

**DESCRIPTION OF PROCEDURE  
FOR AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SCIENTIFIC OR ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENTS  
AT VYTAUTAS MAGNUS UNIVERSITY**

**I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. The Description of Procedure for Awarding Scholarships for Scientific or Artistic Achievements at Vytautas Magnus University (hereinafter referred to as the “Description”) shall regulate the procedure for awarding and paying one-off scholarships for scientific or artistic achievements (hereinafter referred to as the “scholarship for scientific or artistic achievements”) in the first cycle and second cycle studies as well as in integrated and vocational pedagogical studies.
2. Scholarships for scientific or artistic achievements shall be awarded to encourage students to pursue scientific or artistic activities for the purpose of representing the University.
3. Scholarships for scientific or artistic achievements shall be awarded from the Scholarship Fund of the University after assessing the strategic objectives of the University and the need for resources to implement them in coordination with the Student Representative Council of the University.

**II. PROCEDURE FOR AWARDING AND PAYING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SCIENTIFIC  
OR ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENTS**

4. Scholarships for scientific or artistic achievements shall be awarded by means of a competition after assessing the achievements of scientific or artistic activities of the previous calendar year (in the period from 1 January to 31 December) in the following relevant groups of study fields:
  - 4.1. Humanities;
  - 4.2. Arts;
  - 4.3. Engineering Sciences and Technological Sciences;
  - 4.4. Social Sciences, Law, Business and Public Management;
  - 4.5. Educational Sciences;
  - 4.6. Mathematical Sciences, Computer Sciences, Physical Sciences, Life Sciences;
  - 4.7. Agricultural Sciences.
5. One-off scholarships for scientific or artistic achievements shall be awarded by means of a competition, and the scholarship of EUR 500 (five hundred euros) shall be awarded to the most productive and/or highest achieving students who have carried out scientific (artistic) activities in the relevant group of study fields.
6. Scholarships for scientific or artistic achievements shall be awarded separately according to the relevant groups of study fields:
  - 6.1. jointly for the best-performing full-time and part-time first cycle students and for first- to fourth-year students of integrated studies;
  - 6.2. jointly for the best-performing full-time and part-time second cycle students, students of vocational studies, and fifth-year students of integrated studies.
7. To apply for the scholarship for scientific or artistic achievements, students must submit data on their scientific, artistic, and other activities on the Student Portal <http://studentas.vdu.lt> (Annex 1)

by 1 March of the current year. Publications and patents must be registered in the University's Science Management System VMU CRIS, and points for publications shall be awarded according to the classification of scientific and artistic output approved by VMU.

8. The submitted scientific and artistic achievements shall be evaluated by the academic unit in which the student is studying in the form of points for scientific (artistic) output, assigning the student's activities to the relevant group of study fields. If the student's scientific activities are of an interdisciplinary nature, the academic unit may call upon experts from another field to evaluate the student's activities.

9. The decision on the awarding of the scholarship for scientific or artistic achievements shall be made by the Rector taking into account the opinion of a committee for the evaluation of students' scientific (artistic) activities (hereinafter referred to as the "Evaluation Committee"), which shall be chaired by the Vice-Rector and consist of the representatives delegated by the Research and Innovation Department, the Student Affairs Department, the Study Department, and the Student Representative Council. Decisions made shall not be subject to appeal.

10. The scholarship for scientific or artistic achievements shall be awarded to students with the highest and most significant achievements, which are evaluated in certain points for scientific/artistic output (Annex 1). The competition for the scholarship shall be open to candidates who have at least one scientific publication or have made a presentation at a conference or have presented their work to the public.

11. If candidates have the same number of points for scientific or artistic activities, the candidate with the best study results (a higher average of all the courses taken in the last semester) shall be ranked higher.

12. If there are no suitable candidates in a particular group of study fields, scholarships may be redistributed to other study fields or not awarded at the decision of the Evaluation Committee.

### **III. FINAL PROVISIONS**

13. A student who receives the scholarship for scientific or artistic achievements may also receive other types of scholarships.

14. This Description and any amendments thereto shall be approved by the order of the Rector in agreement with the Student Representative Council of the University.

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