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**Article 1
Introductory provisions**

- (1) The Scholarship Regulations of the Technical University in Zvolen (hereinafter referred to as "TU in Zvolen") in accordance with Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education and on Amendments and Supplements to Certain Acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "Higher Education Act") regulates the provision of scholarships to students of bachelor's, engineer's, master's and doctoral study programmes carried out by faculties or institutes of the TU in Zvolen.
- (2) TU in Zvolen provides scholarships to students:
 - a) from the funds provided for this purpose from the state budget,
 - b) from its own resources through a scholarship fund.
- (3) When determining the amount of scholarships from its own resources, TU Zvolen is based on its financial possibilities. The amount of scholarships of this kind is approved by the management of TU Zvolen.
- (4) There is no legal entitlement to self-funded scholarships. The dean decides on the awarding of scholarships to students enrolled in study programmes at faculties; in the case of university study programmes, the rector decides on the awarding of scholarships to students enrolled in study programmes at faculties.

**Article 2
Social grants from the funds
of the state budget**

- (1) Students of study programmes of the first two degrees and study programmes pursuant to Section 53(3) of the Higher Education Act who have permanent residence in the Slovak Republic or who have been granted subsidiary protection are granted a social scholarship on the basis of fulfilment of the stipulated conditions. The social scholarship contributes to the payment of costs associated with studies. The student is legally entitled to the social grant (§96(1) of the Higher Education Act). Exceptions when a student is not entitled to a social grant are provided for in § 96(2) of the Higher Education Act.
- (2) A student is not entitled to a social grant (§ 96 (2) of the Higher Education Act)

- (a) who is studying a first-degree programme if he or she has already attained a first-degree higher education qualification,
 - (b) who has already attained a second-level higher education qualification,
 - (c) who has been granted a social scholarship in the relevant year of study or part thereof in a study programme of the relevant degree of higher education; for the purposes of this paragraph, the first three years of study in study programmes pursuant to Section 53(3) of the HE Act shall be considered as study in a first-degree study programme and the fourth and subsequent years of study as study in a second-degree study programme, with the fourth year of study in a study programme pursuant to Section 53(3) of the HE Act being considered as study in a second-degree study programme, with the fourth year of study in a second-degree study programme being considered as study in a first-degree study programme. For the purposes of this paragraph, the fourth year of study in degree programme 53 (3) of the Higher Education Act shall be regarded as the first year of study in the second degree programme, and the following years of study shall be rounded up accordingly; the period of time during which the student received a social grant in the relevant year of study shall be rounded up to whole years,
 - (d) who has been studying the relevant programme of study for longer than its standard length of study; or,
 - (e) who is studying by external study.
- (3) A student with specific needs may be awarded a social grant even after exceeding the standard length of studies if the overrun is caused by his/her disability.
- (4) The income of the student and the persons jointly assessed with him/her is decisive for the award of the social grant. The income threshold for entitlement to a social grant and the amount of the social grant shall be derived from the minimum subsistence level determined by a special regulation.
- (5) The income decisive for the assessment of eligibility for a social scholarship, the circle of jointly assessed persons, the income threshold for entitlement to a social scholarship, its amount and other details on the awarding of a social scholarship shall be laid down in a generally binding legal regulation issued by the Ministry of Education.
- (6) The Rector of TU Zvolen decides on the eligibility for the social scholarship. If the student does not meet the conditions for the award of a social scholarship, TU in Zvolen will not award the social scholarship.
- (7) For the purposes of proving entitlement under paragraphs 1 to 5 of this Article, ascertaining the verification and control of the correct procedure for proving entitlement to a social scholarship, protecting and claiming the student's and the university's rights, TU in Zvolen and the Ministry of Education are authorised to process the personal data of the data subjects to the extent necessary for the decision on the award of a social scholarship. For these purposes, the TU in Zvolen and the Ministry of Education are also entitled to obtain the personal data of the data subject without his/her consent by copying, scanning or otherwise recording an

official document on an information medium to the extent necessary to achieve the purpose of the processing.

