

# The University of Macau

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### Article 1 Introduction

1. University of Macau (hereinafter referred to as “UM”) has established the International Student Scholarship (hereinafter referred to as “Scholarship”) with an aim to attract more international students to pursue their studies at UM.
2. The Scholarship will be awarded on a competitive basis.
3. These Rules set out the terms and conditions governing the Scholarship.
4. These Rules are applicable to all applicants and awardees of the Scholarship (hereinafter referred to as “Awardees” and individually as “Awardee”).

### Article 2 Eligibility

1. International applicants of full-time Bachelor’s and Master’s degree programmes (excluding executive degree programmes) of UM who meet the following requirements are eligible to apply for the Scholarship:
  - a) valid foreign passport holders; and
  - b) fulfill admission requirements of the respective degree programme.

Candidates applied and admitted through Joint Admission Examination for Macao Four Higher Education Institutions will not be considered for the Scholarship.

2. Eligible candidates are required to apply for the Scholarship through the application channel set by the Global Affairs Office (hereinafter referred to as “GAO”).

### Article 3 Scope and Duration

1. Scholarship are classified into full scholarship and half scholarship, which are awarded according to the qualification of the applicant.
2. Each Awardee admitted to Bachelor’s degree programme of UM (hereinafter referred to as “Bachelor Awardee” and collectively as “Bachelor Awardees”) will receive the Scholarship in form of the following support, and subject to the annual continuation of the Scholarship as stipulated in Article 6 of these Rules.

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Scholarship Content (for Bachelor)	Full Scholarship	Half Scholarship
Tuition fee waiver for a) Bachelor’s Degree Programme; b) Honours College Certificate Programme (if applicable); and c) Minor Programme (if applicable and only for the first enrolled Minor Programme). All other fees such as re-sit fee are not included.	100% fee waiver	50% fee waiver
Accommodation fee waiver for Residential College (for around 10 months of 2 semesters per academic year excluding summer stay).	100% fee waiver	50% fee waiver

3. Each Awardee admitted to Master’s degree programme of UM (hereinafter referred to as “Master Awardee” and collectively as “Master Awardees”) will receive the Scholarship in form of the following support, and subject to the annual continuation of the Scholarship as stipulated in Article 6 of these Rules.

Scholarship Content (for Master)	Full Scholarship	Half Scholarship
Tuition fee waiver for Master’s Degree Programme. All other fees such as re-sit fee are not included.	100% fee waiver	50% fee waiver
Accommodation fee waiver for Postgraduate House (sharing room) (for 12 months per academic year including summer stay).	100% fee waiver	50% fee waiver

4. The Scholarship is provided for the normal period of study for the Awardee.

Scholarship Type	Maximum Term of the Scholarship
Full Scholarship for Bachelor	4 academic years (5 academic years for 5-year programmers)
Half Scholarship for Bachelor	
Full Scholarship for Master	2 academic years (3 academic years for 3-year programmers)
Half Scholarship for Master	

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### **Article 4 Selection Criteria**

1. Eligible candidates will be evaluated and selected in a fair and objective manner by a committee.
2. The selection criteria include but are not limited to:
  - a) Academic excellence;
  - b) Research abilities or potential; and/or
  - c) Communication and interpersonal skills.
3. Applicants who have studied in an elementary/primary school, high/secondary school or higher institution outside China (i.e. outside mainland China, Macao SAR, Hong Kong SAR and Taiwan region) will be prioritized.
4. Applicants from UM strategic collaboration partners and countries will be prioritized.

### **Article 5 Obligations**

1. Awardees must observe all regulations, rules, guidelines and requirements of UM.
2. Awardees should accept UM's invitation to take part in activities that aim to promote the internationalization of the university.

