**BUT Scholarship Program for Talented Foreign Students Studying in English Programmes 2024**

**“BUTalent”**

**PRIORITIES**

1. Support talented international students enrolled in English-taught programmes.
2. Increase interest in English programs among foreign applicants.
3. Support the university’s internationalization, enhance diversity, and contribute to scientific research and academic excellence.

**TARGET GROUPS**

* International students enrolled in Master's programmes taught in English.
* International students enrolled in Ph.D. programmes taught in English.

**STUDENT SELECTION**

Scholarship is awarded to students selected through a competitive selection process evaluated by a committee.

Eligibility for the scholarship is contingent upon timely application, submission of all required documents, and meeting qualification requirements.

There is no legal entitlement to a scholarship.

The selection process is open and transparent, and follows the valid Scholarship Regulations of BUT.

**Selection Committee:**

* Vice-Rector for Internationalization
* Head of Student Affairs Office
* Head of Creative Development Office (for Ph.D. students)
* Head of Department of Internacialization
* Chairman of the Student Chamber of the Academic Senate

**Eligibility Requirements:**

* The applicant must be enrolled in a Master's or Ph.D. program taught in English at BUT.
* The applicant must be an international student.
* The applicant must not receive another similar scholarship (e.g., JCMM scholarship, government development scholarship, EU4Belarus scholarship, etc.). Academic merit or accommodation scholarships do not exclude eligibility.
* The scholarship is awarded only for the standard duration of study.

**Evaluation Criteria:**

* *Academic Results*
  + Study results across all completed subjects
  + Publication of scientific articles in peer-reviewed journals, conference proceedings, or chapters in academic books
  + Participation in research projects as the principal investigator or as a team member
  + Presentation of personal scientific findings at national or international conferences
* *Recommendation from faculty (d*ean/vice-dean, supervisor or professor) – required attachment
* *Additional recommendations* – e.g., from a previous university, employer, etc. – optional attachment
* *Documentation of student’s exceptional achievements* – optional attachment
  + Participation and ranking in professional student competitions
  + Awards received for research or publications
  + Active involvement in student clubs or teams
  + Active contribution to the organization of events at the faculty or university level
* *Motivation letter – required attachment*

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| ***Weight of criteria*** | |
| ***Academic results*** | ***70%*** |
| ***Motivation letter*** | ***5%*** |
| ***Recommendation from faculty*** | ***10%*** |
| ***Additional recommendation*** | ***5%*** |
| ***Exceptional achievements of student*** | ***10%*** |

The student is eligible to apply for the scholarship repeatedly in the announced calls, and it is always necessary to submit up-to-date documents for the individual qualification criteria.

**Process of evaluation:**

* Students must submit their applications with supporting documents to Department of Internacialization by the specified deadline.
* Department of Internacialization checks the applications for formal and substantive compliance.
* The evaluation committee scores the applications, with a maximum of 400 points for Master’s students (4 members of committee) and 500 points for Ph.D. students (5 members of committee).
* To receive a scholarship, Master’s students must score at least 300 points, and Ph.D. students must score at least 400 points.
* Scholarships are awarded based on ranking and available budget, provided the minimum point threshold is met.

**SCHOLARSHIP**

The scholarship is paid to selected students in one instalment.

**Budget for Fall Semester 2024/2025:**

Total budget: 1,000,000 CZK (500,000 CZK from Department of Internacialization + 500,000 CZK from faculties).

Duration: 4 months (September – December).

Ph.D. students: 10,000 CZK per month, supporting 14 students.

Master’s students: 7,500 CZK per month, supporting 14 students.

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|  | **Monthly scholarship** | **Total scholarship/student** | **Total** |
| **Ph.D. students** | 10 000,00 CZK | 40 000,00 CZK | 560 000,00 CZK |
| **Master’s students** | 7 500,00 CZK | 30 000,00 CZK | 420 000,00 CZK |
|  |  | **Total** | **980 000,00 CZK** |

* Thanks to co-financing from the faculties, similar to the BUT Excellence Scholarship and Partnership Program, it would be possible to support a larger number of students with the scholarship."
* "This model is used, for example, at Czech Technical University

**Dates for Fall Semester 2024/2025**

* October 16 – November 6, 2024 – Collection of applications from students
* November 7 – 15, 2024 – Evaluation of applications by the evaluation committee
* November 18, 2024 – Evaluation and awarding of scholarships, notification of faculties and students
* November/December 2024 – Scholarship disbursement

**MARKETING AND PROMOTION**

* Information dissemination to faculties/supervisors, responsibility of Department of Internacialization.
* Website: A dedicated section on the university website with detailed information about the scholarship program – responsibility of Department of Internacialization and Department of Marketing.
* Social media: Promotion through targeted advertising on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn – responsibility of Department of Marketing
* Informational brochures, application guides, FAQ sections, and more to support the recruitment campaign.

**TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION:**

* Approval of the scholarship program by the BUT leadership: October 15, 2024.
* Official announcement and application collection: October 16 – November 6, 2024.
* Evaluation of applications: November 7 – 15, 2024.
* Scholarship disbursement: November/December 2024.
* Evaluation of the programme and decision about next steps – January 2025

**CONTINGENCY PLAN**

* Tie in point scoring
  + The applicant's ranking is determined by partial evaluation in the following order: academic results, student's exceptional achievements, recommendation from the faculty/supervisor.
* Lack of applicants in a specific category (Ph.D., Master's)
  + Funds can be transferred between categories.
* Completion of studies
  + The entitlement to the scholarship ceases upon completion of studies.

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