

Terms and Conditions of the SBE International Business Scholarship

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1. Aims and objectives

Maastricht University (UM) aims to further strengthen its position as a leading European university offering high-quality education with an international orientation. To this end, the university implements a proactive recruitment policy for international students. UM's School of Business and Economics (SBE) offers a scholarship for its three-year bachelor programme International Business to talented students from South Africa, Brazil and Mexico with the interest to expand their global education: **the SBE International Business Scholarship.**

2. Rights and obligations

2.1. These Rules & Regulations apply to all SBE International Business Scholarship holders.

2.2. UM accepts no liability for the consequences of illness, accidents, etc., or any other risk that the acceptance of a SBE International Business Scholarship may entail for the scholarship holder.

2.3. The scholarship holder may not be holding another scholarship of, or receive funding from, UM or another organisation that would give any overlapping benefits without UM's prior written approval. Failure to notify UM will lead to termination of the SBE International Business Scholarship.

2.4. Scholarship holders give permission to enter their personal data and study results in a database to be used at UM's discretion to provide information to other, related (non-commercial) organisations.

2.5. The scholarship consists of the allowance mentioned in the award letter. Scholarship holders must cover any other costs themselves.

3. Duration of the scholarship

3.1. The scholarship is renewable every year for the duration of the bachelor's programme International Business on the express condition that scholarship awarded students:

- Fulfil all study requirements within given time;
- Maintain an overall GPA of at least 70% each year;

- Assist, on average, 4 hours per month in student recruitment activities.

3.2. Scholarship holders must leave the Netherlands in no more than 14 days after the expiration/termination of the scholarship or earlier if their residence permit expires. Articles 7.2, 7.3 and 7.4 of these Terms and Conditions apply.

3.3. UM may terminate the scholarship at any time during the scholarship period if UM considers it evident that the scholarship holder will not be able to successfully complete the programme or course. UM will keep track of the scholarship holder's progress. In case of termination, articles 7.2, 7.3 and 7.4 of these Terms and Conditions apply.

3.4. UM has the right to terminate the scholarship at any time if the information on the scholarship holder's application form is false or misleading. In case of termination the articles 7.2, 7.3 and 7.4 of these Terms and Conditions apply.

4. Insurance

4.1. UM will arrange an insurance passport for the scholarship holder. The insurance covers:

- medical treatment;
- theft or loss of luggage during travelling;
- accidents;
- repatriation in case of an emergency (a flight home); and
- third party liability.

4.2. Scholarship holders are covered for the period mentioned in the award letter. Scholarship holders who stay longer will need to personally extend and pay for additional insurance. **Being in the Netherlands without valid insurance is an offence and will disqualify the scholarship holder for residence in the Netherlands.** Article 7 of these Terms and Conditions applies.

- 4.3. The insurance passport does not cover treatment for medical conditions that existed before the start of the scholarship (including pregnancy). Scholarship holders should read the policy carefully to ensure they understand the details of the cover provided and know how to make a claim.

5. During the scholarship

5.1 Under a residence permit for study, scholarship holders are allowed to work for a maximum of ten hours a week provided that the temporary employer has obtained a work permit for international staff. UM scholarship holders are strongly advised against taking up regular jobs in the Netherlands given the programme's heavy workload.

5.2 Scholarship holders must complete the programme for which they were granted scholarships to the best of their ability. They must be prepared at any time to provide the UM Scholarship Office with information concerning the progress of their programme, and to cooperate fully in any form of programme evaluation carried out by UM, including attending any meetings organised by the Scholarship Office for scholarship holders.

5.3 The scholarship is granted for the programme for which its holder submitted the application. Requests for a change of study programme under the SBE International Business Scholarship will only be considered by UM in exceptional cases and must meet the following criteria.

- The request is accompanied by an explanation;
- The requested programme is taught at SBE;
- The request is presented to the UM Scholarship Committee directly together with a no-objection declaration from the scholarship holder study adviser;
- The change in programme does not affect the budget of the SBE International Business Scholarship
- The requested programme takes place in the same period as the original programme
- The application for the change of programme is made no later than one month after the starting date of the original programme.

If the scholarship holder changes programme without the prior written consent of UM or after UM declines the request, UM can terminate the scholarship.

5.3 Deferral of scholarships is not possible.

6. Scholarship Allowance

- 6.1 The scholarship allowance is a contribution to the scholarship holder's study and living expenses in the Netherlands.
- 6.2 The scholarship does not provide for the cost of bringing any scholarship holder's friends, acquaintances or family members to the Netherlands or of supporting them, nor will they be given assistance by UM in any way to obtain residence permits.

7. Termination of the scholarship

7.1. The scholarship can be terminated immediately amongst other reasons if the scholarship holder:

- provides/provided wrong, false or incomplete information;
- has disturbed order at UM and faces action in accordance with article 7.57h of the Higher Education and Research Act;
- fails to observe the Terms and Conditions of the SBE International Business Scholarship or refuses to act in accordance with oral or written instructions issued to them by UM in connection with the scholarship;
- arrives in the Netherlands too late to attend the start of the programme, through his or her own fault;
- falls short of the requirements of the study programme;
- voluntarily withdraws from the programme, or is obliged to withdraw through his or her own fault;
- changes his or her study programme without prior written consent of UM;
- defies the conditions outlined in Article 6;
- terminates his or her registration as a student.

7.2. If the scholarship is terminated on the grounds mentioned in Article 7.1, the scholarship holder can be required to return any payments made by UM.

7.3. If the scholarship is terminated, its holder is not entitled to the remainder scholarship.

7.4. If the scholarship is terminated or expires, Article 3.1 of these Terms and Conditions applies. UM is not liable or responsible for the scholarship holder on expiry of the period mentioned in Article 3.1 of these Terms and Conditions.

Against decisions based on these Terms and Conditions, which are subject to the rules regarding appeal as laid down in the Dutch Act "Algemene Wet Bestuursrecht", can be lodged an appeal according to the above mentioned Act.