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In accordance with Art. 66 par. 3 letters. c) internal regulation of the CU no. 5/2023 Statute of the Comenius University in Bratislava, in accordance with Art. 40 par. 1 of the JFMED CU internal regulation no. 12/2023 Statute of JFMED CU and in accordance with Art. 20 par. 1-3 of internal regulation CU no. 9/2018 (Scholarship regulations of the Comenius University in Bratislava) as amended by Addendum no. 1 to 4 after approval by the Management of JFMED CU on 1st of September 2025, I issue these Scholarship Regulations of the Jessenius Faculty of Medicine in Martin of the Comenius University in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as „scholarship regulations“).

FIRST PART INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

Art. 1 Subject of modification

This scholarship regulation regulates:

- a) details of the procedure for awarding and providing social scholarships to students of the faculty,
- b) procedure for awarding and providing incentive scholarships to students of the faculty,
- c) details of the procedure for awarding and providing a pregnancy scholarship to female students of the faculty,
- d) conditions for providing scholarships from the faculty's own resources,
- e) details on the provision of loans to faculty students from the scholarship fund,¹
- f) details on the creation, structure and use of the faculty's scholarship fund and
- g) details on the provision of scholarships to students of the faculty of doctoral study programs in full-time study.

Art. 2 Types of scholarships

- 1) Scholarships are a direct form of social support for students.²
- 2) CU provides to students³
 - a) social scholarships from funds provided for this purpose from the state budget,
 - b) incentive scholarships from funds provided for this purpose from the state budget,
 - c) pregnancy scholarships from funds provided for this purpose from the state budget,
 - d) scholarships from own resources.
- 3) CU awards incentive scholarships⁴ to students from specially-purposed funds of the state budget
 - a) in fields of study and study programs specified in the methodology for the allocation of subsidies from the state budget for public higher education institutions for the relevant

¹ § 96a sec. 5 of the Act on Higher Education

² § 97 sec. 2 of the Act on Higher Education

³ § 95 of the Act on Higher Education

⁴ § 96a of the Act on Higher Education

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- calendar year issued by the Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic (hereinafter referred to as a "field-specific scholarship"),
- b) for outstanding fulfilment of study obligations (hereinafter referred to as a "merit-based scholarship"),
 - c) for achieving an outstanding result in the field of study, research, development, artistic or sports activity (hereinafter referred to as an "extraordinary scholarship").
- 4) CU or an external educational institution provides students enrolled in full-time doctoral study programmes with a scholarship (hereinafter referred to as a "doctoral scholarship").
 - 5) Upon meeting the conditions established by these Scholarship Regulations or in the Scholarship Regulations of CU, a student may be awarded several types of scholarships at the same time in a given academic year.
 - 6) The Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic provides scholarships in accordance with the Higher Education Act.⁵

SECOND PART

SOCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE STATE BUDGET FUNDS

Art. 3

Awarding a social scholarship

- 1) Students of first- and second degree study programs, and of study programs under § 53(3) of the Higher Education Act, who have permanent residence in the Slovak Republic, or students who have been granted asylum, subsidiary protection, or temporary refuge, are granted a social scholarship upon fulfilling the prescribed conditions. The social scholarship contributes to covering the costs associated with study. Students have a legal entitlement to a social scholarship.⁶
- 2) A student is not entitled to a social scholarship, if they:
 - a) are enrolled in a first-degree study program, but have already obtained a first-degree university education;
 - b) have already obtained a second-level university education,
 - c) have already been awarded a social scholarship in the relevant academic year or part thereof in a study program of the relevant degree; for the purposes of this paragraph, the first three years of study in programs under §53(3) of the Higher Education Act are considered as study in a first-degree program and the fourth and subsequent years as study in a second-level study program, with the fourth year of a program under § 53(3) being regarded as the first year of the second-level study program and subsequent years accordingly; the period during which the student received a social scholarship in the relevant academic year shall be rounded up to full years;
 - d) are studying the relevant study program for longer than its standard duration; or
 - e) are enrolled in an external form of study.⁷
- 3) A student with special needs may be awarded a social scholarship even after exceeding the standard duration of study, if such extension is caused by their disability.⁸