### **Article 6 Continuation of the Scholarship**

1. The continuation of the Scholarship is subject to the Awardee's satisfactory performance in each academic year, not cumulative performance. Such assessment is conducted on annual academic year basis.
2. A Bachelor Awardee must achieve the following to continue his/her Scholarship in the subsequent academic year:
  - a) Complete at least 24 credits or number of credits required for the designated study plan of the academic year at UM;
  - b) Fulfilled Residential College Requirement; and
  - c) Achieved the required yearly Grade Point Average (hereinafter referred to as "GPA"):

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Yearly Academic Performance		Scholarship Continuation
GPA	20-point system	
3.30–4.00	14.0–20.0	Continued in the following one academic year.
3.00–3.29	13.0–13.9	Scholarship will continue in the next academic year in form of a one-year grace period. If the awardee fails to achieve GPA equal or above 3.30 (or 14.0 for 20-point system) in the grace period, no Scholarship will be offered in the academic year after the grace period. The grace period can only be granted once.
Below 3.00	Below 13.0	No Scholarship will be offered in the next academic year. If the awardee achieves GPA equal or above 3.30 (or 14.0 for 20-point system) in the next academic year, Scholarship will be resumed in the following academic year of the next academic year.

3. A Master Awardee must achieve the endorsement from the academic unit concerned to continue his/her Scholarship in the subsequent academic year, otherwise, no Scholarship will be offered in the subsequent academic year. Such endorsement is primarily based on the assessment of his/her academic performance.
4. Bachelor Awardees who participate in UM’s outbound exchange programme are required to fulfil the requirements stipulated in the “*Scholarship Continuation Policy for UM’s Outgoing Exchange Students*” in order to continue their Scholarship for the subsequent academic year.

**Article 7 Suspension and Termination of the Scholarship**

1. Suspension of the Scholarship may be granted on medical ground, due to family emergency or with other strong justifications. Application of suspension must be endorsed by the Dean / Director of the academic unit concerned and approved by Vice Rector (Global Affairs) or his/her designated person.

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2. In case an awardee needs to defer his/her study, he/she should approach GAO for applying Scholarship deferment after the study deferment is approved by the academic unit concerned. The Scholarship will be resumed upon resumption of study and the Scholarship will end in the awardee's original study period.
  3. The Scholarship will be automatically terminated in any of the following situations.
    - a) Awardee withdraws from study;
    - b) dismissal of the Awardee by the UM; or
    - c) non-fulfillment of the obligation as stipulated in Article 5 of these Rules.
  4. An Awardee may relinquish his/her Scholarship by sending a written notice to GAO via the academic unit concerned two weeks' prior to the effective date of relinquishment.
  5. A terminated or relinquished Scholarship cannot be resumed.

**Article 8 Other Conditions**

1. An Awardee must be a registered bachelor or master student of UM and maintain an active student status at UM during the Scholarship period.
2. An Awardee is not permitted to be concurrently registered at other local or non-local tertiary institutions. If such registration takes place without prior approval from UM, UM reserves the rights to terminate the Scholarship.
3. In the event that the admission offer made by the UM is conditional, the candidate concerned must comply with the conditions before he/she is eligible for receiving the Scholarship.
4. Awardees should register in the first semester.
5. The Scholarship will not impede the Awardee from receiving stipends from other funding sources. Nevertheless, the total stipend received shall not exceed the ceiling as stipulated in the relevant rules and guidelines of UM.
6. Where any misrepresentation, fraudulence, and non-disclosure of information during the application stage is detected, the Scholarship shall be terminated immediately and the Awardee concerned is liable to refund in full the waived tuition and accommodation fee.
7. Appeal against the decision must be raised to the GAO together with ample justifications within 5 working days after the announcement of the Scholarship

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result. The appeal case will be analyzed by a committee, and its resolution will be considered as final.

8. Exceptional cases will be considered by Vice Rector (Global Affairs) or his/her delegate on a case by case basis.

**Article 9 Administration**

1. The Scholarship scheme is administered by GAO and supervised by the Vice Rector (Global Affairs).
2. The academic unit concerned is responsible for performing annual assessment of the Master Awardees as stipulated in Article 6.
3. In case of any change of the status of an Awardee, including his/her graduation and the suspension and termination of the Scholarship, the academic unit concerned shall inform GAO, the Finance Office, the Registry of Academic Affairs Office (for Bachelor Awardee), the Graduate School (for Master Awardee) and any other relevant unit(s) for proper actions as soon as possible and no later than 10 working days of the occurrence of the change.

**Article 10 Entry into Force and Revisions**

1. These Rules shall enter into force on 21 September 2022.
2. UM has the right to add, delete and/or amend these Rules at any time without prior notice.
3. Changes to these Rules shall take effect upon their publication on the official website of UM.