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VILNIUS UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP REGULATIONS

**CHAPTER I
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. The Vilnius University Scholarship Regulations (hereinafter the ‘Regulations’) govern the distribution of funds for the scholarships of Vilnius University (hereinafter the ‘University’) students, the types of scholarships, the conditions for awarding scholarships, and the procedure for organising and supervising scholarships.

2. The Regulations were prepared in accordance with the Statute of Vilnius University, the Republic of Lithuania Law on Higher Education and Research, and the Study Regulations of Vilnius University approved by Resolution of the Senate of the University No. SPN-43 of 21 June 2022 “On the Approval of the Study Regulations of Vilnius University and on the Amendments and Repeal of Certain Resolutions of a Senate Commission of Vilnius University” (as subsequently amended).

3. At the University, students may be awarded incentive, doctoral, University 450th Anniversary, social, community support, social activities, nominal, partial studies student scholarships, a scholarship for research achievements, a target research scholarship and a scholarship for achievements in sports.

4. Every student of the University is entitled to a scholarship provided they meet the criteria for awarding a specific scholarship set out in the Regulations. Unless otherwise provided for in the bilateral cooperation agreement on partial studies of students, a foreign student studying at the University under a bilateral cooperation agreement is entitled only to a partial studies student scholarship.

5. Scholarships for students for the same period, for the same achievements, or for the same reasons are awarded only once.

6. A student is entitled to several types of scholarships at the same time, except where the Regulations or the regulations of the nominal scholarship provide for otherwise.

7. Students, in accordance with the procedure and in cases established by these Regulations or the regulations of nominal scholarships, submit their applications for scholarship in the University Study Information System, unless the requirements of the specific scholarship provide for otherwise. The application shall include the full name, student identity card number, unit, study programme, cycle, year of studies, contact details, and reasons for which the student is applying for a scholarship. The application shall also provide confirmation that:

7.1. the student of the first cycle, second cycle, integrated, or professional (pedagogy) studies has registered their bank account on the University Study Information System;

7.2. the student of the doctoral or residency study programme has submitted an application to the Finance Department of the Central Administration of the University regarding transferring of funds to a bank account.

8. When submitting applications for scholarships listed in these Regulations (if the scholarship administration process provides for the submission of an application), students confirm that they are familiar with the requirements set out in the Regulations and that all the submitted data are correct, and consent to the processing of their personal data in accordance with the Description of the Procedure for the Processing of Personal Data at Vilnius University. If it turns out that incorrect data was provided when applying for the scholarship, which led to the scholarship

being unreasonably awarded, the scholarship recipients must return the received benefits to the University.

9. Scholarships are awarded, their payment is terminated or suspended by an order of the Rector of the University or their authorised person, unless these Regulations provide for otherwise. Upon termination of the study agreement concluded by the student with the University, the payment of periodical scholarships is terminated without an additional order of the Rector of the University or their authorised person.

10. The payment of periodical scholarships shall be suspended or terminated:

10.1. from the current month if the student has been expelled from the University, has terminated the study agreement, has suspended studies, or has taken an academic leave by the 15th day of the current month, unless the student's study agreement is terminated after the completion of the study programme;

10.2. from the following month if the student has been expelled from the University, has terminated the study agreement, has suspended studies, or has taken an academic leave after the 15th of the current month.

CHAPTER II FUNDS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

11. Funds of appropriations from the State budget, the University's own funds, other targeted funds received from Lithuanian and/or foreign legal or natural persons can be used for student scholarships (hereinafter the 'Funds for Scholarships').

12. Funding for scholarships from the State budget and the University's own funds is allocated every year upon University Council's approval of the revenue and expenditure estimate of the University for the current year. Funding from other targeted funds received from Lithuanian and/or foreign legal or natural persons as support is provided under agreements with the support provider, taking into account the received funding or accrued interest.

13. Appropriations from the State budget for scholarships are calculated as follows:

13.1. for doctoral scholarships and for community support scholarship for doctoral students – according to the number of doctoral students studying in State-funded doctoral student places;

13.2. for incentive and social scholarships – according to the number of students studying in the first cycle, second cycle, integrated, and professional (pedagogy) study programmes in State-funded student places;

13.3. for scholarships for partial studies students – according to the number of students who came to study at the University under bilateral cooperation agreements.

