



UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS

"ANDREAS MENTZELOPOULOS SCHOLARSHIPS
FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS"
COMMITTEE

SCHOLARSHIP REGULATIONS

FOR
FINAL-YEAR AND GRADUATE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS
WISHING TO PURSUE POST-GRADUATE STUDIES IN THE U.S.A.

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

The University of Patras grants scholarships for post-graduate studies at U.S.A. Universities to final-year students and graduates of the following Faculties: School of Natural Sciences, School of Engineering, School of Health Sciences, the Department of Economics and the Department of Business Administration. Priority is given to candidates from the Prefecture of Achaia.

The Scholarships are named "Andreas Mentzelopoulos Scholarships for the University of Patras". The Scholarship sponsor is Mrs Corine Mentzelopoulos.

The candidate's academic record and their family's financial standing are taken into account for the granting of a scholarship.

The scholarships established under the present Provisions and ruled by current laws and regulations are announced by the University annually, based on the current budget, and are publicized in the Press and the University website. The Scholarships are announced in the first week of October, every year.

The granted scholarships are only for full-time studies. Applications which concern distant learning or part-time courses are not accepted.

Scholarships can also be granted to post-graduate students enrolled in a post-graduate course leading to a Master's degree and wish to continue their studies to obtain a Doctoral Degree (PhD).

The scholarships are initially for two years.

The University of Patras participates in the financial budget of the scholarships by 25%. This amount does not exceed the amount of the corresponding State Scholarships Foundation (IKY) scholarships, as defined in the University's Internal Regulations.

PARTICULAR PROVISIONS

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

The scholarships are granted to final-year students and graduates of the University of Patras for post-graduate studies leading to Master's or Ph.D Degrees at U.S.A. Universities.

The scholarships are granted to final-year students or/and graduates of the following Faculties: School of Natural Sciences, School of Engineering, School of Health Sciences, the Department of Economics and the Department of Business Administration. The candidates must have completed their graduate or post-graduate studies with excellence.

B. ELIGIBILITY- CANDIDACY

The announcement of each scholarship provides for the submission of necessary supporting documents, which should be submitted along with the candidate's application.

The applications are submitted to the Register Office of the University of Patras, and are checked for their completeness by the Secretariat of the Scholarship Committee for the "Andreas Mentzelopoulos Scholarships for the University of Patras" in the Department of International Relations.

Those applications which meet all the requirements and fulfil the conditions set by the announcement follow the anticipated evaluation procedure until the final comparative selection and the drawing up of a list of the successful applicants.

Similarly, candidates who are already postgraduate students for a Master's degree at the University of Patras and wish to continue their postgraduate studies at a higher level (PhD studies) are eligible to submit applications along with the supporting documents.

C. EVALUATION PROCEDURE

The University of Patras has formed a Scholarships Committee which includes four teaching staff and one representative of the Mentzelopoulos Family, in order to check and comparatively evaluate the applications. The Scholarships Committee is structured as follows:

Committee President: Professor Mr. George Dasios

Members: Mrs. Vassiliki Mentzelopoulos, Professor Mr. George Kostopoulos, Professor Mr. Michael Fardis and Professor Mr. Dimitrios Skouras.

The Committee's tenure of office is set at five years, starting from 1st September 2008 and is renewed or completed by decision of the Council of University Rectors.

Applications that meet all requirements are classified according to scientific domain and level of studies and are evaluated by the Scholarships Committee.

The candidacy evaluation criteria are both academic and financial. The following criteria are particularly taken into consideration:

1. The total marks and marking record in the subjects relevant to the post-graduate specialty the applicant pursues, as well as his/her potential experience and publications.
2. The scientific level of the School or the Department of the U.S.A. University, at which the applicant has been accepted.
3. The scientific level of the Post-graduate programme that the applicant will attend.
4. In the case of PhD candidates, the topic of their thesis. Apart from the above, it is also taken into account whether the topic is original, scientifically interesting and socially retributive for our country.
5. The candidate's financial situation.
6. The interview.

Priority for scholarships is given to candidates from the Prefecture of Achaia.

For the determination of the amount of money provided by a scholarship, the additional financial support that the applicant is likely to get during his/her studies, (e.g. another scholarship granted by the host University etc.) will be considered.

The Scholarships Committee of the University of Patras decides whether a scholarship should be granted or not after having evaluated all the parameters of all candidates.

The results are communicated to each candidate by registered post, sent by the Secretariat of the Scholarships Committee.

