

**Conditions and Procedure for Granting and Payment of Doctoral Scholarships
at the
Estonian Academy of Arts**

1. Granting doctoral scholarships

- 1.1. A doctoral scholarship is a financial grant to a doctoral student to facilitate the dedication of the student to doctoral studies and research and to cover the expenses of acquiring education.
- 1.2. No application is required to receive a doctoral scholarship.
- 1.3. A doctoral scholarship can be granted to a doctoral student who:
 - 1.3.1. is a citizen of Estonia or lives in Estonia as a long-term resident or under a fixed-term residence permit or a permanent or fixed-term right of residence;
 - 1.3.2. is enrolled in doctoral studies with full or partial load if he/she is not required to compensate for tuition costs;
 - 1.3.3. has not exceeded the nominal duration of the curriculum;
 - 1.3.4. has been attested under the conditions and pursuant to the procedure established by the Academy Council or is a first-year doctoral student.
- 1.4. A doctoral scholarship shall not be granted to a doctoral student who is on academic leave or whose duration of studies has exceeded the nominal duration, except for a doctoral student studying on a partial load who is entitled to a doctoral scholarship during a period longer than the nominal duration according to the time the student has been studying on a partial load.
- 1.5. A doctoral student shall not be entitled to a doctoral scholarship during the time the student receives a scholarship from a foreign government, an international or intergovernmental organisation or the representative office of a cooperation programme.
- 1.6. A doctoral student shall be entitled to a doctoral scholarship beginning from September for 12 consecutive months, or, if the nominal duration of his/her curriculum ends in the middle of the calendar year, for the respective number of calendar months.
- 1.7. The board of the Doctoral School shall decide on the granting of doctoral scholarships by 10 October.

2. Payment of doctoral scholarships

- 2.1. Doctoral scholarships shall be paid by the 20th day of each month, with the exception of the scholarship for September, which shall be paid in October. Payments shall be made on the basis of the student roll as of the 15th date.

- 2.2. Doctoral scholarships shall be paid by the Financial Department on the basis of the rector's order, which is based on a decision of the board of the Doctoral School.
- 2.3. Doctoral scholarships shall be paid every year in the amount established by the state budget. The doctoral scholarship paid to a doctoral student who meets the requirements of clause 1.3 and studies on a partial load shall be a proportionate amount of the scholarship established by the state budget corresponding to his/her load of studies.
- 2.4. The payment of a doctoral scholarship shall be terminated from the month following the month when the doctoral student failed an attestation. In the event of successful re-attestation, payment of the scholarship shall be continued from the month following the month of re-attestation until the end of the scholarship period.
- 2.5. A doctoral student who has been re-attested may apply for a doctoral scholarship in the new academic year.
- 2.6. The payment of a doctoral scholarship to a student having applied for academic leave shall be terminated from the academic month following the beginning of the academic leave.
- 2.7. A doctoral student who is on academic leave at the time of the granting of scholarships shall be granted a doctoral scholarship from the academic month following the end date of the academic leave until the beginning of the next academic year. The payment of a doctoral scholarship to a doctoral student returning from an academic leave shall be continued from where it was terminated, i.e. the amount of scholarship already paid shall be deducted from the scholarship granted before the student went on academic leave. A doctoral student shall submit a relevant application for the commencement or continuation of scholarship payments.

3. Termination of payment and recovery of doctoral scholarships

- 3.1. If it is established that a doctoral student did not comply with the conditions for receiving a doctoral scholarship at the time of the granting of the scholarship and that the student was or had to be aware of the non-compliance, the payment of the doctoral scholarship to the doctoral student shall be terminated and the student shall lose the right to apply for and receive scholarships during the academic year in which the payment was terminated and the following academic year.
- 3.2. In the event described in clause 3.1, the doctoral scholarship paid to the doctoral student shall be recovered and transferred to the doctoral scholarships fund.