14. The University's own funds for scholarships are calculated as follows:

14.1. for scholarships for social activities, community support scholarships, University 450th Anniversary Scholarships, scholarships for research achievements, nominal scholarships established by the University, scholarships for achievements in sports – according to the number of scholarship recipients planned for the current calendar year;

14.2. for incentive and social scholarships – according to the number of students studying in the first cycle, second cycle, integrated, and professional (pedagogy) study programmes in non-State-funded student places.

CHAPTER III COMPOSITION OF SELECTION COMMISSIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND ORGANISATION OF WORK

15. Depending on the type of scholarship, a commission for the award of the scholarship (hereinafter the 'Commission') may be formed to allocate the scholarships.

16. The Commission is formed and the chairperson of the Commission is appointed by an order of the Rector of the University or their authorised person, unless the regulations of nominal scholarships provide for otherwise.

17. The Students' Representation of the University shall appoint student representatives in the Commission according to its established procedure.

18. Members of the Commission shall not be additionally remunerated for their work in the Commission.

19. The Commission shall take decisions by a simple majority of votes of members of the Commission attending the meeting. In cases where the votes are divided equally, the decision is taken by the chairperson of the meeting.

20. The Commission shall take its decisions on the basis of the criteria for the award of a specific scholarship set out in these Regulations, the decisions taken during the Commission meeting (which are set out in the minutes of the Commission meetings), or the regulations of the nominal scholarship.

21. Standing Commissions are formed for the scholarships regulated by these Regulations; for the nominal scholarships awarded on the initiative of the partners, the Commissions are formed until the end of the support provided for in the support agreement for a specific scholarship; for the nominal scholarships set up on the initiative of the University – until the end of the specific financial support initiative.

22. After the Commission has taken a decision on the award of scholarships, the responsible unit of University's Central Administration or the core academic unit shall draw up an order on the award of scholarships to University students no later than 10 working days after the decision has been taken, unless these Regulations or the regulations on nominal scholarships provide for otherwise.

CHAPTER IV SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

SECTION ONE INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP

23. The incentive scholarship (hereinafter in this section, the 'scholarship') is awarded to students of the first cycle, second cycle, integrated, and professional (pedagogy) studies for the best learning outcomes.

24. The scholarship is not awarded to:

24.1. students studying in the first semester of the first cycle, second cycle, integrated, and professional (pedagogy) studies;

24.2. students renewing studies or admitted from other higher education institutions – for one semester from the renewal or admission;

24.3. students with debt(s) and/or academic debt(s);

24.4. students who have terminated the study agreement or have been expelled from the University by the time the scholarship is awarded.

25. The scholarship is one-off and its amount is 11 basic social benefits (hereinafter the 'BSB').

26. The scholarship is awarded following the procedure established by the University's legal acts according to the rank of performance of the study semester.

27. Scholarships are awarded and paid out twice a year upon the end of the deadline for forming the rank of performance of the previous semester of studies.

28. The funds allocated for scholarships are distributed upon proposal from the Study Administration Division of the University's Central Administration (hereinafter the 'Study Administration Division') to the core academic units in proportion to the number of students

studying in the first cycle, second cycle, integrated, and professional (pedagogy) study programmes at these units.

29. The Study Administration Division supervises and controls the distribution of funds allocated for scholarships.

30. The number of scholarships awarded to the core academic units is determined at the beginning of every semester, taking into account the funds allocated for scholarships. Preliminarily, scholarships are in proportion distributed to the study programmes, study programme branches and years according to the number of students studying in them.

31. The final allocation of scholarships to students is carried out by a core academic unit based on the students' learning outcomes. In cases where scholarships are redistributed between study programmes, branches, or years at the time of final scholarship allocation, an approval must be given by the unit of the Students' Representation of the University.

32. Scholarships are awarded to students by an order of the head of the core academic unit.

SECTION TWO DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP

33. The doctoral scholarship (hereinafter in this section, the 'scholarship') shall be awarded to the State-funded third-cycle students in accordance with the Description of the Procedure for Granting Support for Studies to Doctoral Students and Students Studying Under Professional Study Programmes approved by Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania No. 149 of 1 March 2017 "On the Implementation of the Republic of Lithuania Law on Higher Education and Research".

34. Third-cycle students studying in a non-State-funded student place may be awarded a scholarship. The conditions and terms of payment of this scholarship must be provided for in a tripartite agreement between the institution supporting the doctoral student, the University, and the doctoral student.