⁵ § 94a of the Act on Higher Education

⁶ § 96 sec. 1 of the Act on Higher Education

⁷ § 96 sec. 2 of the Act on Higher Education

⁸ § 96 sec. 3 of the Act on Higher Education

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- 4) The income relevant for assessing eligibility for a social scholarship, the scope of persons assessed jointly, the income limit for entitlement, the amount of the scholarship, and other details regarding the awarding of social scholarships are regulated by a generally binding legal regulation issued by the Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic (hereinafter referred to as the "Ministry of Education").⁹
- 5) The provisions of Act No. 71/1967 Coll. on Administrative Proceedings (the Administrative Procedure Code), as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "Administrative Procedure Code"), apply to decisions on awarding social scholarships.
- 6) The entitlement to a social scholarship is decided by the dean of the faculty (hereinafter referred to as the "dean").¹⁰
- 7) A written application for a social scholarship shall be submitted by the student to the dean on the prescribed form through the faculty's study department. A student enrolled at more than one faculty may apply for a social scholarship at only one faculty. The application must be submitted in the academic year for which the social scholarship is to be provided, and at most one social scholarship may be awarded for the same period.¹¹
- 8) The student applying for a social scholarship is responsible for the accuracy of the information provided in the application.
- 9) The decision to award a social scholarship shall be issued in writing in accordance with the provisions of § 47 of the Administrative Procedure Code.
- 10) If a student does not meet the conditions for awarding a social scholarship, CU shall not grant the scholarship.¹²
- 11) CU provides the social scholarship in a monthly amount no later than the tenth day of the relevant calendar month to a bank account maintained in the Slovak Republic, the number of which the student provides in the scholarship application.¹³
- 12) Any social scholarship wrongfully received must be returned by the student in accordance with a specific regulation.¹⁴

Art. 4 **Appeal**

- 1) The student may file an appeal against a decision pursuant to Article 3, sec.9 in accordance with § 53 to 61 of the Administrative Procedure Code.
- 2) The appeal shall be submitted to the dean who issued the contested decision. The dean may decide on the appeal himself/herself if the appeal is upheld in full. If the dean does not decide on the appeal, they shall forward it, no later than 30 days from the date on which the appeal was received, together with the results of the supplementary proceedings and the case file, to the Ministry of Education, which is the appellate authority in decisions on the granting of a social scholarship, and shall notify the participant of the procedure.

⁹ Decree of the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic No. 102/2006 Coll. on the granting of social scholarships to students of higher education institutions, as amended.

¹⁰ § 96 sec.6 of the Higher Education Act; Article 49 sec. 4 of the Statute of Comenius University.

¹¹ § 6 of the Decree of the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic No. 102/2006 Coll. on the granting of social scholarships to students of higher education institutions, as amended.

¹² § 96 Section 6, second sentence, of the Higher Education Act.

¹³ § 96, sec. 8 of the Higher Education Act.

¹⁴ § 451 to 459 of Act No. 40/1964 Coll., the Civil Code, as amended.

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THIRD PART
INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED FROM THE STATE BUDGET AND PREGNANCY
SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED FROM THE STATE BUDGET

Art. 5

Granting of a field-specific scholarship

- 1) The faculty shall grant field-specific scholarships to full-time students enrolled in the fields of study and study programs specified in the methodology for the allocation of state budget subsidies to public higher education institutions for the relevant calendar year, as issued by the Ministry of Education.
- 2) The list of the faculty's fields of study and study programs whose students are eligible for a field-specific scholarship, including the number of scholarships allocated, shall be determined based on the state budget subsidy agreement concluded for the relevant calendar year between the Ministry of Education and Comenius University, taking into account the number of students in the designated fields of study and programs of the respective faculties as of 31 October of the preceding calendar year.
- 3) A field-specific scholarship is awarded to students
 - a) enrolled in bachelor's degree programs and to students in the first three years of study in degree programs pursuant to § 53 sec. 3 of the Act on Higher Education, in such a way that (after rounding) students in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year of study receive, within the given field of study or degree program, one third of the relevant number of scholarships each; if the number of scholarships in a given field of study or degree program is less than three or is not divisible by three, the faculty shall award the scholarship to students in the higher years of study.
 - b) in designated master's degree programs.
- 4) When deciding on the award of a field-specific scholarship, academic results from the previous course of study shall be taken into account; in the case of a student enrolled in a bachelor's degree program, in the first year of study the academic results from the final year of secondary school shall be taken into account.¹⁵
- 5) For the purposes of awarding a field-specific scholarship, the following shall be considered academic results:
 - a) for students in the first year of bachelor's degree programs and degree programs pursuant to §53, sec.3 of the Act on Higher Education, the academic results from their final year of secondary school (results of the school-leaving examination as stated on the school-leaving certificate); in the event of equal academic results, placement within the admissions procedure shall be taken into account, with due regard to the provisions of sec. 6.
 - b) for students in the second and higher years of bachelor's degree programs and degree programs pursuant to § 53 sec. 3 of the Act on Higher Education, the weighted grade point average (GPA) for their entire studies completed so far in the given degree

