

TOBB UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP REGULATION for UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

(Adopted by the Senate decision dated 22.06.2017 and numbered S-2017-13/03.)

SECTION ONE

Purpose, Scope, Basis and Definitions

Purpose

ARTICLE 1 – (1) The purpose of this Regulation is to regulate the practices regarding scholarships that will encourage the success of students in various fields in order to increase the quality of education at TOBB University of Economics and Technology.

Scope

ARTICLE 2 – (1) This Regulation covers the regulations regarding scholarships to students enrolled in foreign language preparatory and undergraduate programs of TOBB University of Economics and Technology.

Basis

ARTICLE 3 – (1) This Regulation was prepared based on the Higher Education Law No. 2547, TOBB University of Economics and Technology Main Regulation and the Approval of the Board of Trustees dated 13.07.2014 on scholarship principles.

Definitions

ARTICLE 4 – (1) In this Regulation;

- a) University (TOBB ETÜ): TOBB University of Economics and Technology,
- b) ÖSYM: Assessment, Selection and Placement Center,
- c) LYS: Undergraduate Placement Exam conducted by ÖSYM,
- ç) ÖSYS Guide: Student Selection and Placement System Higher Education Programs and Quotas Guide published by ÖSYM.

SECTION TWO

ÖSYS Quota Scholarships

Full scholarship

ARTICLE 5 – (1) This is the type of scholarship that provides exemption from the entire tuition fee. Full scholarship students benefit from the support scholarships in the fifth section of this guideline.

Partial scholarship

ARTICLE 6 – (1) This is the type of scholarship that provides exemption from the portion of the tuition fee ranging from 25% to 75%. Partial scholarship students cannot benefit from support scholarships.

International Science Olympiads Scholarship

ARTICLE 7 – (1) Students who have won a degree in the International Science Olympiads recognized by TÜBİTAK and who have been placed in any undergraduate program of TOBB ETÜ are provided with an International Science Olympiad Scholarship provided that they meet the following conditions:

- a) Having won a gold, silver or bronze medal in any of the Olympiads, including IOI in Computer Science, IBO in Biology, IPhO in Physics, IChO in Chemistry or IMO in Mathematics,
 - b) Being in the top 50,000 in the score type of the department they have been placed in at TOBB ETÜ.
- (2) Those who have won a gold medal in the International Science Olympiads benefit from all the scholarships and opportunities offered to students who have won full scholarships in their departments from the top 100 according to the LYS, those who have won silver medals from the top 500 and those who have won bronze medals from the top 1000.

National Science Olympiads Scholarship

ARTICLE 8 – (1) Students, who are placed in any undergraduate program of TOBB ETÜ and who have won a place in the National Science Olympiads recognized by TÜBİTAK and organized for high school students, are provided with a National Science Olympiads Scholarship within the quota determined by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the Senate, provided that they meet the following conditions:

- a) Having won a gold or silver medal in any of the branches of computer science, biology, physics, chemistry, or mathematics,
 - b) Being in the top 50,000 in the score type of the department they are placed in at TOBB ETÜ.
- (2) Those who win a gold medal in the National Science Olympiads benefit from all the scholarships and opportunities offered to students who are among the top 2,500 in their departments, and those who win a silver medal benefit from all the scholarships offered to students who are among the top 5,000 in their departments.

SECTION THREE

Special Scholarships

Scholarships for children of martyrs

ARTICLE 9 – (1) Children of martyrs who register for programs other than full scholarships are provided with tuition fee exemption within the quota determined by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees upon the proposal of the Senate each year according to the score type they earned the right to register, and those residing outside the central districts of Ankara are provided with the opportunity to use the Guesthouse free of charge.

(2) Those who are placed in programs other than full scholarships and wish to register under the Children of Martyrs Scholarship quota at the beginning of the academic year make their preliminary applications within the period announced for registration. If the applications exceed the quota at the end of the period, those who have gained the right to register based on their LYS achievement rankings will register from the quota of children of martyrs, and those who have not won will register from the quota of the program they were placed in will register on the first following business day.

(3) Students who have one of their parents killed after enrolling in the university may also benefit from this scholarship within the total quota for children of martyrs foreseen for that year. The scholarship under this paragraph shall be valid as of the beginning of the term following the date of martyrdom, upon documenting that the student's mother or father was killed. The scholarship period is limited to 5 years + 1 term starting from the date of enrollment in the university.

(4) If there is a quota remaining after the completion of registrations according to the LYS results, children of martyrs who enroll in the university through Lateral Transfer shall benefit from this scholarship. In calculating the scholarship period, the date the student first registered in any higher education institution according to the LYS result shall be taken as basis.

(5) If the applications exceed the quota, the LYS success rankings shall be taken as basis.

Scholarship for postgraduate studies abroad

ARTICLE 10 – (1) Graduates who complete programs of the University other than the Faculty of Medicine within the normal period stipulated in Law No. 2547 are provided with scholarships for their postgraduate program education abroad. Those whose applications for postgraduate scholarships are accepted under this article must sign a commitment stating that they accept the compulsory service obligation for a period to be determined in proportion to the period of education they will receive with scholarship before starting the postgraduate program.

(2) Graduates who are placed in the University with the score type they entered in the top 100 in the LYS ranking and with their first preference can only benefit from the scholarship for postgraduate education. In order for candidates to apply for this scholarship, the higher education institution from which they are accepted for postgraduate education must be among the top 30 in the World's Best Universities ranking published by U.S. News & World Report as of the year before the acceptance year. The compulsory service obligation for those whose applications are accepted under this paragraph is twice the period of education they will receive with scholarship. The following opportunities are provided by the University to scholarship holders within this scope:

a) 60 percent of the annual tuition fee of the higher education institution to which the student is accepted (up to a maximum of 30 thousand US Dollars) is paid.

b) The student's round-trip flight ticket (economy class) to the relevant country for his/her postgraduate education is covered by the University.

(3) For graduates other than those included in the second paragraph, a postgraduate or doctoral scholarship is provided upon the opinion of the Scholarship Evaluation Committee established by the Rectorate and with the approval of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, in accordance with the following principles:

a) The program to which the student is accepted must have an equivalent at the University.

b) The university to which the student will be accepted or the department in which the program is carried out must be among the top 10 in terms of scientific level according to internationally accepted criteria.

c) The student's situation is evaluated in terms of the level of achievement in the program he/she graduated from and the scope of the postgraduate education he/she will undertake.

ç) The Scholarship Evaluation Committee determines to what extent the opportunities in the second paragraph of this article will be provided to the student who is entitled to the scholarship.

d) The compulsory service obligation for those whose applications are accepted under this paragraph is determined by the Scholarship Evaluation Committee to be at least twice the period of their education with a scholarship.

Scholarship for foreign language education abroad

ARTICLE 11 – (1) Students who are placed in the Faculty of Medicine with the first preference and in the first 100 points in the Undergraduate Placement Exam (LYS) ranking are provided with a total support of up to 5000 US Dollars for a maximum of four months to spend one semester of their preparatory class education in an institution abroad approved by the University. This support covers the tuition fee of the educational institution abroad and the round-trip plane ticket to the relevant country. The student's living allowance payment continues during this period.

SECTION FOUR

Scholarships Based on Achievement during Education

Educational Achievement Scholarship

ARTICLE 12 – (1) In order to encourage their success in the education process, undergraduate program students who register outside the full scholarship category are provided with an Educational Achievement Scholarship if they meet the conditions specified in this article.

(2) The quotas for the Educational Achievement Scholarship are determined on the condition that they do not exceed 5 percent of the weighted ÖSYS quota (the quota calculated according to the percentage of the number of students with equivalent fees in the faculties to the number of TOBB ETÜ students with equivalent fees) of each faculty, excluding the full scholarship status. Students who meet the Educational Achievement Scholarship application conditions are ranked according to their general grade point averages for each faculty and are given to the most successful students under the achievement scholarship quotas of the faculties.