35. Third-cycle students who receive a scholarship and undertake partial studies at foreign universities for a period not exceeding 12 months are paid the full scholarship. If a student departs for a period exceeding 12 months, the part of the scholarship paid shall be determined by the head of the University's core academic unit in accordance with the procedure established by the council of the core academic unit.

36. At the end of the calendar year, on the proposal from heads of core academic units and having agreed upon with the Central Administration unit of the University responsible for administration of doctoral studies, the Rector or their authorised Pro-Rector can issue an order to pay an additional scholarship or a part thereof for the learning outcomes to the third-cycle students from the accumulated share of the funds allocated for scholarships.

37. On the proposal from the doctoral studies committee (when assessing the results of the doctoral studies during certification), the payment of scholarship may be temporarily suspended (for a period not exceeding five months) as a result of unaccomplished part of the doctoral study programme. The decision to extend the scholarship payment is taken by the doctoral studies committee, taking into account the student's learning outcomes.

SECTION THREE SCHOLARSHIP FOR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

38. The scholarship for social activities (hereinafter in this section, the 'scholarship') is awarded to students for individual achievements that contribute to the creation of future society, solving societal problems, achieving the goals set out in the strategic plan of the University and other accomplishments that promote the name of the University.

39. A student on academic leave or a student who has suspended their studies is also entitled to apply for the scholarship.

40. The scholarship is one-off and its amount is from 2 BSB to 15 BSB.

41. The commission for the award of the scholarship consists of five members: three representatives of the Central Administration and core academic units of the University and two students' representatives.

42. Students wishing to receive scholarship must submit an application by 25 October in the autumn semester and by 25 March in the spring semester. The application must be accompanied with a detailed description of student's activities for which the scholarship is requested, and specify the periods, scope, and relevance of the activities to society or promotion of the name of the University. Recommendations, documents supporting the activities, etc. can also be provided.

43. The scholarship, in accordance with goals of the scholarship specified in Item 38 of these Regulations, may be awarded on the initiative of a core academic unit, upon the decision of the commission for the award of the scholarship, from own and/or project funds.

44. The criteria for awarding a scholarship are approved by the commission for the award of the scholarship, specified in the minutes of the meeting, and published on the website of the University.

SECTION FOUR SCHOLARSHIP FOR RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS

45. The scholarship for research achievements (hereinafter in this section, the 'scholarship') is awarded to students of the first cycle, second cycle, integrated, professional (pedagogy), and residency study programmes who are distinguished for their mature research activities.

46. The scholarship is one-off and its amount is from 2 BSB to 15 BSB.

47. The commission for the award of the scholarship consists of five members: three representatives of core academic units and the Central Administration (one of the representatives shall represent the areas of social sciences and the humanities and one – the areas of physical, biomedical, and technological sciences) and two students' representatives.

48. Students wishing to receive a scholarship must submit an application by 10 November in the autumn semester and by 10 May in the spring semester. The application shall be accompanied with a detailed description of student's research activities and documents supporting achievements in research activities (copies of published or accepted for publication articles, conference presentation abstracts, project works, diplomas, recommendations, etc.).

49. The criteria for awarding a scholarship are approved by the commission for the award of the scholarship, specified in the minutes of the meeting, and published on the website of the University.

SECTION FIVE TARGET RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

50. The target research scholarship (hereinafter in this section, the 'scholarship') is awarded to students in the third cycle study programme going on an internship abroad, and is intended to cover expenses incurred abroad that are directly related with the research conducted on the topic of the PhD thesis, and to students of the first cycle, second cycle, integrated, and professional (pedagogy) study programmes for research (art) work in a project.

51. The commission for the award of the scholarship to third-cycle students consists of the representative of the doctoral studies committee in the field of science in which the student is studying, the head of the branch academic unit to which the doctoral student is assigned, the academic supervisor of the doctoral student and, if a school of doctoral studies has been established, the head of the school of doctoral studies and a students' representative.

52. Depending on the host country and the content of the planned research, the third-cycle student going on a one-month internship may be awarded a scholarship of 20 to 50 BSB. When a third-cycle student goes on a longer or shorter internship, the scholarship is increased or decreased

in proportion to the duration of the internship. The scholarship may be awarded no more than twice in one year of doctoral studies.

53. Students of the first cycle, second cycle, integrated, and professional (pedagogy) studies may be awarded a scholarship of between 5 and 10 BSB per month for research (art) work performed in a project, depending on the intensity of the research work and the duration of the project activities, except for cases when the funder determines another amount of the scholarship in the description (guidelines) of the project financing conditions.

