

# “EVAGORAS” Scholarships Scheme for enrolled PhD students

## FAQ

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### **Where can I find information about the available scholarships?**

To find out about the different types of scholarships available and how to apply please visit the following <http://www.ucy.ac.cy/graduateschool/en/postgraduate-studies/scholarships>.

### **How do I apply for a scholarship?**

You should apply online following the announcement of the scholarships.

### **What are the deadlines for scholarships?**

Scholarships are announced during the spring semester of the academic year and are awarded for the following fall semester.

### **What types of scholarships are available?**

There are different types of scholarship opportunities available for University of Cyprus enrolled students. The partial scholarships, cover the remaining instalments of tuition payable by the student. The full scholarships, cover the remaining instalments of tuition payable by the student + an annual stipend of equal to €8.000.

### **What is a partial scholarship?**

A partial scholarship includes the remaining instalments of tuition payable by the student.

### **What is a full scholarship?**

A full scholarship includes the remaining instalments of tuition payable by the student and an annual stipend of €8.000 which is payable in two equal installments of €4.000 each.

### **Can I apply for more than one scholarship?**

You may apply for more than one scholarship if you meet the eligibility criteria for each scholarship. You can also apply for both a full scholarship and a partial scholarship.

### **Can I apply for both a Full and a Partial scholarship?**

Yes, provided that you comply with the eligibility criteria.

### **Can I apply for a Full scholarship if I have already awarded a Partial scholarship in a previous academic year?**

Yes, if the duration of the already awarded scholarship is less than four (4) academic years.

### **Can I apply for a new scholarship if I have already awarded a UCY scholarship?**

Yes, if the duration of the already awarded UCY scholarship is less than four (4) academic years.

**What are the eligibility criteria for a Full Scholarship?**

- You should register in a Conventional PhD programme.
- Full time enrolment requirement. You should be a Full-time student once registered into courses and through the whole duration of your studies.
- You should not work within the UCY or at any other organisation/company etc. outside the UCY for more than 40 hrs per month.
- You should have your permanent residency in Cyprus.
- You should not receive any other scholarship from UCY or any other organization etc.
- You will be assigned Teaching Assistant duties or administrative duties at the Department (the equivalent of four (4) hours of work per week during the Fall and Spring semesters).

**What are the eligibility criteria for a Partial Scholarship?**

- Full time enrolment requirement. You should be a Full-time student once registered into courses and through the whole duration of your studies.

**What are the evaluation criteria for a Scholarship?**

- Academic performance
- Additional academic qualifications
- Contribution-interest-originality of the research
- Participation in conferences by announcements of the PhD scholar only, or co-writing of the announcements by the PhD scholar and the Research Supervisor/Publications
- Recommendation letters
- Other criteria that the department decides and announces in the call of scholarships.

**Will I be notified that my application has been received?**

You will receive an electronic confirmation to your email account, immediately after the submission of your application. If you do not receive this email, please contact the Graduate School by email to [graduateschool@ucy.ac.cy](mailto:graduateschool@ucy.ac.cy). You can review all your applications you have made by logging into our applications system and accessing this information.

**How will I know if I have been successful with my scholarship application?**

After the scholarship deadline, and once the committee makes a decision, you will receive an electronic notification as to whether you were successful or unsuccessful in your scholarship application.

**What is the duration of a scholarship?**

Each scholarship is for up to three (3) academic years and may be renewed for one (1) more academic year following the positive suggestion of the Departmental Postgraduate Committee and the approval of the Dean of UCY Graduate School.

**Are the scholarships renewable?**

The Departmental Board decides on the renewal of the scholarship for the next academic year following the positive suggestion of the Departmental Postgraduate Committee and of the Supervisor of the PhD student. The Dean of UCY Graduate School is informed.

The PhD student submits to UCY Graduate School a Progress Report for each academic year.

**If I am awarded a full scholarship, can I study and work at the same time?**

You should not work within the UCY or at any other organisation/company etc. outside the UCY for more than 40 hrs per month. You will be also asked to sign a student declaration verifying that you are not working for more than 40 hrs per month. If however, it comes in our attention that you are working within the UCY or outside the UCY, we will immediately stop the awarded Full scholarship.

**Can I work during the Partial scholarship?**

Yes, you can work during the Partial scholarship.

**If I start working, can I keep my Full scholarship?**

You should not work within the UCY or at any other organisation/company etc. outside the UCY for more than 40 hrs per month. If you start working, the scholarship will immediately stop and you will be asked to reimburse the University with an amount equal to the number of months you were working.

**When/How, will I be paid my Full scholarship?**

Scholarships will be paid in twice-yearly instalments within a month of the fall and a month of the spring semester, after your registration into degree courses. Scholarship payments are made via electronic funds transfer direct to your nominated bank account. However, the last payment of the 8<sup>th</sup> semester of the stipend will be made once you submit your PhD thesis.

**Can I hold a scholarship and study part-time?**

No, you should study full-time. Please be sure to check your semester study load once you registered into degree courses.

**If I reduce my course load to part-time status, will this affect my eligibility for keeping the scholarship?**

Yes, dropping to part time study will affect your eligibility for keeping your scholarship. You should be a Full time student through the whole duration of your studies.

**If I change my programme, will it affect my scholarship application?**

Yes, it will affect your scholarship application if the level of study, or the course you change to, is not eligible for the scholarship that you have applied. Scholarships are available for students registered into a Conventional programme only.

**I am thinking of leaving the University, what will happen to my scholarship?**

A student who withdraws, cancels or becomes inactive, is suspended or dismissed from the University will lose his/her scholarship eligibility. A student who takes such a status due to medical reasons or other approved extenuating circumstances, maternity or paternity leave, will have his/her scholarship reinstated.

**If I leave the University, do I need to repay the scholarship award?**

Students who withdraw from study or drop to part time study may be required to repay all or part of their scholarship award.

**Will another scholarship or award affect the awarded scholarship from UCY?**

You are responsible for reporting any other award or scholarship you are receiving to the UCY. You will be asked to sign a declaration that you are not receiving any other scholarship from UCY or any other organization.

**Are there any scholarships offered by the Departments at the University of Cyprus?**

Yes, some of the University's Departments also offer scholarships. Make sure to consult with your academic Department for more details and to find out whether you may be eligible for teaching assistantship.

**Further questions?**

If you have any unanswered questions about scholarship programmes, please contact the UCY Graduate School.

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