- (8) TU in Zvolen provides a social scholarship in monthly amount no later than the tenth day of the respective calendar month to a bank account maintained in the Slovak Republic, the number of which is given by the student in the application for the award of a social scholarship.

Article 3 **Incentive scholarships funded by** **of the state budget**

- (1) TU in Zvolen grants students an incentive scholarship from the state budget:
- a) for excellent performance of study duties,
 - b) in the fields of study determined in the Methodology for the Allocation of State Budget Subsidies to public universities (Section 89(8) of the Higher Education Act) on the basis of analyses and forecasts of the labour market development, taking into account the study results from previous studies; if the student is a student of a first-degree study programme, the study results from the last year of study at secondary school are taken into account in the first year of study,
 - (c) for excellence in research, development, artistic or sporting activity.
- (2) Motivational scholarships at TU Zvolen from the state budget can be obtained by students as:
- a) incentive scholarship (paragraph (1)(a) of this Article),
 - b) union incentive stipend (paragraph (1)(b) of this Article),
 - c) Extraordinary scholarship (paragraph (1)(c) of this Article).
- (3) Motivational scholarship is awarded to students of TU in Zvolen:
- a) who are not third-level students,
 - b) **in the first year of study at the first level**, taking into account the study results in the first year of study in the winter semester after the end of the examination period and the beginning of the summer semester. The student must have fulfilled all study requirements for the semester and his/her weighted average cannot be higher than 1.7.
 - c) **in the first year of studies at the second cycle**, taking into account the study results in the first year of studies in the winter semester after the end of the examination period and the beginning of the summer semester. The student must have fulfilled all study requirements for the semester and his/her weighted average cannot be higher than 1.5.
 - d) **in the second and subsequent year of studies at Level I and II** for the results of the previous academic year on the basis of the fulfilment of the study obligations

characterised in accordance with paragraphs (4) to (10) of this Article. The student must have fulfilled all the study requirements for the previous years of study and his/her weighted grade point average may not be higher than 1.7 at level I and 1.5 at level II. The scholarship may only be awarded to a student who has not exceeded the standard length of study of the study programme in the previous academic year and has not had any interruptions in his/her studies.

- (4) The student's fulfilment of study obligations is assessed according to the index of fulfilment of study obligations, which includes the success rate in completing the study subjects prescribed in the relevant period by the study plan, the quality of the achieved study results and the number of attempts required to complete the subject.
- (5) The basis for the calculation of the index of fulfilment of study obligations is the weighted study average, which is calculated by adding the products of the credit evaluation and the numerical value of the grade obtained for all courses enrolled by the student for the evaluation period and dividing the resulting sum by the sum of the credits for the given period. Courses enrolled in and not taken by the student will be assigned a numerical grade value of 4 (grade FX) in the calculation of the weighted grade point average. The following relationship will be used for the calculation:

$$\text{vážený študijný priemer} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n kr_{(i)} \cdot nh_{(i)}}{\sum_{i=1}^n kr_{(i)}},$$

Where

n - is the number of subjects of the evaluation period

$kr_{(i)}$ - is the number of credits of the i -th subject

$nh_{(i)}$ - is the numerical value of the grade of the i -th subject.

The numerical values of the grades of the classification levels are in accordance with the ECTS scale.

- (6) The resulting index of fulfilment of study obligations (*IPSP*) shall be determined as the product of the weighted study average (*WSA*) calculated according to paragraphs 4 and 5 of this Article and the repetition index

$$IPP = VŠP \cdot IO,$$

where *IO* is the repetition index calculated as the ratio of the number of terms passed to the number of exams over the assessment period.

- (7) The fulfilment of study obligations by students on the basis of the *IPSP* is assessed separately for individual parts of TU Zvolen (§ 21 (1) of the Higher Education Act), which carry out study programmes, according to the degrees and forms of study. The *IPSP* is used to create a list (ranking) of students according to their success in fulfilling their study obligations.
- (8) The rules according to which the fulfilment of study obligations by students is assessed are published in the usual place for official announcements of the

organizational components of TU in Zvolen, before the beginning of the academic year in which the incentive scholarship is awarded.