54. A third-cycle student wishing to receive a scholarship must submit an application to the administrator of the branch academic unit (if there are no branch academic units in the core academic unit – to the administrator of the core academic unit) or of the school of doctoral studies.

55. Students of the first cycle, second cycle, integrated, and professional (pedagogy) studies are awarded a scholarship in accordance with the agreement on the performance of research (art) work and project conditions.

56. A student of the first cycle, second cycle, integrated, and professional (pedagogy) studies may not receive other revenues for the same research (art) work performed during the student's research, for which they receive a scholarship.

SECTION SIX

UNIVERSITY 450TH ANNIVERSARY SCHOLARSHIP

57. The University 450th Anniversary Scholarship (hereinafter in this section, the 'scholarship') is awarded to first year students of the first cycle and integrated studies admitted to University study programmes in the current year, provided they meet the following criteria:

57.1. a person participates in the first stage of the general admission to Lithuanian higher education institutions of the current academic year and lists the University's study programme as their first priority when submitting an application for participation;

57.2. a person has not obtained a Bachelor's or Master's qualification degree before;

57.3. a person has not received this scholarship before;

57.4. the average income of a person and their family members for the three months preceding the day the application for a scholarship (hereinafter in this section, the 'Application') was submitted to the University does not exceed EUR 500 per month for one person;

57.5. a person meets at least one of the criteria specified in Item 61 of the Regulations.

58. The amount of the scholarship is EUR 300 per month in the first year of study from September to June.

59. The number of scholarships allocated from the University's own funds is determined annually in accordance with the revenue and expenditure estimate of the University approved by the University Council and the amount of funds allocated by partners under sponsorship agreements.

60. A person wishing to receive a scholarship must submit an application on the University's website before the end of application submission period of the first stage of general admission to the Lithuanian higher education institutions.

61. The application for the scholarship must include the following data: full name, personal identification number (when no such number exists – year, month, day of birth), phone number, email address, and the University study programme applied for by the student. The application also specifies which of the criteria a person meets:

61.1. a person meets all the criteria specified in Item 57 of these Regulations;

61.2. a person is not over 29 years old and until attaining full age they were under custody (care) as established by law or both of their parents are deceased;

61.3. a person is not over 29 years old and one of their parents is deceased;

61.4. a person raising minors;

61.5. a person comes from a large family (with 3 children or more);

61.6. a person is disabled (capacity for work exceeds 45 per cent);

61.7. a person is disabled (capacity for work does not exceed 45 per cent);

61.8. a person is the first in the family (including parents, guardians, grandparents, brothers, sisters) studying in order to obtain a Bachelor's or Master's degree.

62. The commission for the award of the scholarship consists of five members: three representatives of the Central Administration of the University and two students' representatives.

63. A competition queue for a scholarship is formed by taking into account, on equal terms, the competitive score of entrants to the University and the criteria specified in Item 61 of these Regulations. In the event of two students having the same final score, preference is given to a student who meets a greater number of the criteria specified in the Item 61 of these Regulations.

64. Having assessed the submitted applications and allocated the scholarships, the commission shall no later than on the first day of conclusion of study agreements with Lithuanian higher education institutions inform entrants whether a scholarship has been awarded to them.

65. Entrants who have been awarded a scholarship must, before the beginning of the academic year, submit documents supporting the application for scholarship in the Study Information System of Vilnius University: a certificate(s) on the income for the last three months received by or a document certifying unemployment of the entrant, their parents/guardians, and other adult members of the family who are younger than 24 years, and a document certifying the composition of their family (a certificate concerning parents, guardians, siblings, children, adopted children, spouse, or a person with whom they cohabitate in a consensual union) and other documents supporting fulfilment of the criteria specified in Item 61 of these Regulations.

66. Once the allocation of scholarships is completed and, if there are no candidates for scholarships awarded by sponsors, an additional stage of the competition may be announced before 20 September of the current year for students in specific core academic units and/or study programmes who have been enrolled in the University in the current academic year.

67. For students who have failed to submit an application specified in Item 60 of these Regulations and/or documents supporting the application for scholarship specified in Item 65 of these Regulations, have terminated their studies at the University, have been expelled from the University, have suspended their studies, or have taken an academic leave, the scholarship shall not be awarded or its payment shall be terminated.

