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The University of Macau Guidelines for UM Macao PhD Scholarship (Approved by Finance Management Committee on 15 March 2018)

1. Background and Purpose

1.1 The UM Macao PhD Scholarship (MPDS or the Scholarship) was established by the University of Macau (UM) in 2018, which aims at attracting excellent students in the world to pursue their PhD programmes in the UM.

2. Terms and Conditions

2.1 Eligibility

2.1.1 Those who are seeking admission as new full-time PhD students in the UM, irrespective of their country of origin, prior work experience and ethnic background, should be eligible to apply.

2.1.2 Bachelor or master students from reputable schools (e.g., top 200 universities of any recognized world university rankings or Project 985/211 universities in Mainland China are preferable).

2.2 Amount and Duration

2.2.1 The MPDS provides each awardee of the Scholarship (awardee) with a monthly stipend of MOP20,000 and a conference and research related travel allowance¹ of MOP10,000 per academic year for a period up to four years.

2.2.2 Tuition and/or any other kinds of fees that may incur during the course of studies of the awardee will not be covered by the Scholarship.

2.3 Application Process

2.3.1 Applicants are required to select full-time PhD programmes of the UM. They are required to submit application for the MPDS directly to the UM at the time when they submit application for admission.

2.3.2 Applicants are required to fully comply with the admission requirements of their selected programmes.

2.3.3 Candidates not selected for the MPDS award are eligible for regular PhD admission.

¹ The eligibility and disbursement of the research related travel allowance are subject to the prevailing regulations, rules and guidelines of the UM.



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2.4 Selection Criteria

2.4.1 While academic excellence is of principal consideration, the Selection Panels will take into account, but not limited to, the following criteria for the selection of candidates:

1. Academic excellence;
2. Research potential and ability;
3. Innovation skills;
4. Communication and interpersonal skills; and
5. Leadership abilities.

2.5 Other Conditions

2.5.1 An awardee must be a registered full-time PhD student of UM during the Scholarship period.

2.5.2 In the event that the admission offer made by the UM is conditional, the candidate concerned must comply with the conditions before he/she is eligible for the Scholarship.

2.5.3 Under normal circumstances an awardee should register in the fall semester. Disbursement of monthly Scholarship will start from August. However, an awardee may delay the student registration to the subsequent spring semester, the latest, if justifiable reasons are provided and accepted by the Graduate School (GRS) as well as the academic unit concerned. In such case, disbursement of monthly Scholarship will start from January.

2.5.4 Normally, an awardee is not permitted to concurrently register at another local or non-local tertiary institution. If concurrent registration takes effect without prior approval from the UM, the Scholarship will be terminated and the awardee is required to refund the Scholarship received after the effective date of concurrent registration.

2.5.5 An awardee is not permitted to undertake any part-time or full-time paid employment or appointment on and/or off campus during the Scholarship period unless exceptional approval has been given by the UM with strong justification and support from the academic unit concerned.

2.5.6 An awardee must observe all regulations, rules, guidelines and requirements prescribed by the UM. In the event that he/she is expelled from the UM in the course of the studies, the UM shall terminate the Scholarship.

2.5.7 An awardee is required to comply with the residence requirement of the UM.



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2.5.8 An awardee's eligibility for the Scholarship will be reviewed on an annual basis during the Scholarship period. The evaluation is based on the awardee's academic performance, supervisor's evaluation, and the degree of intellectual well roundedness as assessed by the academic unit concerned. Subject to the recommendation and endorsement from the relevant academic unit, an awardee will be eligible to receive the Scholarship in the subsequent year.

2.6 Duty of Scholarship Awardees

- 2.6.1 All scholarship awardees are required to engage in duties related to research, ancillary teaching and/or student services.
- 2.6.2 Every scholarship awardee is required to engage in a maximum of 10 hours of ancillary teaching per week.
- 2.6.3 An awardee is obliged to take part in activities to promote the UM Macao PhD Scholarship when necessary.

2.7 Discontinuation/Termination of Scholarship

- 2.7.1 The Scholarship shall be discontinued/terminated in either of the following situations:
 - a) change of programme of study without the approval of the UM;
 - b) drop out from the institution during the Scholarship period;
 - c) early completion of the programme by the awardee;
 - d) dismissal of the awardee by the UM;
 - e) unsatisfactory progress of studies as determined by the UM; and
 - f) termination of study by the UM.
- 2.7.2 The Scholarship that is discontinued/terminated cannot be resumed.
- 2.7.3 In the event that any misrepresentation, fraudulent, and non-disclosure of information during the application stage is detected, the Scholarship shall be terminated immediately and the awardee concerned is liable to refund in full the stipend and travel allowance paid under the MPDS.

2.8 Administration

- 2.8.1 The MPDS is administered by the GRS for selected candidates admitted as new full-time PhD students in the UM.



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2.9 Remarks

- 2.9.1 The above terms and conditions may be revised from time to time by the UM. In the event that changes are made, the updated terms and conditions will always supersede earlier versions, and the awardees will be informed of the changes accordingly.