



UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS

**“ANDREAS MENTZELOPOULOS SCHOLARSHIPS
FOR STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS”**

SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE

REGULATIONS

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A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Andreas Mentzelopoulos family grants scholarships for undergraduate and postgraduate studies at the University of Patras. All students studying to School of Natural Sciences, School of Engineering, School of Health Sciences, the Department of Economics, the Department of Business Administration, the Department of Primary Education, and the Department of Educational Sciences & Early Childhood Education, are eligible to apply for a scholarship, from their first-year of studies. Priority is given to candidates from the Prefecture of Achaia.

The Scholarships are named "**Andreas Mentzelopoulos Scholarships for Studies at the University of Patras**". The Scholarships sponsor is Mrs Corinne Mentzelopoulos.

The Scholarships Committee for the evaluation of applications and the management of scholarships is structured as follows:

Committee President: Professor George Dassios.

Members: Mrs. Vassiliki Mentzelopoulos, on behalf of Mentzelopoulos family,
Professor George Kostopoulos,
Professor Michael Fardis, and
Professor Dimitrios Skouras.

The candidate's grades for entering the University, their academic record (for second year on undergraduates and graduates) as well as 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 September, every year.

The granted scholarships are only for full-time under-graduate and postgraduate studies (Masters and Ph.D.). Applications, which concern distant learning or part-time courses, are not accepted.

B. PARTICULAR PROVISIONS

Number of Scholarships

The Number of scholarships that will be available each year is as follows:

Ten (10) for undergraduate studies,

Two (2) for postgraduate studies at the Master level,

One (1) for the completion of a Ph.D. thesis.

This number may change according to Scholarships Committee decisions.

Undergraduate Studies

In order for a scholarship to be awarded, candidates should fulfill the following criteria:

- a. First year undergraduates: The candidates' achievement marks for entering the University will be considered by the Committee. Furthermore, candidates have to pass the written exam and/or interview set by the Scholarships Committee. The topics and the exam questions are determined in relation to the candidates' specialized

programmes of study. The exam and/or interview take place at the of October. Only those students the application of which was found eligible by the Committee will participate to the exams.

- b. All other undergraduates: to have passed all their courses and have maintained a high average grade in their previous academic year.
- c. All candidates: To be in a position to prove that they do not have adequate financial means to cover their living and maintenance expenses.

The scholarships are primarily aimed at first year undergraduates and scholarship renewal for each succeeding year is possible, provided the criteria (b) and (c) above are fulfilled.

The amount of the scholarship is 5000 Euros per year, maximum, and is awarded in two installments during the year. The scholarships for undergraduate studies can be provided for four years.

If a student fails once to meet the criteria for scholarship renewal due to extraneous circumstances, he/she is allowed to reapply for continuation, under the following condition: successful completion of all course requirements (as in (b)) in the intervening year.

Postgraduate studies

Undergraduate "Andreas Mentzelopoulos" Scholars are encouraged to apply for Postgraduate Studies (Masters, Ph.D.) in the University of Patras".

In order to be awarded a scholarship, candidates should fulfill the following criteria:

- a. To have a highly evaluated bachelor's degree.
- b. To be in a position to prove that they do not have adequate financial means to cover their living and maintenance expenses.

Additional criteria:

- a. Relevance of their undergraduate degree to the Master's programme for which the candidate has applied.
- b. The field of specialization should demonstrably lead to the creation of new knowledge, the advancement of current knowledge, or to innovative products/procedures. Furthermore those students whose scientific discipline covers immediate employment needs will be given a relative priority.

The amount of the scholarship for a Master's degree is 5,000 Euros maximum and is awarded in two installments during the year.

Upon completion of their Master's programme, students can further apply for a Scholarship to pursue a Ph.D. programme. It is at the discretion of the Scientific Committee to consider new applications subject to the availability of funds, the quality of the research proposal, current research needs, etc. The amount of the scholarship for a Ph.D. degree is 10,000 Euros maximum per year.

Scholarships are granted for one year for a Master's degrees and maximum for 3 years for a Ph.D. degree. Their renewal, at the end of each academic year, depends on the candidate's academic performance. The committee reserves the right to terminate or suspend a scholarship if it decides that there are serious reasons to do so. A student can apply directly for a scholarship for a master or a Ph.D.. Acceptance of the application is at the discretion of the Scholarships Committee.

C. 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 Scholarships Committee for the "Andreas Mentzelopoulos Scholarships for the University of Patras".

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

D. EVALUATION PROCEDURE

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

1. First year undergraduates: The candidate's grades for entering the University will be considered by the Committee, as well as his/her financial situation.
2. All other undergraduates: to have passed all their courses and have maintained a high average grade in their previous academic years.
3. Candidates for a Masters Degree: To have a high grade Bachelor Degree.
4. In case of Ph.D. candidates, the topic of their thesis. Apart from the above, it is also taken in to 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.

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.

E. DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The duration of each scholarship is calculated in academic years. The scholarships for undergraduate studies can be provided for four years. The scholarship is granted yearly and

has to be renewed yearly for the Committee to check the records of the student. Scholarships are granted for one year for a Master's degrees and maximum for 3 years for a Ph.D. degree.

Suspension of the scholarship at the beginning or in the interim of studies is not provided for, except for exceptional occasions and after the Scholarships Committee's decision. On the other hand, suspension of the scholarship is not provided in case of military service, i.e., the student must have deferment or legal exemption from military service in order to obtain a scholarship.

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. academic performance, financial situation, conformity to these regulations etc.) that may necessitate this.

F. TYPE AND PAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The annual total funds granted to each scholarship recipient is provided in two instalments in the beginning of each academic semester. 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 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.

G. 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) All scholarship recipients are obliged to support teaching procedures in the University of Patras, by offering their assistance to their fellow classmates, when they are asked for. Teaching obligations cannot be more than 60 hours per semester. Their assistance will be incorporated into the Department educational procedures. The Department Registrar will report to the Scholarships Committee at the end of each academic year.
- b) The postgraduate programme shall be within the field of studies in which he/she has been accepted and not deviate from this.
- c) He/she shall be wholly dedicated to post-graduate studies throughout the duration of the scholarship.
- d) The scholarship recipient is not expected to move from Patras 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.

- e) 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.
- f) 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.
- g) Upon the start of his/her studies, postgraduate scholarship recipients will notify the Scholarships Committee of the Supervisor's name.
- h) Every six months, the scholarship recipient will 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. For Ph.D. candidates, the supervisor must also submit an annual report regarding the progress of the candidate.
- 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 (Pro rata temporis).
- 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.
- i) 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 Studies in 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 RECTOR' S COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS.