

Master's scholarships for Cypriots of the Diaspora

Scholarships are based on a special Agreement between the Office of the Commissioner of the Presidency of the Republic of Cyprus and the University of Cyprus.

In this context, each academic year, the University of Cyprus announces a number of partial scholarships, which are addressed to Cypriots of the Diaspora. The scholarships are funded from the central own revenue of the University of Cyprus and the own revenue of the departments/entities.

The Master's scholarships for Cypriots of the Diaspora are addressed to expatriate applicants for admission to both conventional and self-funded Master's programmes. Scholarships are partial (covering all tuition or partial tuition coverage depending on the programme).

The number of scholarships in the conventional study programmes is decided by the Senate.

The number of scholarships in the self-funded study programmes is decided by the relevant entity.

1.1.1 Announcement of scholarships

The scholarships are announced by the Graduate School at the same time as the announcement of places in the conventional postgraduate programmes for the fall semester.

The deadline for applications is set and announced by the Graduate School.

1.1.2 Number of scholarships

The University of Cyprus announces up to 24 scholarships for Cypriots of the Diaspora.

The number of scholarships awarded is not binding, that is, they will be awarded to those candidates who meet the evaluation criteria and the conditions for admission to the respective study programme and have secured a place in a postgraduate programme.

1.1.2.1 For conventional Master's degree programmes

The University of Cyprus grants 7 scholarships which cover up to 100% of the tuition fees, to students of conventional Master's degree programmes, from one in each Faculty of the University of Cyprus, namely in the following Faculties:

- Faculty of Humanities
- Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences
- Medical School
- Faculty of Social Science and Education
- Faculty of Economic and Management
- Faculty of Engineering
- Faculty of Letters

1.1.2.2 For self-funded Master's degree programmes

The University of Cyprus grants 17 scholarships for self-funded Master's degree programmes as follows:

- Master in Business Administration (MBA)
 - 2 scholarships up to 100% of tuition fees.
 - 4 scholarships up to 50% of tuition fees.
- Master in Business Economics (TIME MBE)
 - 10 scholarships up to 40% of tuition fees.
- Master in Intelligent Critical Infrastructure Systems
 - 1 scholarship up to 50% of tuition fees.

Scholarship recipients

1.1.2.3 Permanent residents abroad

To be eligible for a scholarship the candidate must be a Cypriot of the Diaspora and have a permanent residence in a foreign country for a continuous period of at least 10 years before submitting his/her application to the University of Cyprus for a scholarship.

All applicants for admission to a Master's degree programme are eligible to apply for a scholarship, provided that they are registered students at the time of acceptance of the scholarship.

1.1.2.4 Securing a place in a postgraduate programme

To be eligible for a scholarship, the candidate must meet the admission requirements and have secured a place in the postgraduate programme of his/her choice.

1.1.3 Scholarship application procedure

Those who are interested in granting a scholarship are required to declare it at the same time as applying for admission to a Master's degree programme. The following documents must be submitted through the electronic system:

1.1.3.1 Application details

Full name, etc.

1.1.3.2 Curriculum Vitae

Complete Curriculum Vitae (Europass or another format).

1.1.3.3 Documents of an academic nature

All the necessary supporting documents, qualifications, analytical grades and any other additional information.

1.1.3.4 Letters of recommendation

The names and email addresses of at least two persons who will be asked to write letters of recommendation. The evaluators will be automatically informed by the system to submit their letters of recommendation through the same electronic system.

1.1.3.5 Proof of the status of a Cypriot expatriate

Applicants aged 18-30 are required to submit together with their application a certificate confirming: (a) their Cypriot origin (with a copy of the applicant's or his/her parents' identity card or passport or a certificate issued by the relevant Embassy/Consular Authority) and (b) their stay overseas for a period of (continuous) at least 10 years with a certificate issued either by the relevant Embassy/Consular Authority or by the Youth of the Pancyprian Federation of Cypriots Abroad (NEPOMAK).

Applicants older than 30 years of age are required to submit together with their application a certificate confirming: (a) their Cypriot origin (with a copy of the applicant's or his/her parents' identity card or passport or a certificate issued by the relevant Embassy/Consular Authority) and (b) their stay overseas for a period of (continuous) at least 10 years with a certificate issued either from the relevant Embassy/Consular Authority or from the International Organization of Cypriots Abroad (POMAK).

Applications that do not include all the required information and supporting documents or are submitted late are not considered.

1.1.4 Evaluation criteria

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the respective postgraduate programme and have secured a place in a postgraduate programme. The criteria for the evaluation of the candidates for a scholarship relate to:

- Academic performance.
- Additional academic qualifications (other diplomas, dissertations, etc.).
- Recommendation letters.
- Publications, etc.
- Other criteria that the department decides and announces with the announcement of the scholarships.

1.1.5 Evaluation process

1.1.5.1 Conventional Master's degree programmes

The evaluation of the candidates for the award of a scholarship for a conventional Master's programme is carried out by a Committee consisting by the Dean of the relevant faculty and by the Dean of the Graduate School. The selection Minutes contain a list of the candidates to whom it was decided to award a scholarship and any potential runners-up. The selection Minutes will also briefly explain the reasons for the rejection of the non-selected candidates and will be posted on the electronic systems of the University of Cyprus.

The candidates are informed through the online electronic scholarship system about the results of the process.

1.1.5.2 Self-funded Master's degree programmes

The evaluation of the candidates for the award of a scholarship for a self-funded Master's programme is carried out by the programme itself. The selection Minutes contain a list of the candidates to whom it was decided to award a scholarship and any potential runners-up. The selection Minutes will also briefly explain the reasons for the rejection of the non-selected candidates and will be posted on the electronic systems of the University of Cyprus.

The candidates are informed through the online electronic scholarship system about the results of the process.

1.1.6 Duration of scholarship

The duration of the scholarship is valid for one academic year and may be renewed following the decision of the Board of the department or of the entity.

1.1.7 Renewal of scholarship

At the end of the first 2 semesters of study, the Board of the department or of the entity, decides on the renewal of the scholarship for the next academic year based on the academic performance of the candidate.

At the beginning of each academic semester, the department or the entity informs the electronic systems of the University of Cyprus about the candidates to whom the scholarship has been renewed or not.

1.1.8 Payment of scholarship

A prerequisite for the payment of the scholarship is the registration of the scholar student in the courses/stages of each programme.

The beginning date of the scholarship is defined as the beginning date of the courses of the fall semester. This date cannot be postponed.

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