¹⁵ § 96a sec. 1, letter a) of the Act on Higher Education.

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- program¹⁶;
- c) for students in the first year of master's degree programs, except for degree programs pursuant to § 53 sec.3 of the Act on Higher Education, the weighted GPA for the entire program of the bachelor's degree they have successfully completed;
 - d) for students in the second and higher years of master's degree programs, except for degree programs pursuant to § 53 sec.3 of the Act on Higher Education, the weighted GPA for their entire studies completed so far in the given degree program.
- 6) Students are ranked in a list from the lowest weighted grade point average (GPA) to the highest weighted GPA. The faculty shall create separate ranking lists for each field of study and degree program as follows:
- a) for the group of students pursuant to sec. 3(a), separately for each year of study;
 - b) separately for the group of students pursuant to sec. 3(b).
- 7) The dean awards the field-specific scholarship to students in the respective ranking list according to the number of scholarships in accordance with sec. 2. In the event of a tie in the weighted GPA, the dean shall take into account additional criteria, in particular:
- a) the weighted GPA for the previous academic year;
 - b) the weighted GPA in compulsory and compulsory elective subjects during the evaluation period;
 - c) the average number of attempts¹⁷ required to successfully complete compulsory and compulsory elective subjects during the evaluation period;
 - d) the results of the external part of the school-leaving examination;
 - e) the ranking within the admissions procedure for the respective degree program;
 - f) participation and/or placement in 1st–3rd place in selected olympiads and competitions at regional, national, and international levels;
 - g) implementation of selected projects under designated organizations.
- 8) A field-specific scholarship is awarded without the submission of an application once the student meets the criteria for its award under this Article. Students referred to in Section 5(a) are required to submit to the study affairs office proof of their academic results from the final year of study at secondary school.
- 9) The dean's decision on the award of a field-specific scholarship is final and no appeal may be lodged against it.
- 10) A field-specific scholarship shall be awarded no later than 15 November of the relevant academic year. The scholarship for the months of September to December of the relevant academic year shall be provided no later than the end of the respective calendar year, and for the months of January to June of the relevant academic year it shall be paid in monthly installments, by the 15th day of each respective calendar month, or in one installment no later than 30 June of the relevant academic year¹⁸.
- 11) The faculty shall publish on the faculty's official bulletin board and on the faculty's website immediately after awarding the field-specific scholarship for a period of at least 14 days

¹⁶ The calculation of the weighted grade point average is governed by §6 sec.7) of Decree No. 614/2002 Coll. of the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic on the credit system of study, as amended.

¹⁷ The average number of terms required to successfully complete compulsory and compulsory elective subjects is calculated by counting, during the evaluated period, the number of regular terms and retakes that the student needed to successfully pass the enrolled compulsory and compulsory elective subjects, and dividing the result by the number of enrolled compulsory and compulsory elective subjects.

¹⁸ unless a higher legal regulation specifies another method of provision

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- a) the minimum weighted grade point average required for the award of a field-specific scholarship in the respective rankings, including the criteria pursuant to Section 7; and
 - b) the procedure by which a student who believes they have met the criteria for the award of a field-specific scholarship may object to the non-awarding of the scholarship.
- 12) The faculty shall send a student who has been awarded a field-specific scholarship a notification of the award by electronic message to their university email account.

