

NEAR EAST UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTIVE

Purpose

Article 1 – The purpose of this regulation is to set forth the principles governing the scholarships and discounts granted to students enrolled in associate, undergraduate, and postgraduate diploma programs at Near East University.

Scope

Article 2 – This regulation covers provisions related to the scholarships and discounts awarded to students in associate, undergraduate, and postgraduate diploma programs at Near East University.

Legal Basis

Article 3 – This regulation is issued based on the Higher Education Law of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (Law No. 65/2005), the Near East University Regulation on Academic Organization and Operation, the Regulation on Associate and Undergraduate Education and Training, the Regulation on Postgraduate Education and Training, and other relevant legislation.

Definitions

Article 4 – The terms used in this regulation are defined as follows:

- a) **Scholarship Commission:** A three-member body established by the Rectorate to evaluate scholarship applications.
- b) **Normal Education Period:**
 - Associate programs (without preparatory class): 2 years
 - Undergraduate programs: 4 years (5 years for Dentistry, Pharmacy, and Veterinary Medicine; 6 years for Medicine)
 - Associate programs with preparatory class: 3 years
 - Undergraduate programs with preparatory class: 5 years (6 years for Dentistry, Pharmacy, and Veterinary Medicine; 7 years for Medicine)
 - Master's programs: 2 years
 - Doctoral programs: 4 years
- c) **ÖSYM:** Student Selection and Placement Center (Turkey)
- d) **Rector:** The Rector of Near East University
- e) **University:** Near East University
- f) **YKS:** Higher Education Institutions Exam (Turkey)

Scholarship Commission

Article 5 –

1. A Scholarship Commission composed of three members is established by the Rectorate to evaluate applications for merit- and need-based scholarships and to make decisions accordingly. Decisions become final upon the approval of the Board of Trustees.
2. The General Secretariat is responsible for processing scholarship applications, informing students, forwarding applications to the Scholarship Commission, and coordinating related administrative tasks.

Scholarship Duration

Article 6 –

1. Scholarships granted to students placed in full or partial scholarship programs listed in the ÖSYM guide are valid for the normal education period. Periods during which registration is not renewed or courses are not registered are included in this duration. Official leaves of absence approved by the University are excluded.
2. For postgraduate students who transfer between programs, time spent in the previous program is included in the scholarship duration.
3. Summer school is not covered by any scholarship.

Multiple Scholarship Eligibility

Article 7 – If a student qualifies for more than one scholarship or discount under this regulation, only the most favorable (highest-value) scholarship will apply.

Types of Scholarships

Article 8 –

1. **University Entrance Scholarships:**
Awarded based on YKS results to students placed in full or partial scholarship programs.
 - 100% Scholarship: Covers full tuition
 - 75% Scholarship: Covers 75% of tuition
 - 50% Scholarship: Covers 50% of tuition
 - 25% Scholarship: Covers 25% of tuition
2. **Preference Scholarships:**
Offered based on university-specific preference criteria announced on the official website during the application period.
3. **Sibling Scholarships:**
Applied at a rate of 10% or 15% to each sibling enrolled in associate, undergraduate, or postgraduate programs at the University.
4. **Postgraduate Scholarships:**
Awarded based on GPA and academic references at rates and durations determined by the Scholarship Commission.
5. **Sports Support Scholarships:**
Provided by the Near East University Education Foundation to active members of university sports clubs, at a rate and duration determined by the Commission.
6. **Science, Art, and Culture Scholarships:**
Awarded to students who achieve distinction on international platforms in science, art, or culture, at a rate and duration determined by the Commission.
7. **Horizontal Transfer Scholarships:**
Offered to students transferring from other institutions based on entry scores, institutional background, and GPA, at a rate determined by the Commission.
8. **TRNC Student Scholarships:**
Awarded to students based on their performance in the "Near East University Entrance and Scholarship Ranking Exam," at a rate determined by the Commission.
9. **Third Country Scholarships:**
Awarded to international students from third countries for associate and undergraduate programs, based on GPA, at a rate and duration determined by the Commission.

Termination of Scholarships

Article 9 –

1. Scholarships will be terminated for students suspended for two semesters or more due to disciplinary action.

2. Students receiving entrance or postgraduate scholarships who fail to graduate within the normal education period will lose their scholarship benefits.

Postgraduate Scholarship Regulations

Article 10 – Transfers, Deferrals, and Program Changes

- A. **Transfers:** Beginning with the Spring Semester of 2024–2025, transfer applications for master's and doctoral programs will be evaluated under the same criteria as scholarship applications.
- B. **Scholarship Deferral:**
 - International students with 90% or 100% scholarships may defer once within a single academic year.
 - Students with scholarships of 85% or lower may defer up to twice over two semesters.
- C. **Program Changes:**
 - a. **For Prospective Students:** Scholarships may be transferred to another program upon request, provided tuition fees are equal.
 - b. **For Registered Students:** Similarly, enrolled students may transfer their scholarship to another program if tuition fees are the same.

Unforeseen Cases

Article 11 – For situations not addressed in this regulation, provisions of the university's academic and administrative regulations, education and training regulations, Senate and University Board decisions, and other relevant legislation shall apply.

Enforcement

Article 12 – This regulation comes into effect on the date of its official publication.

Execution

Article 13 – The Rector of Near East University is responsible for the execution of this regulation.