SECTION SEVEN SOCIAL SCHOLARSHIP

68. A social scholarship (hereinafter in this section, the 'scholarship') is awarded to students of the first cycle and integrated studies who are studying in higher year of studies than the first and for students of the second cycle and professional (pedagogy) studies who are studying in a higher semester of studies than the first, provided they meet the following criteria:

68.1. the average income of a person and their family members for the three months preceding the day the application for a scholarship was submitted to the University does not exceed EUR 500 per month for one person;

68.2. a student has not been awarded other permanent (not one-off) social support related with studies and granted by the State or the University;

68.3. a student has not obtained a qualification degree of a respective cycle.

69. The amount of the scholarship is EUR 200 per month. The scholarship is awarded to:

69.1. students of the first cycle, second cycle, integrated, and professional (pedagogy) studies studying in the higher year of studies than the first – for the forthcoming academic year from September to June but no longer than until the end of studies;

69.2. students in the second cycle and professional (pedagogy) studies studying in the first year of studies – for the spring semester of the current academic year from February to June.

70. The number of scholarships during the current academic year is established according to the revenue and expenditure estimate of the University approved by the University Council.

71. A student wishing to receive a scholarship must submit an application by 30 June (in the case of students of the second cycle and professional (pedagogy) students studying in the first year – by 15 January). The application shall also specify which of the criteria specified a person meets:

71.1. a person is not over 29 years old and until attaining full age they were under custody (care) as established by law or both of their parents are deceased;

71.2. a person is not over 29 years old and one of their parents is deceased;

71.3. a person raising minors;

71.4. a person comes from a large family (with 3 children or more);

71.5. a person is disabled (capacity for work exceeds 45 per cent);

71.6. a person is disabled (capacity for work does not exceed 45 per cent);

72. The commission for the award of the scholarship consists of five members: three representatives of the Central Administration of the University and two students' representatives.

73. A competition queue for a scholarship is formed by taking into account the criteria specified in Items 71.1) to 71.6) of these Regulations.

74. A student who has been awarded a scholarship and receives another permanent (not one-off) support related to studies provided by the State or the University, must notify the Study Administration Division thereof by email at stipendijos@vu.lt within five working days from the granting of this support. The scholarship payment for this student is then terminated. In case it is discovered that a student receiving a scholarship receives other financial support but has not notified the Study Administration Division thereof, the student must return illegally received payments to the University.

SECTION EIGHT COMMUNITY SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP

75. A community support scholarship (hereinafter in this section, the 'scholarship') is awarded to students in the case of illness of the student or their relatives, death of relatives, natural or other disasters, a sudden deterioration in a financial situation of a student or their family, and in other special cases.

76. A student on academic leave or a student who has suspended their studies is also entitled to apply for the scholarship.

77. The scholarship is one-off, its amount ranges from 2 BSB to 15 BSB; in exceptional cases, the commission for the award of a scholarship may take a decision to award a scholarship the amount of which is up to 35 BSB.

78. The commission for the award of the scholarship consists of five members: three students' representatives and two representatives of the Study Administration Division.

79. A student wishing to receive a scholarship must submit an application. The following documents must be submitted with the application:

79.1. a certificate on the student's family composition;

79.2. a certificate(s) on employment-related income or income from individual activity received by the student's parents (guardians) or spouse during the last three months, or a certificate(s) of unemployment (not necessary if an application concerning the death of a family member or relative is submitted);

79.3. a certificate on the student's employment-related income or income from individual activity for the last three months, or a certificate of unemployment (not necessary if an application concerning the death of a family member or relative is submitted);

79.4. additional documents (if any) proving that the student needs financial support (a copy of the medical certificate, the extract (death certificate) certifying the death of the father, mother, or other relative, copies of birth certificate(s) of the child (children), etc.).

80. The criteria for awarding a scholarship are approved by the commission for the award of the scholarship, specified in the minutes of the meeting, and published on the website of the University.

81. The Study Administration Division, taking into account the applications submitted by students and the supporting documents, convenes a meeting of the Commission. Meetings of the Commission take place at least once every two months, except during the autumn semester exam period and the summer holiday period.

SECTION NINE NOMINAL SCHOLARSHIPS

82. A nominal scholarship (hereinafter in this section, the 'scholarship') is awarded to University students for the best learning outcomes, research achievements, for social or other reasons, in accordance with the basis and principles for awarding the scholarship established in the regulations of a specific scholarship.