Art. 6

Awarding merit-based scholarship

- 1) The faculty awards merit-based scholarships to full-time students
 - a) bachelor study programs starting from the second year of study,
 - b) study programs according to §53 sec. 3 of the Act o Higher Education starting from the second year of study and
 - c) master's degree programs, except for programs referred to in §53 sec.3 of the Higher Education Act, starting from the first year of study.
- 2) A merit-based scholarship shall be awarded to a student of a bachelor's degree program for outstanding fulfillment of study obligations in the previous academic year, provided that the student obtained at least 54 credits in that year.
- 3) A merit-based scholarship shall be awarded to a student of a study program referred to in § 53 sec. 3 of the Higher Education Act for outstanding fulfillment of study obligations in the previous academic year, provided that the student earned at least 54 credits in that year.
- 4) A merit-based scholarship shall be awarded to a student of a master's degree program, except for a program referred to in §53 sec. 3 of the Higher Education Act, in the first year of study for outstanding fulfillment of study obligations in the final year of their bachelor's studies at JFMED, immediately preceding the master's program, provided that the student obtained at least 27 credits in that year, including credits for the state examination(s).
- 5) A merit-based scholarship shall be awarded to a student of a master's degree program, except for a program referred to in §53 sec. 3 of the Higher Education Act, in the second and subsequent years of study for outstanding fulfillment of study obligations in the previous academic year, provided that the student obtained at least 54 credits in that year.
- 6) Students are ranked in order from the lowest to the highest weighted grade point average. A combined ranking list is created for the group of students referred to in sections 2, 3, and 5, while a separate ranking list is created for the group of students referred to in sec. 4.
- 7) The dean shall award a merit-based scholarship to no more than 10% of students in the relevant ranking list; in awarding merit-based scholarships, the dean shall follow the procedure set out in Article 8, sec. 2. In the case of equality of the weighted grade point average, the dean shall consider the following additional criteria in order:
 - (1) the weighted grade point average in compulsory and compulsory elective subjects during the evaluated period;
 - (2) the average number of terms required to successfully complete compulsory and compulsory elective subjects during the evaluated period.
- 8) A merit-based scholarship shall be awarded without the submission of an application once the student meets the criteria for its award under this Article.
- 9) The dean's decision on the award of a merit-based scholarship is final and no appeal may be lodged against it.

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- 10) A merit-based scholarship shall be awarded by 15 November of the relevant academic year and shall be paid in a single installment no later than the end of the respective calendar year.
- 11) The faculty shall, on its official notice board and on the faculty website, immediately after the award of a merit-based scholarship, publish for a period of at least 14 days
 - a) the minimum weighted grade point average required for the award of a merit-based scholarship in the respective ranking lists; and
 - b) the procedure by which a student who believes they have met the criteria for the award of a merit-based scholarship may object to the non-award of the scholarship.
- 12) The faculty shall send a student who has been awarded a merit-based scholarship a notification of the award by electronic message to their university email account.

Art. 7

Awarding of an extraordinary scholarship

- 1) The faculty shall award an extraordinary scholarship to students of all levels and forms of study.
- 2) An extraordinary scholarship may be awarded for
 - a) an outstanding academic achievement;
 - b) an outstanding result in research or development;
 - c) an outstanding result in artistic activity; an outstanding result in artistic activity is considered in particular an exceptional artistic performance or successful representation of the faculty, Comenius University, or the Slovak Republic in an artistic competition; or
 - d) an outstanding result in sports activity. The criteria for its award and its amount shall be published by the Ministry of Education on its website.
- 3) An extraordinary scholarship may be awarded for the same achievement, or for an achievement attained in a particular year or round of a competition, only once.
- 4) The award of an extraordinary scholarship pursuant to sec. 2 shall be associated with:
 - a) an academic commendation of the Rector for outstanding achievements in the fields of study, research, development, artistic, or sports activity;
 - b) an academic commendation of the Rector for exemplary fulfillment of study obligations (associated with a scholarship under section 2(a));
 - c) the Rector's prize for an excellent diploma thesis (associated with a scholarship under section 2(a)).¹⁹
- 5) An extraordinary scholarship shall be awarded without the submission of an application.
- 6) An extraordinary scholarship shall be awarded by the dean.
- 7) A student has no legal entitlement to the award of an extraordinary scholarship. The Dean's decision on the award of an extraordinary scholarship is final and no appeal may be lodged against it.

Art. 8

Common provisions on incentive scholarships

- 1) The decisive date for determining the number of students of the faculty for the purposes of awarding merit-based scholarships and incentive scholarships shall be 31 October of the

¹⁹ An extraordinary scholarship awarded associated with the granting of the Rector's Academic Commendation or the Rector's Award for an outstanding diploma thesis shall be awarded by the dean only where the rector has not decided to award a one-time scholarship from the Rectorate of Comenius University's own funds.

