

DESCRIPTION OF VYTAUTAS MAGNUS UNIVERSITY DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROCEDURES

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The Description of Vytautas Magnus University Doctoral Scholarship Award Procedures (hereinafter “description”) regulates scholarship award and payment procedures to third-cycle students (hereinafter “doctoral students”) admitted to the University funded study positions (hereinafter “Doctoral Scholarship”) or to doctoral students from other Lithuanian or foreign scientific or educational institutions with a visiting student status.

2. Scholarships to doctoral students, admitted to full-time State budget funded study positions, shall be awarded and paid in accordance with the scholarship payment procedures established in the resolution adopted by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania.

3. Doctoral scholarships are an integral part of Vytautas Magnus University (hereinafter “University”) scholarship fund, comprised of the State budget, the University allocated funds and other funds for student support.

4. The doctoral student shall be eligible for several types of scholarships at the same time established by the University, State or other natural or legal persons.

II. PROCEDURES FOR DOCTARAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AND PAYMENT

5. Doctoral scholarships may be awarded in accordance with the following procedures:

5.1. after publishing the competition results for doctoral studies, the number and distribution of Doctoral scholarships according to the field of science in every academic year shall be approved by the Rector’s Council after it has been coordinated with the Students’ Council.

5.2. scholarships established by the Rector’s Council shall be awarded in order of priority to doctoral students admitted to State funded studies with the highest competitive score.

6. The size of Doctoral Scholarship, paid from the University scholarship fund, may not exceed the scholarship size established in the resolution of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania.

7. Doctoral Scholarship shall be awarded for the entire study period, but not longer than the duration of studies established in the regulations on doctoral studies.

8. Doctoral Scholarship shall be paid every month by the transfer to a personal bank account indicated in the doctoral student’s application.

9. Scholarship payment to doctoral students shall be suspended in the following cases:

9.1. if a student is given an academic leave; in this case, the payment of Doctoral Scholarship shall be suspended as of the successive month after the University Rector or a person authorized by the Rector has issued a decree concerning the academic leave. After the academic leave, the returnees may receive a scholarship if they meet the requirements according to

which the current semester Doctoral Scholarships have been awarded to students, but the scholarship shall not be paid for the time period paid before the academic leave.

9.2. if a doctoral student fails to comply with the study programme or the scientific research plan requirements which have not been certified on the due date set by the Doctoral Committee.

10. Doctoral Scholarship shall be terminated:

10.1. if a student is dismissed from the University;

10.2. if a doctoral student terminates the studies;

10.3. if a doctoral student refuses the scholarship;

10.4. if a doctoral student violates the obligations associated with scholarship award and payment provided in this Description and other legislation.

III. PROCEDURES FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD TO VISITING DOCTORAL STUDENTS

11. Doctoral students who arrive to study at the University from other Lithuanian or foreign scientific or educational institutions with a visiting student status may be awarded Doctoral scholarships.

12. Doctoral Scholarship to a visiting doctoral student may be awarded for a period of one month to one year but not more than for the duration of the visiting doctoral student status at the University.

13. Scholarship to a visiting doctoral student shall be awarded and its payment period and size shall be determined by the Rector's Council in agreement with the Students' Council.

IV. CONCLUDING PROVISIONS

14. The conditions outlined in this Description shall apply to persons admitted to the University funded doctoral scholarship studies from 2012.

15. This Description shall take effect after it has been approved by the order of the Rector or an authorized person.

16. The exceptions to this Description shall be applied by the order of the University Rector or an authorized person in agreement with the University Students' Council.
