

Local guidelines at Kristianstad University on scholarships for fee-paying students

Background

Tuition fees for citizens of countries outside the EU/EEA and Switzerland, referred to as third-country students, were introduced in the autumn semester 2011. At the same time, a scholarship programme was launched for specially qualified students within this fee-paying group. The Swedish Council for Higher Education is responsible for administrating and allocating funding to higher education institutions which then distribute scholarships to students.

The present local guidelines were drawn up in compliance with the guidelines from the Swedish Council for Higher Education on scholarships for fee-paying students.

The remit of the scholarships and fees group

The scholarships and fees group is composed of the programme director of the study programmes offered in English, or a person appointed by the programme director, a representative from the Admissions Office with experience of assessing foreign study grades in the context of admissions, and the internationalisation manager from External Relations who chairs the group.

The scholarships and fees group is tasked with proposing any necessary revisions to the guidelines, to be decided by the vice-chancellor. Prior to each academic year, the scholarships and fees group determines whether to award full or partial scholarships and nominates scholarship recipients on the basis of the criteria set out in the guidelines.

Decisions on scholarships

Decisions on the allocation of scholarships are taken by the Head of External Relations.

Allocation of scholarships

Scholarships are intended for both future and current students at Kristianstad University.

All study programmes at Kristianstad University can be considered for scholarships, although one- or two-year Master's programmes that are campus-based and taught in English are prioritised.

Priority is given to students with very good academic qualifications and good knowledge of English, who have applied to Kristianstad University as their first choice and in time, along with those who have previously studied at Kristianstad University or are currently students here.

The following points are taken into account in the allocation of scholarships:

- As far as possible, scholarship funds are to be equally distributed among the programme areas
- The funds available for scholarships
- Strategic investments and prioritisation

The scope of the scholarship

The scholarship only covers the tuition fees, not accommodation costs or other associated costs. There are no scholarships for family members.

The scholarship covers all or part of the tuition fees and is not paid out in cash but deducted from the tuition fees.

The scholarship is automatically extended to apply for a maximum of two semesters, on condition that the recipient's study results are satisfactory.

Conditions

Section 1: The applicant must be a citizen of a country outside the EU/EEA and Switzerland.

Section 2: The student must meet the entry requirements for the study programme at the start of the semester.

Section 3: The student must accept the study place offered on the programme, or the scholarship offer becomes invalid and can be assigned to another student or saved for the next semester.

Section 4: The scholarship is only valid for the semester and the study programme to which the student has applied, i.e. a scholarship recipient who is granted a deferral or approved leave from studies cannot transfer the scholarship to another semester.

Section 5: Students who do not meet the requirements to progress to the next semester are not considered to have satisfactory study results; their scholarship will therefore not be extended.

Section 6: In cases where only part of the tuition fees is covered by the scholarship, the student is obliged to pay the remainder in compliance with provisions at Kristianstad University.

Section 7: Students who have been awarded a scholarship but who do not obtain a residence permit lose their scholarship.

Section 8: Students who apply for a scholarship for studies at the Bachelor's level must be admitted to a degree programme at Kristianstad University and have completed at least two semesters of study at Kristianstad University.

Recovery of scholarship funds

If a student has been awarded a scholarship but is no longer obliged to pay tuition fees, the student no longer has the right to keep the part of the scholarship funding that remains to cover further studies. This also applies in case of non-completion of studies.

A student who, pursuant to Chapter 10 of the Higher Education Ordinance (1993:100), is suspended or given a warning loses the scholarship and is thereby obliged to pay for the remainder of the study programme. The obligation to pay applies as of the date on which the decision is taken by the disciplinary board.

The University can decide to withdraw a scholarship from a student who has been awarded a partial scholarship but does not pay the remaining tuition fees in time.

The present guidelines replace the guidelines registered 720/19-11.