(9) The incentive benefit scholarship shall be awarded to no more than 10% of the students of TU Zvolen whose performance for the same period of the academic year is assessed in accordance with paragraph (3) of this Article. If there has been a change in the organizational unit of TU Zvolen at which the study programme is carried out, the number of TU Zvolen students to whom the benefit scholarship is awarded shall be adjusted in accordance with this change.

(10) The motivational scholarship is awarded to no more than fifty percent of the students of the designated field of study at TU Zvolen.

(11) Students studying selected fields of study may be awarded a motivational scholarship:

a) **in the first year of studies at level I**, taking into account the results of the last year of studies at secondary school, without taking into account the results of the matriculation examination. The scholarship may be awarded only to a student who was not a student at the faculty concerned in the previous academic year,

b) **in the first year of studies at level II**, taking into account the study results according to the weighted study average for the whole of the previous studies,

c) **in the second and subsequent year of studies at Level I and II**, taking into account the study results according to the weighted study average for the previous academic year of study. The scholarship may be awarded only to a student who has not exceeded the standard length of study of the study programme in the previous academic year and has not had any interruption in his/her studies.

The scholarship may only be awarded to a student who was not a student at the relevant faculty in the previous academic year.

(12) An extraordinary scholarship is awarded to students of TU in Zvolen who are not students of the third cycle of study, for:

(a) an outstanding result in scientific activity, artistic activity or sporting activity,

b) successful representation of the faculty, TU Zvolen, or the Slovak Republic in artistic, sports or knowledge competitions, or for significant activity in favour of the faculty or TUZVO,

c) excellent performance of study duties throughout the study (criteria for the Rector's Prize, Dean's Prize, Vice-Rector's Prize for PP in the case of university study programmes),

d) an exceptionally high quality final thesis by the student.

The extraordinary scholarship is also awarded to those students of TU Zvolen who do not have permanent residence in the Slovak Republic, if they meet the specified conditions.

(13) The proposal for granting an extraordinary scholarship to a student is submitted to the dean of the faculty, and in the case of university study programmes to the rector, by a member of the academic community of TU Zvolen.

- (14) The proposal for an extraordinary scholarship shall include:
- (a) the name, surname and occupation of the applicant,
 - (b) the name, surname, programme of study and year of study of the student to whom the exceptional scholarship is to be awarded,
 - (c) the reasons for the proposal.
- (15) After the proposal has been discussed at the level of the faculty and TU Zvolen, the Rector decides on the award of the extraordinary scholarship. The decision shall specify the amount of the incentive scholarship and the reasons for its award.

Article 4 **Pregnancy grant**

- (1) A pregnant student who has permanent residence in the Slovak Republic and is not entitled to a pregnancy grant under the Social Insurance Act shall be granted a pregnancy grant from the beginning of the 27th week before the expected date of childbirth by a designated doctor, in particular for the purpose of covering increased expenses related to the student's health condition, special material needs and preparation for the birth of the child. The student is legally entitled to a pregnancy grant in accordance with Section 96b(1) of Act No 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments and Additions to Certain Acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the Higher Education Act).
- (2) A person whose studies have been interrupted due to pregnancy is also considered a student for the purposes of the pregnancy grant.
- (3) The pregnancy grant is awarded on the basis of a written application from the student, which is accompanied by a medical certificate stating that she has started the 27th week before the expected date of childbirth, as determined by a doctor, and a certificate from the Social Insurance Institution stating that she is not entitled to the payment of the pregnancy grant (Section 96b (4) of the Higher Education Act).
- (4) The Rector of the TU in Zvolen decides on the award of the pregnancy scholarship. The amount of the pregnancy scholarship, the period and the method of its provision are based on § 96b (3), (6), (7) and (8) of the Higher Education Act.
- (5) Entitlement to the pregnancy grant ceases:
- (a) the entitlement to payment of parental allowance after the birth of a child for a child for whom the student is in receipt of a pregnancy grant,
 - (b) on becoming entitled to payment of pregnancy allowance,
 - (c) the end of the pregnancy; or
 - (d) the completion of studies.
- (6) The student is obliged to notify TU Zvolen of the fact under the previous paragraph (5) (a), (b) or (c) within ten working days from the date on which this fact occurred.

