University
- Legal Advisor
- Social Administrative Director
- Students' representative in the University's Board of Directors.

(2) The duties of the central committee are as follows:

- a) Updates the Regulation on granting scholarships;
- b) Divides and sends the scholarship fund for each faculty;
- c) Approves the Methodology regarding the distribution of scholarships, and submits it annually for approval to the University's Board of Directors;
- d) Approves the granting of scholarships for occasional social assistance;
- e) Resolves appeals.

Art. 38. (1) Each faculty has a scholarship awarding committee, with the following composition:

- Chairperson: the Dean
- Members:
 - Chief Secretary of the Faculty
 - Representative of the Financial-Accounting Department
 - 2 students who are representatives of the student organisations on the faculty, members of the Senate or the Faculty Council, nominated by the chairpersons of the student organisations.

(2) The faculty committee's duties are as follows:

- a) Centralise and analyse the files for the granting of scholarships, submitted to the secretary's offices of the faculties;
- b) Distributes the scholarship fund assigned to the faculty.
- c) Signs and displays the lists of scholar students, by scholarship category. In the case of scholarships for the financial support of students with low incomes, the list includes all students who applied for a scholarship, highlighting the students who qualify for social scholarships.

Art. 39. If there are suspicions of falsification of the documents submitted to obtain a scholarship for the financial support of students with low incomes, the University will notify the competent investigative bodies, and proceed to sanction the student, depending on the gravity of the act.

Art. 40. Students may appeal, in writing, the decision of the Faculty Scholarships Committee, within 2 working days from the publication of the list of scholars. Appeals are resolved by the University Scholarships Committee within a maximum of 5 working days from their submission to the University Registry (in physical form or by email: registratura@umft.ro). The committee's decision is final, and will be communicated, in writing, individually, through the University Registry.

Art. 41. The Senate of the "Victor Babeș" University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Timișoara approved this Regulation in the meeting dated 29.06.2022, the date on which it enters into force.

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