83. The scholarship regulations and/or support or other financing agreements are drawn up and coordinated by the University's units within their competency. The Partnership Development Division drafts and coordinates the scholarship regulations when scholarships are awarded to students of several units. If under the scholarship regulations or support agreement a scholarship is awarded only to students of one unit, the scholarship regulations and/or support or other financing agreements shall be drawn up and coordinated by a core academic unit. In all cases, the scholarship regulations and/or support or other financing agreements are coordinated by the Study Administration Division. The scholarship regulations may not contradict the Regulations, the Statute, and other legal acts of the University and the Republic of Lithuania.

84. The scholarship regulations are approved by an order of the Pro-Rector for Studies.

85. In cases when the scholarship is awarded from targeted funds received as support from Lithuanian and/or foreign legal or natural persons specified in scholarship regulations and/or support or other financing agreement, the Rector or their authorised Pro-Rector signs a Support or other financing agreement with the support provider.

86. In cases when the scholarship is awarded from University's own funds, a support agreement is not concluded.

87. The regulations for the granting of nominal scholarships to Vilnius University students and the support agreement shall be drawn up in accordance with the model forms of these documents set out in Annexes 1 and 2 to these Regulations.

SECTION TEN PARTIAL STUDIES STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

88. Partial studies student scholarship (hereinafter in this section, the 'scholarship') is awarded to students of foreign higher education institutions with which the University has signed bilateral cooperation agreements, who come to study at the University for one or two semesters.

89. The amount of the scholarship awarded to students of the first cycle, second cycle and integrated studies is equal to 1.5 BSB per month; the amount of the scholarship awarded to the third cycle students is provided for in the Description of the Procedure for Granting Support for Studies to Doctoral Students and Students Studying Under Professional Study Programmes approved by Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania No. 149 of 1 March 2017 "On the Implementation of the Republic of Lithuania Law on Higher Education and Research".

90. The scholarship is paid by the 15th day of every current month for as many months as the student studies at the University.

91. The payment of a scholarship is terminated from the beginning of the current month if the student terminates their studies at the University or departs before the payment day of the

scholarship for the current month, or from the following month if the student terminates their studies at the University or departs after the day of payment of the scholarship for the current month.

SECTION ELEVEN

SCHOLARSHIP FOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORTS

92. The scholarship for achievements in sports (hereinafter in this section, the ‘scholarship’) is awarded to students who have distinguished themselves in sports achievements by representing the University and through highly active participation in sports activities within the University sports teams or individual sports.

93. The scholarship is one-off and its amount is from 2 BSB to 15 BSB.

94. The commission for the award of the scholarship consists of five members: two representatives of the Health and Sport Center of the University, one representative of the core academic units of the University, and two students’ representatives.

95. Candidates to receive a scholarship may be nominated by the heads and members of the sports teams of the Health and Sport Center of the University, other members of the community of the Health and Sport Center of the University and the University community, taking into account the students’ achievements in sports when representing the University and the students’ active participation in sports activities within the University sports teams or individual sports. Students can also independently apply for a scholarship by submitting an application.

96. The meetings of the commission for the award of the scholarship are held periodically, taking into account students’ achievements in sports, but no less than once per study semester.

97. The scholarship may be awarded to the student no more than once per study semester.

98. The criteria for awarding a scholarship are approved by the commission for the award of the scholarship, they are specified in the minutes of the meeting of the commission for the award of the scholarship and published on the website of the University.

MODEL
**REGULATIONS FOR AWARDING THE NOMINAL SCHOLARSHIP OF X TO
VILNIUS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**

**CHAPTER I
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. The Regulations for Awarding the Nominal Scholarship of **X** to Vilnius University Students (hereinafter the ‘Regulations’) regulate the procedure for awarding the Nominal Scholarship of **X** (hereinafter the ‘Scholarship’) and the selection criteria for candidates for the Scholarship (hereinafter the ‘Candidates’).

2. The scholarship, taking into account the cooperation between **X** and Vilnius University (hereinafter the ‘University’) [mention the cooperation agreement if concluded], shall be established by **X** (hereinafter the ‘Founder’) on its/their own initiative. It is paid from the Founder’s funds transferred to the University’s current account as support, in accordance with Support Agreement No. [specify].

3. The Regulations have been prepared in accordance with the University Scholarship Regulations and do not contradict them.

4. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage students of the University [in case the scholarship is awarded to students of a specific unit – indicate the core academic unit (hereinafter the ‘Unit’)] studying in [indicate the study programmes] for [indicate for what the scholarship is awarded, for example, for academic performance/research in progress/best course paper, bachelor or master thesis, etc.]

