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Article 1 Introduction

- 1. The University of Macau (hereinafter referred to as "UM") has established the International Student Scholarship (hereinafter referred to as "Scholarship" or "ISS") 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. The implementation details, including benefits and execution of the Scholarship, are defined in the "Guidelines for Implementation of International Student Scholarship" (hereinafter referred to as "Guidelines").
- 5. All applicants and awardees of the Scholarship (hereinafter referred to as "Awardees" and individually as "Awardee") are required to observe these Rules and Guidelines.

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 the admission requirements of the respective degree programme.
- 2. Applicants who applied and were admitted through the Joint Admission Examination for Macao Four Higher Education Institutions will not be considered for the Scholarship.

Article 3 Selection Criteria

- 1. Eligible applicants 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;

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- 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., mainland China, Macao SAR, Hong Kong SAR and Taiwan region) will be prioritized.
- 4. Applicants from UM strategic collaboration partners, countries, and those with unique cultural backgrounds may receive favorable consideration.

Article 4 Obligations of Awardees

- 1. Awardees are required to maintain active student status at the university throughout the Scholarship period.
- 2. Awardees must observe all regulations, rules, guidelines and requirements of UM.
- 3. Awardees should maintain a good academic standing and actively participate in their program of study.
- 4. Awardees should accept UM's invitation to participate in activities that aim to promote the internationalization of the university.

Article 5 Termination

- 1. The Scholarship will be automatically terminated in any of the following circumstances:
 - a) Failure to maintain an active student status;
 - b) Violation of the regulations, rules, guidelines and requirements of UM;
 - c) Withdrawal from study;
 - d) Dismissal by the UM; or
 - e) Non-fulfillment of the obligation stipulated in Article 4 of these Rules.
- 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 right to terminate the Scholarship.
- 3. Where any misrepresentation, fraudulence, or non-disclosure of information during the application stage is detected, the Scholarship shall be terminated immediately, and the Awardee concerned is liable to refund the waived tuition and accommodation fees fully.

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- 4. An Awardee may relinquish his/her Scholarship by sending a written notice to the Global Affairs Office (hereinafter referred to as "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 6 Other Conditions

- 1. An Awardee must be a registered bachelor's or master's student of UM and should register in the first semester.
- 2. If the admission offer made by the UM is conditional, the candidate must comply with the conditions before he/she is eligible for the Scholarship.
- 3. The Scholarship will not impede the Awardee from receiving stipends from other funding sources. Nevertheless, the total stipend received shall not exceed the ceiling stipulated in UM's relevant rules and guidelines.
- 4. Any request for an appeal against the decision must be submitted in writing with ample justifications to GAO within five (5) working days of receiving notification of the Scholarship result. The appeal will be analyzed by a committee and its resolution will be considered final.
- 5. Exceptional cases will be considered by the Vice Rector (Global Affairs) or his/her delegate on a case-by-case basis.

Article 7 Administration

- 1. The Scholarship is administered by GAO under the supervision of the Vice Rector (Global Affairs).
- 2. 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.

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Article 8 Entry into Force and Revisions

- 1. These Rules shall enter into force on 17 October 2025.
- 2. UM has the right to add, delete and/or amend these Rules without prior notice.
- 3. Changes to these Rules shall take effect upon their publication on the official website of UM.