(3) In order to be eligible for the Education Achievement Scholarship, a student registered to a faculty other than the Faculty of Medicine must;

a) Complete at least three semesters of the undergraduate program at TOBB ETÜ,

b) Successfully complete at least 45 credits of courses in the undergraduate program,

c) Have a General Academic Grade Point Average of at least 3.50,

ç) Have no failed courses with an FF grade in their academic history or, if they have an FF grade, have another course with a passing grade substituted for the course they took,

(4) Only courses taken at TOBB ETÜ are valid to be eligible for the Education Achievement Scholarship. Courses taken from other institutions and deemed equivalent in a way that they will appear as letter grades on their transcripts at TOBB ETÜ are not taken into account in the evaluation of the achievement scholarship. (5) A student who is eligible for the Education Achievement Scholarship is granted a tuition fee exemption for a single subsequent semester. Students cannot use their achievement scholarship rights during joint education periods.

(6) After a term in which a student is entitled to the Educational Achievement Scholarship, he/she may be entitled to the Educational Achievement Scholarship again for a new academic term by meeting the conditions specified in this article.

(7) The terms of leave are not counted as one of the three terms to be completed at TOBB ETÜ.

(8) International Entrepreneurship Department students who are entitled to the Educational Achievement Scholarship are only exempt from TOBB ETÜ tuition fees.

(9) If a student registered to the Faculty of Medicine has a General Academic Grade Point Average of at least 3.50 at the end of the academic year in which he/she is registered, the student is entitled to the Educational Achievement Scholarship in the following academic year and is exempt from the tuition fee for one year in which he/she will study. After the academic year in which he/she is entitled to the Educational Achievement Scholarship, students of the Faculty of Medicine may be entitled to the Educational Achievement Scholarship again for a new academic year by meeting the conditions specified in this article.

(10) If a student who is entitled to the Educational Achievement Scholarship takes a leave in the first following academic term, he/she may use the tuition fee exemption in the first academic term he/she returns from leave and starts studying.

(11) A student who enrolls in TOBB ETU through lateral transfer and has previously taken courses from another university to be counted in TOBB ETU will not take into account the grades he/she receives from these courses in order to be eligible to apply for the Education Achievement Scholarship. The student must meet the required conditions with the courses he/she has taken at TOBB ETU and the letter grades he/she has received.

Sports achievement scholarship

ARTICLE 13 – (1) Students who achieve outstanding achievement in individual sports branches during their education and who win first place in international competitions organized or participated by the University Sports Federation are exempted from tuition fees in the following academic year.

(2) Those who win first place in national competitions organized by the University Sports Federation in individual sports branches are exempted from 50% of the tuition fee under the same conditions.

(3) Scholarships under this article are provided to students whose status is determined by the University Health, Sports and Promotion Directorate at the beginning of each academic year and whose status is approved by the University Board of Directors.

(4) Depending on the disciplinary penalty received due to sports activities, the student's Sports Achievement Scholarship may be cancelled by the University Board of Directors.

SECTION FIVE

Support Scholarships

Living allowance

ARTICLE 14 – (1) Monthly Living Allowance (YKP) is paid to students studying with full scholarship status according to the categories specified in the ÖSYS Guide in terms of placement score type.

(2) Students who are in the top 100 in any score type in the LYS achievement ranking, but register for a program they prefer first according to a different score type, are deemed entitled to receive the same amount of YKP as students who are placed in the top 100 in the relevant program.

(3) YKP payment is paid for a maximum of 10 months for preparatory class students and 11 months for undergraduate program students within an academic year, valid from the beginning of the month the student registers and limited to the duration of the quota scholarship.

Payment of YKP in the co-op education program

ARTICLE 15 – (1) Full scholarship students who will participate in the co-op education application will be paid the Living Allowance by deducting the amount paid by the institution they are placed in during the co-op education period.

(2) If specified in the co-op education protocol, the living allowance of scholarship students who receive co-op education in an institution that does not pay fees due to its legislation and structure will not be deducted during the co-op education period.

Housing assistance during the course period

ARTICLE 16 – (1) Full scholarship students whose families reside outside the central districts of Ankara benefit from the Housing Assistance during the course periods. Housing Assistance is applied in the form of free accommodation in the Student Guesthouse (Guesthouse) of the University. Accommodation conditions in the Student Guesthouse are regulated by a separate Regulation.