5. The scholarship is [one-off or awarded for one semester] and amounts to EUR ____ (EUR [amount in words]). It is paid for [specify a specific time limit or name specific months or semester – for example, the autumn semester].

**CHAPTER II
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROCEDURE AND SELECTION CRITERIA FOR CANDIDATES
FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP**

6. The Scholarship Competition (hereinafter the ‘Competition’) is announced [indicate when – for example, at the beginning of the autumn semester or specify an exact date]. Information about the Competition and other relevant information about the Scholarship is available on the University website and/or on the website of the [Unit(s)], as well as on the Facebook pages of the University [and the Unit(s)]. The information may also be published in information publications of the University and/or the [Unit(s)].

7. Students who meet the following criteria¹ can participate in the Competition:

7.1. advanced student [specify the cycle of studies, i.e. first, second and integrated cycle of the study programme and the year of studies];

7.2. students whose Bachelor’s thesis or Master’s thesis were assessed as “excellent” or “very good”;

7.3. students whose weighted average of grades is no lower than [specify the threshold];

7.4. at the end of the [indicate which, for example, the 4th and 5th] semester, when the rank of performance is announced, the first student of the [study programme] in the rank of performance is selected. In case of several Candidates, the Scholarship is awarded to the student whose weighted average learning outcomes of the previous semesters were higher, and if this indicator is the same – the Scholarship is awarded to the student with the higher admission score.

¹ The list of criteria provided is exemplary.

8. Candidates must submit a free form application [or a Nominal scholarship application if it is provided that the scholarship is administered by the responsible employees of the Central Administration] in the University Study Information System until __ of the current year ²:

8.1. documents supporting the Candidate's achievements in research activity (extract of the learning outcomes, copy (copies) of publication(s) of article(s), etc.);

8.2. copies of the Bachelor's and Master's (if the student has completed Master studies) diploma and its supplement or certificates on the learning outcomes;

8.3. a copy of the Bachelor's and/or Master's thesis;

8.4. a letter of motivation [can be specified if the Scholarship is awarded to only one student and when it is awarded for further research activities or further research];

8.5. a letter of recommendation of the Unit where the student is studying [optional];

8.6. [specify if additional documents are required].

9. An assessment commission (hereinafter the 'Commission') is established for the purpose of awarding a scholarship by an order of the head of the Unit [in case the students of several units are eligible, specify one of the Units]. The Commission consists of [specify from which Units the representatives are delegated, the number of representatives delegated according to the procedure of the University Students' Representation, the number of representatives of the Founder of the Scholarship].

10. The chairperson of the Commission shall be appointed by an order of the head of the Unit from among the members of the Commission.

11. Members of the Commission are not remunerated for their work in assessment activities.

12. The Commission, upon receipt of the Candidates' applications, by __ of the current year determines the proposed Scholarship recipients [specify, e.g. three Bachelor's and five Master's, etc.] to receive the Scholarship according to the following criteria³:

12.1. originality of the work (%); relevance of the work, its significance described in non-technical language (%); quality of the work (%); quality of the presentation (%); [applicable if the Scholarship is awarded for final theses];

12.2. according to the average of the Candidates' learning outcomes and achievements in research activity;

12.3. when there are several Candidates, the Scholarship is awarded to the student whose weighted average of the learning outcomes is higher and who has achievements in research activities; in the absence of academic achievements, the Scholarship is awarded to the student with the highest weighted average of the learning outcomes.

13. The decision of the Commission is taken by a simple majority of votes and is recorded in the minutes, which is signed by the chairperson of the Commission.

CHAPTER III THE SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT PROCEDURE

14. In accordance with the decision specified in the minutes of the meeting of the Commission, the Scholarship is awarded to the student by an order of the Rector or their authorised Pro-Rector and is transferred to the personal bank account of the Scholarship recipient.

15. The Scholarship is not paid or its payment is terminated if the Scholarship recipient: [has at least one debt/academic debt]; terminates or suspends studies; goes on academic leave; is expelled from the University; a penalty provided for in the University study regulations is imposed on the student.

16. In any case provided for in Item 15 of the Regulations, the awarding or payment of the Scholarship shall be terminated by an order of the Rector or their authorised Pro-Rector upon proposal from the head of the Unit.

