

Guidelines for Awarding Scholarships to the International Students (FIS) of Ferdowsi University of Mashhad (FUM)

Effective and long-lasting international scientific cooperation requires a powerful human infrastructure. For this reason, the importance of international students as human capital is one of the key factors in the realization of cooperation and the realization of desirable regional development. With this attitude, FUM supports young people and international scientific talents in developing its spiritual and material resources and capacities, providing the basis for establishing scientific authority in the country and region and realizing a bright future. A part of this investment is awarded every year as the "Ferdowsi International Scholarship (FIS)" to several talented non-Iranian applicants, at the beginning of their studies or during their studies at different stages of education.

Part I - Definitions

The Policymaking Council of the University International Affairs: A council consisting of the university's board of directors and the director of international scientific collaborations along with two private members of the academic board chosen by the president of the university, which is responsible for policymaking and determining the strategic policy of the university's international affairs.

Ferdowsi International Scholarship Council: A council consisting of five members, including three legal members; The director of international scientific collaborations, the deputy director of international scientific collaborations, the head of the department of non-Iranian students' affairs, and two private members of the academic staff chosen by the director of international scientific collaborations who are elected for two years. The director of the international scientific collaborations of the university, the head of the council, and the head of the department of non-Iranian students are the Secretary of the Council.

International representative of the faculty: One of the members of the academic staff of each faculty who is selected by the introduction of the head of the faculty and the approval of the director of international scientific collaborations of the university.

Undergraduate applicants: Applicants who apply for the Ferdowsi scholarship at the same time as applying for admission to the university.

Part II - Regulations

Article 1: The maximum capacity of the scholarship acceptance is determined by the discretion of the university's international affairs policy-making council every year.

Article 2: The applicants' request for the Ferdowsi scholarship at the beginning of their studies are sent to the office of the director of international scientific collaborations and are reviewed by the university's scholarship council. The scholarship applications of the current students after being reviewed by the faculty department and approved by the educational vice-chancellor and international representative of the university, will be presented and reviewed by the university's scholarship council.

Note 1: Applicants for the Ferdowsi International Scholarship in each academic year must register their application through the "International Student Admission of FUM" system.

Note 2: The schedule to send the application to receive the Ferdowsi International Scholarship is as follows:

Undergraduate applicants:

- . Application deadline: May 12 to June 20
- . Review of the documents and announcement of results: July 21

Current students:

- . Application deadline: July 22 to August 05
- . Review of the documents and announcement of results: September 05

Note 3: All faculties are required to introduce the faculty's international representative to the director of International Scientific Collaborations within two weeks from the effective date of the regulations.

Note 4: All faculties are required to obtain the agreement of the educational department within two weeks of receiving the application of the current students and act on it. Otherwise, the university's scholarship council will review the applicant's application.

Article 3: Qualifications and requirements for the selection of Ferdowsi International Scholarship applicants;

3.1. Applicant's age: For undergraduate scholarship applicants, maximum 22 years old, a Master's Degree full 24 years, a Ph.D. full 25 years, and a specialized doctorate full 30 years.

3.2. GPA;

- It is necessary for scholarship applicants to have a minimum GPA of 80 out of 100 and 16 out of 20 in the previous educational level in all educational levels.

- For applicants studying at FUM in all levels and fields of study, it is necessary to obtain a grade point average of 17.

3-3. Presenting an academic and research resume related to the field of study.

3-4. Two letters of recommendation from the applicant's former professors.

3-5. In the case of scholarship, applicants in the doctoral course, it is mandatory to obtain admission from one of the professors of the related educational department.

Note 1: In special cases to receive an educational scholarship for applicants during their graduate studies, if there is a significant resume, at the discretion of the University Scholarship Council, if the conditions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this article are not met, the application can be reviewed.

Note 2: If the score of the applicant residing in Iran is equal to the applicant not residing in Iran, priority is given to the applicant not residing in Iran.

Note 3: If the scores of the applicants in the same major are equal, priority is given to the person who has the score on the Persian Language test. If the applicants do not have a score on the Persian Language test, the scholarship council's opinion about their mastery of the Persian Language is the criterion.

Article 4: The maximum duration of the scholarship will be 4 years for the Undergraduate course, 6 years for the DVM (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine), 2 years for the Master's course, and 4 years for the Ph.D. course from the start date of education.

Article 5: All kinds of Ferdowsi International Scholarship and support and facilities are given to the accepted ones in the following formats:

*** Scholarship Type 1:**

- Free registration of a Persian language learning course (6 months)
- Total tuition discount
- Student and family health insurance coverage (according to the regulations of the Student Affairs Organization)
- Use of free university dormitory facilities (single-married)
- Benefiting from a monthly provision, the amount of which is estimated and announced every year with the opinion of the university's international affairs policy-making council.

*** Scholarship type 2:**

- Free registration of a Persian language learning course (6 months)
- Total tuition discount
- Insurance coverage for student and family health services (according to the regulations of the Student Affairs Organization)
- Use of free university dormitory facilities (single-married).

*** Scholarship type 3:**

- Free registration for a Persian language learning course (6 months)
- 50% tuition discount
- Insurance coverage of medical services for students and families (according to the regulations of the Student Affairs Organization).

*** Scholarship type 4:**

- Free registration for a Persian language learning course (6 months)
- 25% tuition discount
- Student and family health insurance coverage (according to the regulations of the Student Affairs Organization).

Article 6: Regarding the granting of special scholarships based on the FUM Memorandums of Understandings (MOU), the opinion of the president of the university is the criterion.

Article 7: Ferdowsi scholarship is granted for one year and its continuation is subject to the scholarship student's academic status and re-examination by the University Scholarship Council. Every year, the international representative and the vice-chancellor of the faculty review the academic and general status reports of the scholarship students and send them to the university scholarship council.

In case of ineligibility, the scholarship will be canceled and the student must continue his studies according to the conditions of international tuition-paying students.

Article 8: Scholarship students are not allowed to use other educational scholarships of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the same time.

Note: Students' fees for student scientific works are excluded from this article.

Article 9: The financial resources required for the Ferdowsi scholarship are determined every year with the opinion of the University's International Affairs Policymaking Council.

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