If an applicant has not been selected he/she can submit a new application form along with the supporting documents the following academic year, if he/she wishes, provided that he/she meets the requirements of the relevant announcement.

D. DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The duration of each scholarship is calculated in academic years. The total duration of each scholarship cannot be longer than two years. In case on an ongoing doctoral thesis, the necessity of the scholarship's extension for one more year lies within the exclusive discretion of the Scholarships Committee.

Suspension of the scholarship at the beginning or in the interim of studies is not provided for, except for exceptional occasions and after the Scholarship Committee's decision. Additionally, suspension of the scholarship for military service is not provided.

In accordance with the procedures it has established the Scholarships Committee monitors the progress of the scholarship recipients and reserves the right to decide on the cancellation or the definitive discontinuance of the scholarship, for various reasons (e.g. performance, manners, financial situation etc.) that may necessitate this.

E. TYPE AND PAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarships consist in the provision of funds to cover the costs arising in connection to the studies of the post-graduate programme.

The annual total funds granted to each scholarship recipient is decided by the Scholarships Committee and is provided in two six-month instalments.

The scholarship starts after the scholarship recipient's matriculation or renewal of matriculation to the post-graduate programme for which the scholarship has been approved.

The University of Patras does not provide the scholarship recipients with any further financial support beyond the approved scholarship.

By virtue of a solemn statement, each scholarship recipient undertakes the responsibility to notify the Scholarships Committee about any salary, grant, compensation or financial support that he/she is likely to be provided by the University of the U.S.A., or any other source. In this case, it is within the Committee's discretion to decide about the continuance, reduction or discontinuance of the scholarship, taking into account the scholarship recipient's real needs in the country of his/her studies.

F. OBLIGATIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Each scholarship recipient is obliged to sign a specific contract with the University of Patras, which defines his/her main obligations:

- a) The post-graduate programme shall be within the field of studies in which he/she has been accepted and not deviate from this.
- b) He/she shall be wholly dedicated to post-graduate studies throughout the scholarship. A scholarship recipient is permitted to work (with or without compensation) provided that no

delays or problems are caused to the normal progress of his/her post-graduate study programme.

c) The scholarship recipient is not allowed to move from the place of his/her post-graduate studies for a long period of time without notifying in advance the Scholarships Committee, which is entitled to approve or disapprove of the scholarship recipient's relocation. Otherwise, the relocation could be considered as a resignation from the scholarship.

d) In case the scholarship recipient completes his/her studies before the date of the scholarship's end, he/she shall notify the Scholarships Committee in time and ask for the scholarship's discontinuance.

e) The scholarship recipient shall notify the Scholarships Committee in case of a change of home address, telephone number or bank account at least twenty days before this change takes place.

f) Upon the start of his/her studies, the scholarship recipient shall notify the Scholarship Committee of the Supervisor's name.

g) Every six months, the scholarship recipient shall submit a personal study progress report to the Scholarships Committee. Should he/she fail to report on time and on a regular basis, his/her scholarship will be suspended or discontinued.

h) A scientific staff member of the University of Patras assigned by the Scholarships Committee is responsible for observing the scholar's course of studies. The scholar is not aware of the identity of this person.

i) The scholarship recipient can move to Greece for research purposes under the condition that the Scholarships Committee has approved of the scholarship recipient's application, which shall state the exact duration of stay. The application should be also accompanied by:

- i. A brief schedule of the research work the scholarship recipient is to carry out.
- ii. A certification signed by the supervisor in the U.S.A. in which the necessity for such a particular research in Greece should be clearly stated. In this case, the scholarship recipient's stay in Greece must not exceed the period of two months per academic year.

j) Should the studies be interrupted for any reason, the scholarship recipient shall notify the Scholarships Committee and return the funds provided for that semester.

k) After the scholarship has ended and the scholarship recipient has obtained his/her degree, he/she shall, within three months, submit the final study report, accompanied by relevant certificates, copies of the obtained post-graduate degree/s, publications etc., as well as a copy of their dissertation/s, to the Scholarships Committee.

l) The scholarship recipient shall mention in his/her dissertation, as well as in scientific publications - as he/she deems fit - that he/she is or has been a scholarship recipient of the "Andreas Mentzelopoulos Scholarships for the University of Patras".

m) He/she shall abide by the obligations of the present Regulations.

Should any issues that are not included in the present Provisions arise during the scholarship programmes, these are settled by the Scholarships Committee.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MODIFY OR SUPPLEMENT THE SCHOLARSHIP PROVISIONS, ACCORDING TO THEIR JUDGMENT AND AT ANY TIME, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL OF RECTORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS.