

# “EVAGORAS” Scholarships Scheme for prospective PhD students

## FAQ

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### **Where can I find information about the available scholarships?**

To find out about the different types of scholarships available and how to apply please visit the following <http://www.ucy.ac.cy/graduateschool/en/postgraduate-studies/scholarships>.

### **How do I apply for a scholarship?**

Before making an application for a scholarship, please apply online to your chosen programmes at: <http://www.ucy.ac.cy/graduateschool/en/postgraduate-studies/postgraduate-programmes-of-study>. Your application for a scholarship will be examined further, once you already have an offer of a place to study at the University of Cyprus. Students must accept the scholarship offer by the specified method within the required time, being distributed by the Postgraduate Departmental committee. It is the student’s responsibility to complete the required actions within the specified time, a non-response will be considered as declining the offer.

### **Can I apply for admission to the University and a scholarship at the same time?**

Yes, you have to apply at the same time for admission to UCY and a scholarship. Before making an application for a scholarship please, apply online to your chosen programmes at: [https://applications.ucy.ac.cy/postgraduate\\_appl/MNG\\_USER\\_en.login\\_frm](https://applications.ucy.ac.cy/postgraduate_appl/MNG_USER_en.login_frm)

### **What are the deadlines for scholarships?**

Scholarships are generally awarded at the beginning of the academic year, i.e. for September intake. The deadline for scholarships is usually at the end of March. There are very limited scholarships for the students admitted in January.

### **What types of scholarships are available?**

There are different types of scholarship opportunities available for University of Cyprus prospective students, ranging from partial scholarships, which cover tuition fees, to full scholarships, which cover tuition fees + an annual stipend of equal to €8.000.

### **What is a partial scholarship?**

A partial scholarship includes the University tuition fees.

### **What is a full scholarship?**

A full scholarship includes the University tuition fees and an annual stipend of €8.000 which is payable in two equal installments of €4.000 each.

### **Can I apply for more than one scholarship?**

You may apply for more than one scholarship if you meet the eligibility criteria for each scholarship. You can also apply for both a full scholarship and a partial scholarship, or you could be eligible to apply for one of our other scholarships related to the subject you plan to study, or the level you wish to study. Most of the scholarships depend on outstanding academic records, thus your chances of success are often determined by the quality of your application. Please note that a Full Scholarship is the most valuable but also the most competitive. In the instance that an applicant may have one or more scholarships offer, this cannot be combined.

**Can I apply for both a Full and a Partial scholarship?**

Yes, provided that you comply with the eligibility criteria.

**Can I apply for a new UCY scholarship if I have already awarded one?**

Yes, if the duration of the already awarded UCY scholarship is less than three (3) academic years.

**Can I apply for the same scholarship for multiple programs?**

Yes, you may apply for the same scholarship for multiple programs if this is available. However, please take time to review course information before applying.

**What are the eligibility criteria for a Full Scholarship?**

- Full time enrolment requirement. You should be a Full time student through the whole duration of your studies.
- You should not work within the UCY or at any other organisation/company etc. outside the UCY.
- You should have your permanent residency in Cyprus.
- You should meet the admission criteria of the academic program you are interested in applying.
- You will be assigned Teaching Assistant duties or administrative duties at the Department (the equivalent of four (4) hours of work per week during the Fall and Spring semesters).

**What are the eligibility criteria for a Partial Scholarship?**

- Full time enrolment requirement. You should be a Full time PhD applicant through the whole duration of your studies.
- You should meet the admission criteria of the academic program you are interested in applying.

**Will I be notified that my application has been received?**

You will receive an electronic confirmation to your email account, immediately after the submission of your application. If you do not receive this email, please contact the Graduate School by email to [graduateschool@ucy.ac.cy](mailto:graduateschool@ucy.ac.cy). You can review all your applications you have made by logging into our applications system and accessing this information.

**How will I know if I have been successful with my scholarship application?**

After the scholarship deadline, the departmental postgraduates committee will convene at its earliest opportunity. Once the committee makes a decision, you will receive an electronic notification as to whether you were successful or unsuccessful in your scholarship application.

### **What is the duration of a scholarship?**

Each scholarship is for up to three (3) academic years and may be renewed for one (1) more academic year following the positive suggestion of the Departmental Postgraduate Committee and the approval of the Dean of UCY Graduate School. The scholarship is annually renewable based on the student's academic performance.

The suggestion of the departmental postgraduate committee for the renewal of the scholarship is accompanied by:

- (a) A Progress Report of the current academic year.
- (b) An Annual Insurable Earnings Certificate from the Department of Social Insurance Services of Cyprus Republic.

### **Are the scholarships renewable?**

The scholarships may be renewed annually based on the students' academic performance and following the positive suggestion of the Departmental Postgraduate Committee and the approval of the Dean of UCY Graduate School.

### **What are the evaluation criteria for the award of a scholarship?**

Scholarships are based on academic performance and you are required to meet the admission criteria of the program you are interested in applying. You are advised to check the website of the Graduate School with information on the programs <http://www.ucy.ac.cy/graduateschool/en/postgraduate-studies/postgraduate-programmes-of-study>

### **If I am awarded a full scholarship, can I study and work at the same time?**

No, you are not allowed to work during the Full scholarship. You will be also asked to sign a student declaration verifying that you are not working. If however, it comes in our attention that you are working within the UCY or outside the UCY, we will immediately stop the awarded Full scholarship. Additionally, you have to submit to the Graduate School at the end of each academic year, an Annual Insurable Earnings Certificate from the Department of Social Insurance Services of the Republic of Cyprus for the period of the scholarship.

### **Can I work during the Partial scholarship?**

Yes, you can work during the Partial scholarship.

### **If I start working, can I keep my Full scholarship?**

No, you are not allowed to work during the Full scholarship. If you start working, the scholarship will immediately stop and you will be asked to reimburse the University with an amount equal to the number of months you were working. Additionally, you have to submit to the Graduate School at the end of each academic year, an Annual Insurable Earnings Certificate from the

Department of Social Insurance Services of the Republic of Cyprus for the period of the scholarship.

**When/How, will I be paid my Full scholarship?**

Scholarships will be paid in twice-yearly instalments within a month of the fall and a month of the spring semester, after your registration into degree courses. Scholarship payments are made via electronic funds transfer direct to your nominated bank account. However, the last payment of the 8<sup>th</sup> semester of the stipend will be made once you submit your PhD thesis.

**Can I hold a scholarship and study part-time?**

No, you should study full-time. Please be sure to check your semester study load once you registered into degree courses.

**If I reduce my course load to part-time status, will this affect my eligibility for keeping the scholarship?**

Yes, dropping to part time study will affect your eligibility for keeping your scholarship. You should be a Full time student through the whole duration of your studies.

**If I change my program, will it affect my scholarship application?**

Yes, it will affect your scholarship application if the level of study, or the course you change to, is not eligible for the scholarship that you have applied. To avoid any issues arising, we recommend students research their opportunities and choose a preferred course before applying to a scholarship.

**If I defer my offer until the following semester, can I keep my scholarship?**

Following the positive suggestion of the Departmental Postgraduate Committee and the approval of the UCY Graduate School Dean, a student who defers an initial offer of admission and accompanying scholarship offer may retain his/her scholarship offer for next academic semester. However, this is not always the case and you may need to make an application again. Our scholarships change year on year, depending on various factors and you should check our website each year.

**I am thinking of leaving the University, what will happen to my scholarship?**

A student who withdraws, cancels or becomes inactive, is suspended or dismissed from the University will lose his/her scholarship eligibility. A student who takes such a status due to medical reasons or other approved extenuating circumstances, maternity or paternity leave, will have his/her scholarship reinstated.

**If I leave the University, do I need to repay the scholarship award?**

Students who withdraw from study or drop to part time study may be required to repay all or part of their scholarship award.

**Will another scholarship or award affect the awarded scholarship from UCY?**

You are responsible for reporting any other award or scholarship you are receiving to the UCY. Receipt of a scholarship from another organization, financial aid office etc. will result in reductions to the scholarship award you receive from UCY. We therefore strongly urge you to consult with your financial aid office prior to applying for a UCY scholarship to determine whether you might be affected by such a reduction.

**Can I apply for a scholarship if I am already studying at the University of Cyprus?**

Yes, provided you are applying for a new degree course for the next academic year.

**Are there any scholarships offered by the Departments at the University of Cyprus?**

Yes, some of the University's Departments also offer scholarships. Make sure to consult with your academic Department for more details and to find out whether you may be eligible for teaching assistantship.

**Further questions?**

If you have any unanswered questions about scholarship programs, please contact the UCY Graduate School.

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