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relevant academic year. Students enrolled in an interfaculty study program or a joint study program²⁰ shall be awarded an incentive scholarship by the faculty of Comenius University at which they are registered for study.

- 2) The total number of students who have been awarded a merit-based scholarship and the total number of students who have been awarded an extraordinary scholarship in the relevant calendar year shall not exceed 10% of the total number of faculty students, across all levels and all forms of study.²¹
- 3) A student who was not a student of the faculty during the decisive period for assessing entitlement to a merit-based or incentive scholarship shall, upon enrolment in the study program or enrolment in the subsequent part of the study, submit a diploma supplement, a transcript of records, or other documents demonstrating fulfilment of the criteria for the award of the relevant scholarship.
- 4) The dean may decide not to award an incentive scholarship to a student who, pursuant to the Disciplinary Regulations of Comenius University for Students
 - a) has been subject to a final and binding disciplinary sanction of conditional exclusion from studies, where the probationary period specified in the decision imposing the sanction has not expired at the time of the decision on the award of the incentive scholarship,
 - b) was subject to a final and binding disciplinary sanction of reprimand in the academic year preceding the academic year in which the incentive scholarship is awarded; or
 - c) has been subject to a final and binding disciplinary sanction of reprimand in the academic year in which the incentive scholarship is awarded.

Art. 8a

Pregnancy scholarships from the state budget Awarding of a pregnancy scholarship

- 1) The pregnancy scholarship is governed by the Act on Higher Education.²²
- 2) A student shall submit a written application for the award of a pregnancy scholarship to the rector through the Department for Education and Social Affairs of the rectorate of Comenius University. The rector shall decide on the award of the pregnancy scholarship within 15 days from the date of receipt of the application. The template for the application is set out in Annex No. 1 of these Scholarship Regulations.
- 3) A student shall notify the rector, through the Department for Education and Social Affairs of the rectorate of Comenius University, of any circumstances resulting in the termination of entitlement to the pregnancy scholarship pursuant to § 96b sec. 9 a), (b), or (c) of the Act on Higher Education, within ten working days from the date on which such circumstances occurred. Based on such notification, the Department for Education and Social Affairs of the CU rectorate shall issue a confirmation of termination of entitlement to the pregnancy scholarship.

²⁰ § 54a of the Act on Higher Education.

²¹ § 96a Sec. 4 second sentence of the Higher Education Act

²² § 96b sec. of the Act on Higher Education

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PART FOUR SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE FACULTY'S OWN RESOURCES

Art. 9 One-off scholarship

- 1) The faculty shall award a one-off scholarship from its own resources (hereinafter referred to as the "one-off scholarship") to
 - a) students of all levels and all forms of study; and
 - b) graduates of all levels and all forms of study, provided that no more than 90 days have elapsed since the formal completion of their studies.
- 2) A one-off scholarship may be awarded for
 - a) an exceptionally high-quality final thesis,
 - b) outstanding fulfilment of study obligations throughout the entire course of study or a complete part thereof,
 - c) an outstanding achievement in research or development,
 - d) an outstanding achievement in artistic activity,
 - e) an outstanding achievement in sports activity,
 - f) the successful representation of the faculty, Comenius University, or the Slovak Republic in student scientific activities, knowledge competitions, artistic competitions, or sports competitions
 - g) an exemplary civic attitude, which shall be deemed to be any conduct, attitude, or act by which a student or graduate has demonstrated a high degree of morality or civic awareness and has contributed to enhancing the good reputation of the faculty or Comenius University,
 - h) active participation in the bodies of academic self-governance of Comenius University, the faculty, or advisory bodies established thereby,
 - i) an active contribution to the development, promotion, or representation of the faculty, another component of Comenius University, or Comenius University as a whole; or
 - j) other reasons of special merit.
- 3) The one-off scholarship is awarded without submitting an application.
- 4) The one-off scholarship is awarded by the dean.
- 5) A student or graduate shall have no legal entitlement to the award of a one-off scholarship. The dean's decision regarding the award of a one-off scholarship shall be final and binding, and no appeal or remedial action may be lodged against it.

