

DEAN'S DIRECTIVE NO. 7/2024 SCHOLARSHIP RULES OF THE FEEC

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The Directive amends the Scholarship Rules of Brno University of Technology (BUT), setting out the conditions for awarding academic performance scholarship to students of the Bachelor's and Master's study programs and also for the acquisition of doctoral scholarship at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Communication (FEEC).

TO ARTICLE 3 – ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP

The academic performance-based evaluation to determine a student's eligibility for a relevant scholarship is carried out by using the **weighted grade point average (WGPA)**, established from the examinations and graded credits completed within all types of courses. The WGPA is defined in Article 15 of the Study and Examination Rules of Brno University of Technology, and its value is calculated and rounded to two decimal places by the information system of the University, invariably on either August 31 or the date of the student's final state examination.

In cases where, in the given academic year, a student completes a part of the course load required by the FEEC elsewhere, especially at another Czech Republic or foreign university, the grades or scores achieved shall have to be converted to applicable BUT equivalents by the Vice-Dean for study affairs. The academic performance scholarship is awarded to full- and part-time students who, **in the previous academic year**, achieved weighted grade point averages within the following ranges:

- a) WGPA+ equal to 1.00;
- b) WGPA higher than 1.00 and lower than or equal to 1.10;
- c) WGPA higher than 1.10 and lower than or equal to 1.30;
- d) WGPA higher than 1.30 and lower than or equal to 1.50.

The amount of scholarship set by the Faculty for a particular range may be further differentiated according to the applicant's year of study; assuming the standard period of study and the same WGPA range, a more senior student thus may receive a sum higher than that provided to an applicant at a lower stage of the study program.

The amounts obtainable within each of the above classes as related to a particular year of study shall be specified by the Dean of the Faculty. The concrete means to strengthen the academic performance scholarship funds in a given financial year shall be discussed by the academic senate of the FEEC during the Faculty budget negotiations.

A scholarship may be granted as either one-off or regular monthly payment, the latter being provided for a pre-defined time within the academic year.

To receive the grant, a student is required to have earned **no less than 45 credit points during the previous academic year**.

The **academic performance scholarship** is available to students pursuing a study program accredited and implemented in the Czech language and can be granted only during the standard period of study, namely, the second and third years of the Bachelor's and second year of the follow-up (two-year) Master's cycles. Regarding the first year of the Master's stage, the scholarship is awarded exclusively to applicants who enrolled immediately after completing their Bachelor's studies at the FEEC and satisfied all other relevant prerequisites. Consequently, students who (a) enrolled in the follow-up Master's cycle upon acquiring a bachelor's degree from another faculty

(university) or (b) graduated from a Bachelor's program at the FEEC but enrolled in the Master's cycle only after a one-year or longer interruption are not eligible for the scholarship.

First-year students in a continuing Master's program that have completed their Bachelor's studies at a university other than BUT shall be obliged to deliver with their academic performance scholarship application a report of the courses attended during their Bachelor's studies or a report of such courses including the grades. Any such document must invariably be issued by the study department of the faculty at which the student obtained their Bachelor's degree.

The **academic performance scholarship shall not be granted** to applicants whose studies were, for any reason, interrupted in the academic year preceding the application. Where such interruption is necessary to facilitate a study visit at another university, especially a foreign one, the student's eligibility for the scholarship following return to the FEEC shall be assessed by the Dean of the Faculty upon a written request.

TO ARTICLE 6 – DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship funds allocated to the Faculty from the state budget are distributed between the regular (at least 90 % of the total amount) and the special grant categories.

REGULAR SCHOLARSHIP

The maximum monthly scholarship amount payable to a student shall be specified by the Dean within five days of the beginning of the academic year. This sum shall then be multiplied by the number of full-time doctoral students registered at a given department, with the resulting funds transferred to that department to cover the regular Ph.D. scholarship installments.

The head of the department, in collaboration with the students' supervisors, shall decide on the individual monthly amounts of scholarship (up to the prespecified maximum level), reporting these to the Faculty's Science offices. The corresponding installments shall then be disbursed to the recipients as from the closest pay date. Where the amount of scholarship assigned to a doctoral student has not been reported to the Science offices, the recipient shall be paid the maximum sum specified by the Dean at the start of the academic year.

The regular scholarship funds provided to but not spent by a department shall be transferred to that department's special scholarship budget.

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A half of the special scholarship funds shall be utilized at the Faculty level, enabling the Dean to reward student activities of importance for the Faculty. Any and all such resources that are left unspent shall be transferred to the special grant budgets of the departments, in the same proportion as that applied to allocate the regular scholarship funds.

The other half of the funds shall be made available to all departments having full-time doctoral students. As regards the actual methods of using the resources, the head of a department may reward exceptional achievements; subsidize study visits, in part or in full; and support 5th year Ph.D. students. The special scholarship resources shall be distributed between the departments in the same proportion as that applied to allocate the regular scholarship funds.

Where appropriate, the special scholarship may be also awarded to part-time doctoral students.

FINAL PROVISIONS

The Dean's Directive No. 7/2024, Scholarship Rules of the FEEC, replaces the earlier Dean's Directive No. 2/2019 and was approved by Academic Senate of the FEEC BUT on September 24, 2024.

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