- (7) A person who has been granted a pregnancy grant and paid a pregnancy grant for the same period is obliged to return the pregnancy grant granted to TU Zvolen for the relevant period.
- (8) For the purposes of proving the entitlement under paragraph 1 of this Article, ascertaining, verifying and controlling the correct procedure of proving the entitlement to the pregnancy grant, protecting and claiming the rights of the student and the university, TU Zvolen is entitled to process the personal data of the student to the extent necessary to make a decision on the granting of the pregnancy grant. For these purposes, the TU in Zvolen is also entitled to obtain the personal data of the data subject without the data subject's consent by copying, scanning or otherwise recording official documents on an information carrier to the extent necessary to achieve the purpose of the processing.

Article 5

Scholarships from own resources of TU in Zvolen

- (1) TU Zvolen grants scholarships from its own resources to students and graduates who have not completed more than 90 days since the regular end of their studies, as far as possible.
- (2) Scholarships from the TU in Zvolen's own resources may be awarded to a student of TU in Zvolen, in particular:
- a) for excellence in studies (criteria for the Rector's Prize, Dean's Prize, Vice-Rector's Prize for PP in the case of university study programmes),
 - (b) for excellence in research, development, artistic or sporting activity,
 - c) for an exceptionally high quality final thesis of the student,
 - d) for excellence in various competitions,
 - e) for significant activity for the benefit of the faculty or TU Zvolen,
 - (f) as a one-off or regular social support.
- (3) A scholarship from TU Zvolen's own resources may also be awarded to a student who is not a permanent resident of the Slovak Republic if he/she has fulfilled the specified conditions.

Article 6

Corporate scholarships

- (1) TUZVO may enter into a scholarship programme agreement with an entrepreneur for the provision of corporate scholarships.
- The basic content of this contract is laid down in Section 97a (3) of the Higher Education Act. The purpose of the company scholarship is to support studies in selected study programmes or to motivate the choice of a particular thesis topic. The enterprise scholarship is awarded on the basis of a written application from the student. The student has no legal entitlement to a company scholarship. TUZVO does not guarantee the obligations of the entrepreneur in the payment of the enterprise scholarship.

- (2) The data on the provided company scholarships, which are communicated to the Technical University in Zvolen by the entrepreneur, are entered by the TUZVO into the register of students of the university.

Article 7 Student Loans

- (1) Loans are granted to students from the Education Support Fund according to special regulations (Act No. 396/2012 Coll.).
- (2) TU may provide loans to its students from the scholarship fund according to its financial capacity.
- (3) The purpose of student loans is to contribute to the costs of studying and to meet social needs.
- (4) A TU student may apply for a student loan from the Scholarship Fund by submitting a written application. The student applying for the loan must be a permanent resident of the Slovak Republic or a Slovak living abroad or an EU citizen who has the right to permanent residence in the Slovak Republic.
- (5) The rules and conditions under which a student may be granted a student loan shall be laid down in the internal rules on scholarships.

Article 8 Final provisions

- (1) TU in Zvolen Scholarship Regulations No. R-6798/2013 was approved by the Academic Senate of TU in Zvolen on 3.6.2013 in the wording of Appendix No. 1 approved by the AS TUZVO on 30.3.2015, Appendix No. 2 approved by the AS TUZVO on 13.11.2017, Appendix No. 3 approved by the AS TUZVO on 17.4.2020 and Appendix No. 4 approved by the AS TUZVO on 17.5.2021.

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