Art. 10 Social support

- 1) The faculty shall award a scholarship from its own resources as a one-off or regular social support (hereinafter referred to as "social support") to:
 - a) students of all levels and all forms of study; and
 - b) graduates of all levels and all forms of study, provided that no more than 90 days have elapsed since the formal completion of their studies.
- 2) Social support may be awarded
 - a) student who has experienced an especially adverse social situation during their studies,

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- b) to a graduate who has experienced an especially adverse social situation during their studies or immediately after their formal completion of studies; or
- c) to a student who is recognized as a person with a severe disability²³ and is officially registered in the faculty's list of students with specific needs at the faculty of Comenius University²⁴ where they study, taking into account their specific needs and social situation.
- 3) A student or graduate shall submit a written application for the award of social support to the dean through the faculty's Study Department.
- 4) The dean decides on the granting of social support.
- 5) A student or graduate shall have no legal entitlement to the award of social support. The dean's decision on the award or refusal of social support shall be final and binding, and no appeal or remedial action may be lodged against it.

Art. 11 **Student loan**

- 1) The faculty may provide loans from the Scholarship Fund (hereinafter referred to as "student loan") to its students of all levels and all forms of study. The purpose of student loans is to contribute to the coverage of study-related expenses and to address social needs.²⁵
- 2) A student shall submit a written application for a student loan to the dean through the faculty's Study Department.
- 3) The award of a student loan shall be decided by the dean. The dean's decision on the award of a student loan shall specify, in particular:
 - a) the amount of the student loan,
 - b) the method of disbursement of the student loan,
 - c) the amount of installments, their due dates, and the method of payment; and
 - d) the interest rate.
- 4) Following the dean's decision to award a student loan, Comenius University shall enter into a loan agreement with the student pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Civil Code.²⁶ The loan agreement shall be concluded on behalf of the University by the dean.
- 5) A student shall have no legal entitlement to the award of a student loan. The dean's decision on the award or refusal of a student loan shall be final and binding, and no appeal or remedial action may be lodged against it.

²³ Act No. 447/2008 Coll. on Cash Benefits for the Compensation of Severe Disability and on Amendments to Certain Acts, as amended.

²⁴ Article 9, sec. 1 of Internal Regulation No. 23/2014 – Rector's Directive of Comenius University on Ensuring a universally accessible academic environment for students with specific needs.

²⁵ § 101, sec. 3 and 4 of the Act on Higher Education.

²⁶ § 657 and 658 of the Civil Code.

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PART FIVE DEAN'S ACADEMIC COMMENDATION

Art. 12

Dean's Academic Commendation awarded to a student

- 1) By awarding a dean's academic commendation, the dean recognises a student for:
 - a) exceptionally significant achievements in the fields of study, research, development, artistic, or sports activities;
 - b) an exemplary civic attitude, which shall be deemed to include any conduct, attitude, or act by which the student has demonstrated a high degree of morality or civic awareness and has contributed to enhancing the good reputation of the faculty; or
 - c) a significant contribution to the promotion of the faculty's good reputation in any area of social life.
- 2) The dean's academic commendation awarded to a student shall consist of a formal certificate of the award.
- 3) The dean's academic commendation awarded to a student shall usually be presented at a meeting of the faculty's academic community, on the occasion of the ceremonial opening of the academic year or another suitable occasion.
- 4) The awarding of a dean's academic commendation shall be associated with:
 - a) in the case of reasons under Article 1(a), the award of an extraordinary scholarship pursuant to Art. 7, sec. 2 or a one-off scholarship pursuant to Art. 9, sec. 2), letter (b)–(e);
 - b) in the case of reasons under Section 1(b), the award of a one-off scholarship pursuant to Art. 9, sec. 2), letter g);
 - c) in the case of reasons under Section 1(c), the award of a one-off scholarship pursuant to Art. 9, sec. 2)(i).

Art. 13

Dean's Academic Commendation awarded to a graduate

- 1) The dean shall award a dean's academic commendation for the exemplary fulfilment of study obligations and for promoting the good reputation of the faculty.
- 2) The dean's academic commendation awarded to a graduate shall consist of a formal certificate of the award.
- 3) The dean's academic commendation awarded to a graduate shall usually be presented at the ceremonial graduation of higher education graduates.
- 4) The awarding of a dean's academic commendation for exemplary fulfilment of study obligations shall be associated with the award of an extraordinary scholarship pursuant to Art. 7, sec. 2, letter (a) or a one-off scholarship pursuant to Art. 9, sec. 2, letter (b) and (g).