Housing assistance in the co-op education program

ARTICLE 17 – (1) Full scholarship students who participate in the co-op education application in Ankara continue to have the right to benefit from the TOBB ETÜ Student Guesthouse.

(2) Regardless of whether they are entitled to benefit from TOBB ETÜ Student Guesthouse, all full scholarship students can receive Housing Assistance in an amount determined by the University Board of Directors for their accommodation in cities outside Ankara within the scope of the co-op education application:

- (a) The student indicates their request for housing assistance in the housing assistance form that they will receive from the Student Affairs Directorate.
- (b) During the co-op education program, housing assistance is paid for the period starting seven days before the program start date and covering the seventh day following the completion of the program.
- (c) Housing assistance is not provided to students who participate in the co-op education program in a city other than Ankara where their family resides. However, if these students apply with a petition, their situation is evaluated by the Co-op Education and Career Development Coordination Board of Directors (OEKGY) by taking into account the transportation distance between the company they will be doing co-op education with and the place where their family resides and the traffic conditions of the city; housing assistance is provided to students whose conditions are found to be positive upon the decision of the University Board of Directors upon the opinion of the Board.

SECTION SIX

Duration of Scholarships

Maximum duration of scholarships

ARTICLE 18 – (1) The maximum duration of full scholarship, partial scholarship, National and International Science Olympiads scholarship and children of martyrs' scholarship specified in this Regulation is eight years for the Faculty of Medicine, five years for other programs and an additional period, starting from the date of registration to the University.

(2) The periods spent by students in the preparatory class are included in the maximum scholarship period.

(3) If there are any support scholarships for scholarship students who are suspended from the University for at least one semester due to a disciplinary investigation, they will be cut off for the periods during which the disciplinary penalty is applied. The period during which the student is suspended is deducted from the maximum scholarship period.

(4) During the periods in which students are on leave under the Undergraduate Education and Examination Regulation of TOBB University of Economics and Technology, living expenses are not paid and the student cannot benefit from the Guesthouse. The period during which the student is on leave is not counted towards the maximum scholarship period.

(5) Except for the case of leave, the scholarship status of students who do not register for two consecutive semesters in the preparatory class or three semesters in total during the undergraduate program will be cancelled.

(6) The current scholarships of students participating in the European Union Education and Youth Programs (YKP and accommodation assistance) will not be cut due to participation in these programs.

The duration of the support scholarships

ARTICLE 19 – (1) Support scholarships are provided for a maximum of 10 months in the preparatory class and 11 months in the undergraduate program within an academic year, effective from the last registration date specified in the academic calendar when the student is registered to the University and as long as the student continues his/her education.

(2) Support scholarships are terminated after the add-drop date of the relevant term in case the quota scholarship is suspended for any reason such as leave or failure to renew registration; they are started from the add-drop date of the term in which the student is re-registered.

(3) The living allowance of a student who is deemed eligible for graduation is terminated as of the date this right is acquired; the right to benefit from housing assistance is at most seven days after this date. The housing assistance of a student who will be eligible for graduation when he/she completes his/her

last co-op education may be extended for a maximum of 10 days in addition to this period for the presentation of the joint education.

(4) In case of termination of the relationship for a reason other than graduation, the living allowance and housing assistance are terminated as of the date the relationship is terminated.

(5) If the requests of students who meet all the conditions required for graduation are accepted within the maximum scholarship period and within the scope of the sixth paragraph of the Article 6 of the Undergraduate Education and Examination Regulation of TOBB University of Economics and Technology, the tuition fee exemption will continue; however, the living allowance and accommodation allowance will be cut.

Duration of scholarships for double major and minor programs

ARTICLE 20 – (1) The scholarship status of students registered in double major and minor programs who do not complete their major program within the maximum scholarship period ends.

(2) A maximum of two additional terms of scholarship will be added for the second major program of a graduating student who has taken and passed all the courses required to be taken in the first major program before the maximum scholarship period or by the end of the maximum scholarship period and has completed three joint education obligations (two of the joint education terms from the major program and one from the second major program). No living allowance will be paid to the student during the additional scholarship period granted, but the student's tuition fee exemption and guesthouse fee exemption will continue.