17. Upon termination of the payment of the Scholarship, the issue of the use of the remaining unpaid funds is resolved by a separate agreement between the Founder and the University.

² The list of documents provided is exemplary.

³ The list of criteria provided is exemplary.

18. The same student may receive the Scholarship only once for the same achievements.

19. A student who receives a Scholarship retains their eligibility to receive a State or other scholarship provided for in national or University legislation.

CHAPTER IV FINAL PROVISIONS

20. The Regulations shall be approved by an order of the Pro-Rector for Studies of the University and shall enter into force from the date of the approval or other date specified in the order of the Pro-Rector for Studies.

21. The Regulations shall be valid until the expiry of the Support agreement, unless the Regulations provide for a different period of validity.

Annex 2 to
Vilnius University Scholarship Regulations

(Model form of the Support Agreement⁴)

SUPPORT AGREEMENT No. ParS _____

..... (day) (month) 20..... Vilnius

X, legal entity code (hereinafter the ‘Support Provider’),
and

Vilnius University, legal entity code – 211950810, Universiteto g. 3, Vilnius (hereinafter the ‘Support Recipient’), represented by, acting in accordance with,

hereinafter the Support Provider and the Support Recipient are collectively referred to as **Parties** and each individually as the **Party**, have concluded the following support agreement (hereinafter the ‘Agreement’):

SUBJECT-MATTER OF THE AGREEMENT

1. The Support Provider undertakes to provide financial support in the amount of [indicate] (hereinafter the ‘Support’) for the purpose specified in Item 5 of the Agreement, and the Support Recipient undertakes to accept the Support and use it for the purpose specified in, under the terms and conditions of, and in accordance with this Agreement.

2. The Support Provider shall provide the Support by transferring it by payment order to the Support Recipient’s bank account specified in Section VII of this Agreement within [indicate] days after the signing of this Agreement [another deadline for the transfer of the Support may be established].

3. The Support Provider may refuse to provide all or part of the Support to the Support Receiver if the Support Receiver fails to fulfil the obligations listed in Item 8 of the Agreement.

4. Support is provided free of charge.

II. TARGET PURPOSE OF THE SUPPORT

5. The support is provided in order to [indicate]. The target purpose of the support – [indicate].

6. The Support is provided in accordance with the Republic of Lithuania Law on Charity and Support and for the implementation of the goals and objectives of the University activities provided for in the Statute of Vilnius University.

III. OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES

7. The Support Provider undertakes to provide the Support Receiver with the Support to the extent and within the terms specified in the Agreement.

8. The Support Receiver undertakes:

8.1. to accept the Support provided by the Support Provider;

8.2. to use the Support provided by the Support Provider for awarding nominal scholarships of ☒ in accordance with the procedure established by the provisions of the Regulations;

8.3. to inform the Support Provider or their representative by email about the use of the support provided by them.

IV. GOVERNING LAW AND SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

⁴ In cases where the amount of support exceeds EUR 14,500, in accordance with Articles 6(476)(1) and 6(469)(2) of the Civil Code of the Republic of Lithuania, the agreement must be drawn up in a notarial form.

9. The Agreement, legal relations arising from or related to it (including but not limited to issues regarding the conclusion, validity, invalidity, performance, and termination of the Agreement) shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the law of the Republic of Lithuania.

10. Any disputes regarding the performance of the Agreement shall be resolved through negotiations between the Parties within one month from the beginning of the negotiations, and in case of disagreement between the Parties – in accordance with the procedure established by the laws of the Republic of Lithuania.

V. OTHER PROVISIONS

11. The terms of the Agreement are binding on both Parties to the Agreement and may be amended only by mutual consent of the Parties. All amendments to the Agreement shall be made in writing and shall become an integral part of the Agreement.

12. The Agreement enters into force on the day of its signing. If the parties sign the Agreement on different days, the Agreement shall be deemed to have entered into force from the date on which it is signed by the last of the Parties. If only one Party indicates the date of signature, the Parties shall be deemed to have signed on the same day.

13. The Agreement may be terminated by mutual consent of the Parties or at the initiative of one Party by giving 15 calendar days' written notice to the other Party if the other Party fails to perform its obligations under the Agreement.

14. The Agreement is concluded in the Lithuanian language in two copies of equal legal force – one for each Party. The agreement may be signed using qualified electronic signatures or by exchanging signed scanned copies of the Agreement in the PDF format.

VI. DETAILS AND SIGNATURES OF THE PARTIES

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