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PART SIX FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Art. 14 Faculty scholarship fund

- 1) The faculty scholarship fund is established²⁷
 - a) from a portion of the subsidy for social support of students²⁸ designated for social scholarships, merit-based scholarships, and pregnancy scholarships,
 - b) from a portion of the faculty's income from tuition fees, with at least 20% of tuition fee income pursuant to § 92 sec. 5 and 6 of the Higher Education Act constituting income of the scholarship fund,
 - c) from the faculty's positive overall financial result,
 - d) from donations, inheritances, and income derived therefrom,
 - e) from the faculty's reserve fund under the conditions stipulated by the Higher Education Act,²⁹ and
 - f) from repayments of student loans.
- 2) Financial resources pursuant to Section 1(b) to (f) constitute the faculty scholarship fund's own resources.
- 3) The faculty scholarship fund serves to provide scholarships and student loans to students enrolled in study programs implemented at the faculty.

Art. 15 Scholarship fund use

- 1) The method of allocating financial resources assigned to the faculty from purpose-provided funds of the state budget for merit-based scholarships pursuant to § 96a sec. 1 (b) of the Higher Education Act into an amount designated for the awarding of merit-based scholarships and an amount designated for the awarding of extraordinary scholarships shall be determined by the faculty budget for the relevant calendar year.
- 2) Financial resources allocated to the faculty pursuant to Article 15, sec. 1 of the CU Scholarship Regulations shall be used by the faculty primarily for the awarding of extraordinary scholarships associated with the awarding of the Rector's Commendations and the Rector's Awards in the relevant calendar year, in accordance with Part Five of the CU Scholarship Regulations. Any remaining financial resources may be used by the faculty for the awarding of other extraordinary scholarships or merit-based scholarships.
- 3) Unused financial resources of the faculty scholarship fund as of 31 October of the relevant calendar year, designated in the faculty budget for the awarding of extraordinary scholarships, may be used for the awarding of merit-based scholarships.
- 4) Unused financial resources of the faculty scholarship fund as of 20 November of the relevant calendar year, designated in the faculty budget for the awarding of merit-based scholarships, may be used for the awarding of extraordinary scholarships.
- 5) A one-off scholarship from the rectorate of CU's own resources awarded by the rector shall be paid out and recorded in the academic information system by the faculty at which the

²⁷ § 16a sec. 6 of the Act on Higher Education.

²⁸ § 89 sec. 7 of the Act on Higher Education.

²⁹ § 16a sec 3 of the Act on Higher Education.

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student is enrolled. The rectorate of CU shall transfer to the faculty the corresponding financial resources in the amount of the awarded scholarship from its own resources.

PART SEVEN DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Art. 16

Provision of doctoral scholarships

- 1) A student enrolled in a doctoral study program in the full-time form of study, with permanent residence in the territory of a member state of the European Union, a state that is a contracting party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, or the Swiss Confederation, shall, during the standard duration of the study program to which they were admitted, provided that they have not already obtained a third-level higher education degree, be entitled to a doctoral scholarship³⁰
 - a) until passing the dissertation examination, at least in the amount of the 6th salary class and the first salary level of the special salary scale for research and development employees pursuant to a special regulation,³¹
 - b) after passing the dissertation examination, at least in the amount of the 7th salary class and the first salary level of the special salary scale for research and development employees pursuant to a special regulation; the doctoral scholarship adjusted in this manner shall be granted to the doctoral student from the first day of the calendar month following the month in which the doctoral student successfully passed the dissertation examination.
- 2) An increase in the doctoral scholarship awarded pursuant to section 1 may be granted
 - a) for achieving high-quality results in research, development, artistic or sports activities, or for achieving high-quality results in teaching activities, in an amount corresponding to a personal bonus that may be granted to an employee classified in a comparable salary class and salary grade pursuant to a special regulation,³²
 - b) for the successful completion of part of a grant or project task for which specific financial support was awarded, provided that the contractual conditions allow for this,
 - c) to a member of a top-level team identified by the Accreditation Commission; such an increase in the doctoral scholarship shall be provided from special-purpose financial resources granted to the relevant top-level team on the basis of a contract for the provision of a subsidy from the state budget through the budget of the Ministry of Education, concluded for the relevant calendar year between the Ministry of Education and CU,
 - d) for performing activities in an environment involving exposure to chemical factors, carcinogenic and mutagenic factors, biological factors, dust, or physical factors (such as

³⁰ § 54 sec. 18 of the Act on Higher Education.