SECTION SEVEN

Other Provisions

Types and amounts of scholarships

ARTICLE 21- (1) The scholarship quotas under this Regulation are determined by the Senate, and the scholarship types and amounts are determined by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees upon the opinion of the TOBB ETU Board of Directors.

Winning more than one type of scholarship

ARTICLE 22- (1) Except for partial scholarships, the highest amount of scholarship is given to the student who is entitled to a scholarship in more than one category at the same time.

Refunding scholarships

ARTICLE 23- (1) Except for the scholarship for postgraduate education abroad specified in Article 10, all scholarships specified in this Regulation are non-refundable.

Conditions for not benefiting from scholarships

ARTICLE 24- (1) Existing TOBB ETÜ students, those who have left or been dismissed from TOBB ETÜ and four-year university graduates may only register with a fee-based status even if they are placed in the scholarship quotas at TOBB ETÜ.

Students registered before the 2010-2011 academic year

TEMPORARY ARTICLE 1 – (1) Unless the general academic grade point average or academic year weighted average of students registered before the 2010-2011 academic year falls below 2.50 (2.00 for foreign students), these students are not subject to the limit of maximum duration for scholarships. Among these students, if their grade point average falls below 2.50 during the maximum duration for scholarships, the living allowance will be cut off, but the fee exemption and accommodation assistance will continue until the end of this period.

(2) The grade point average calculation, which is the basis for the termination of scholarships or re-entitlement to scholarships for students under this article, is made as of the academic year.

Duration of scholarships for the double major program

TEMPORARY ARTICLE 2–(1) For students who were accepted to the double major program before the effective date of this Regulation, a maximum of three semesters will be added to the second major scholarship period for students who have passed all courses in the major undergraduate program and completed at least two co-op educations by the end of the 5-year+1 semester scholarship period, and a maximum of four semesters will be added to the second major scholarship period for students who graduated from the major undergraduate program before the 5-year+1 semester scholarship period.

Foreign language education scholarship abroad for the period before the 2017-2018 academic year

PROVISIONAL ARTICLE 3–(1) For students who were placed in the Faculty of Medicine before the 2017-2018 academic year with the score type they entered in the top 100 in the LYS ranking and with their first preference, the support for the foreign language education scholarship abroad covers the tuition fee of the educational institution abroad and the round-trip plane ticket to the relevant country. The student's living allowance payment continues during this period.

National athlete scholarship for the period before the 2017-2018 academic year

PROVISIONAL ARTICLE 4– (1) Students who were entitled to receive a national athlete scholarship before the 2017-2018 academic year will continue to be exempt from tuition fees as long as they are on the national team.

Duration of scholarship for the minor program

TEMPORARY ARTICLE 5 – (1) For students accepted to the minor program before the effective date of this Regulation; as of the end of the 5-year+1-semester duration of scholarship, a maximum of one semester is added to the minor program scholarship for students graduating from their major undergraduate program, and for students graduating from the major undergraduate program before the 5-year+1-semester period, a maximum of two semesters are added to the minor program scholarship period.

Students who registered before the 2016-2017 academic year

TEMPORARY ARTICLE 6– (1) (Added: Senate Decision No. 25/3 dated 20.12.2017) Students who registered before the 2016-2017 academic year are not subject to the quota limitation regarding the educational achievement scholarship in Article 12, effective from the fall semester of the 2016-2017 academic year.

The repealed Regulation

ARTICLE 25 – (1) The Undergraduate Program Scholarship Regulation, accepted by the Senate session's decision numbered S-2014-14, dated 24.07.2014, has been abolished.

Entry into force

ARTICLE 26 – (1) This Regulation, accepted by the Senate's decision numbered S-2017-13/03, dated 22.06.2017, shall enter into force at the beginning of the 2017-2018 academic year.

Execution

ARTICLE 27 – (1) The Rector of TOBB University of Economics and Technology shall execute the provisions of this Regulation.