³¹ Act No. 553/2003 Coll. on the remuneration of certain employees performing work in the public interest and on amendments and supplements to certain acts, as amended.

³² §10 of Act No. 553/2003 Coll. on the remuneration of certain employees performing work in the public interest and on amendments and supplements to certain acts, as amended.

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- noise, vibrations, or ionising radiation), in an amount corresponding to wage compensation for arduous working conditions pursuant to a special regulation³³, or
- e) from special-purpose financial resources granted to CU on the basis of a contract by a legal entity or a natural person, provided that the contractual conditions allow for this.
- 3) An increase in the doctoral scholarship pursuant to Section 2 is not an entitlement.
 - 4) A decision shall be issued on the provision of the doctoral scholarship and on the granting of an increase in the doctoral scholarship. The decision shall state the amount of the doctoral scholarship, the amount of the increase in the doctoral scholarship, and the justification for granting them. The decision shall be issued upon enrolment in doctoral studies, upon adjustment of the doctoral scholarship, and upon adjustment of the increase in the doctoral scholarship.
 - 5) The doctoral scholarship shall be paid no later than by the end of the calendar month for which the entitlement to the doctoral scholarship arose.
 - 6) The provision of the doctoral scholarship shall terminate on the date of
 - a) successful defence of the dissertation,
 - b) exceeding the standard duration of study,
 - c) other termination of studies³⁴, or
 - d) interruption of studies.

PART EIGHT COMMON AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Art. 17 Common provisions

- 1) The proceedings and decision-making regarding the awarding of merit-based scholarships, scholarships from the faculty's own resources, and doctoral scholarships are not governed by the Administrative Procedure Code.³⁵
- 2) Incentive scholarships and scholarships from the faculty's own resources are awarded to students admitted to a joint study program, unless the agreement between the universities on the joint study program provides otherwise.³⁶
- 3) Incentive scholarships and scholarships from the faculty's own resources are granted by decision. The decision on awarding the scholarship shall state the amount of the scholarship and the justification for granting it.³⁷
- 4) For the delivery of documents in proceedings on awarding incentive scholarships and scholarships from the faculty's own resources, the provisions on delivery of documents pursuant to the relevant part of the JFMED Study Regulations governing proceedings concerning students' academic rights and obligations shall apply accordingly.
- 5) Scholarships from state budget funds and scholarships from the faculty's own resources are provided by cashless transfer to a bank account maintained with a bank established and operating in the territory of the Slovak Republic, the number of which the student has

³³ §11 of Act No. 553/2003 Coll. on the remuneration of certain employees performing work in the public interest and on amendments and supplements to certain acts, as amended.

³⁴ § 66 of the Higher Education Act.

³⁵ § 108 sec. 1 of the Act on Higher Education.

³⁶ § 54a sec. 2 fourth and fifth sentences, of the Higher Education Act.

³⁷ § 96a sec. 2 and § 97 sec. 2 of the Higher Education Act.

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provided to the study department. The bank account number provided by the student shall be recorded in the academic information system.

Art. 18

Final provisions

- 1) On the date of entry into force of these Scholarship Regulations, the Scholarship Regulations of the Jessenius Faculty of Medicine in Martin, Comenius University in Bratislava, approved by the Academic Senate of JFMED CU on 20 September 2023 (internal regulation no. 36/2023), shall be repealed.
- 2) These Scholarship Regulations shall enter into force on the date of their approval by the Academic Senate of JFMED CU and shall take effect on 11 November 2025.

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Annex no. 1 to internal regulation no. 36/2025

Application for the award of a pregnancy scholarship
 pursuant to § 96b sec. 4 of Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education and on amendments and
 supplements to certain acts, as amended

Name and surname:

Permanent address:

Faculty:

Study program, year and form of study:

I am requesting the granting of a pregnancy scholarship and solemnly declare that all the information provided in this application and its attachments is true, and I am aware of the legal consequences in case of providing false information. I am attaching the following documents:

1. A medical certificate confirming that the 27th week before the expected date of delivery, as determined by a doctor, has begun.
2. A certificate from the Social Insurance Agency confirming that the student is not entitled to receive pregnancy benefits.

Bank account, for sending the pregnancy scholarship, IBAN:

Bank name/bank code:

Account owner/name:

In Martin, on

Signature