

Information for students admitted to the studies at the academic year 2019/20 or who will be admitted in the academic year 2020/21

A social scholarship (financial aid) may be granted to a foreign student under the terms and conditions set out in the Act and the Terms of Conditions of Benefits, provided that the student meets at least one of the conditions:

- 1) he/she was granted a residence permit or a long-term residence in the European Union area;
- 2) he/she was granted a temporary residence permit in connection with circumstances referred to in Article 159(1) or Article 186(1)(3) or (4) of the Act of 12 December 2013 on Foreigners (consolidated text in the Journal of Laws 2018, item 2094 as amended).
- 3) he/she has the refugee status granted in the Republic of Poland or he/she benefits from a temporary protection or a subsidiary protection in the territory of the Republic of Poland;
- 4) he/she has a certificate evidencing knowledge of Polish as a foreign language, referred to in Art. 11a section 2 of the Act of 7 October 1999 on the Polish language (consolidated text in the Journal of Laws of 2019, item 1480, as amended), at least at the language proficiency level C1;
- 5) he/she has the Pole's Card (Karta Polaka);
- 6) he/she has a decision on confirmation of the Polish origin;
- 7) he/she is a spouse, an ascendant or a descendant of a citizen of the Republic of Poland living in the territory of the Republic of Poland;
- 8) he/she has been granted a temporary residence permit in connection with the circumstances referred to in Article 151(1) or Article 151b(1) of the Act of 12 December 2013 on Foreigners, or he/she is staying in the territory of the Republic of Poland in connection with the right to the mobility of a short-term researcher, under the conditions set out in Article 156b(1) of that Act, or he/she holds a national visa to carry out scientific research or development works.

Foreign students entitled to the benefits in accordance with the Act and the Terms & Conditions apply for them on the same terms as citizens of the Republic of Poland.

The scholarship for the disabled, the Rector's scholarship and the assistance may be granted to a foreign student provided that the student meets conditions necessary to be awarded benefits, set out in the Act and the Terms and Conditions.

A scholarship for the disabled may be awarded to a student who has a disability certificate, a disability degree certificate or a certificate referred to in the Article 5 and the Article 62 of the Act of 27 August 1997 on the Vocational and Social Rehabilitation and Employment of Persons with Disabilities (Journal of Laws of 2019, item 1172 as amended).

An allowance (*pl. zapomoga*) may be granted to a student who, for reasons beyond his/her control, is temporarily in a difficult life situation causing costly and short-term difficulties in studying, in particular as a result:

- 1) of death of the applicant's child, his or her spouse or parent, if the applicant was the parent's dependent;
- 2) loss of the medical assistance necessary for studying, in particular corrective glasses or rehabilitation equipment;
- 3) loss of a regular and main source of income by the applicant, his/her spouse or his/her parent, if the applicant is a dependent of the parent;

- 4) sudden illness or an accident of the applicant or a member of his/her immediate family;
- 5) sudden necessity to take care of an ill member of his/her immediate family by the applicant;
- 6) damage caused by fire, flooding, natural or other disaster.

The Rector's scholarship shall be awarded to a student admitted to the first year of a long-cycle Master's degree (*pl. jednolite studia magisterskie*) in the year of passing of the baccalaureate examination, which is:

1. the winner of an international Olympics or the winner or a finalist of a central level Olympics, as referred to in the legislation on the education system, or
- 2) a medalist of at least a Polish Champion sports competition in a particular sport discipline referred to in the regulations concerning sport, provided that he or she won the medal in the period from the beginning of the education in a post-primary school to the last day of the deadline for submitting applications for the Rector's scholarship.

The Rector's scholarship may be granted to a student who has graduated from the first year of a long-cycle Master's degree programme, and who:

- 1) achieved outstanding academic achievements in the recent year of studies, or
- 2) in the didactic cycle preceding the didactic cycle for which he is applying for the scholarship, he / she can evidence: (a) a scientific excellence, or (b) artistic achievements, or
- c) achievements in competitive sports at least at the national level, provided that he or she completed a particular stage of the studies and was accepted to take part in the next stage of the studies.

A student, who has been conditionally enrolled (accepted) into a subsequent stage of his/her studies, may be awarded a scholarship of the Rector, provided that he/she meets the criteria: in the didactic cycle preceding the cycle for which he is applying for a scholarship, he / she achieved: (a) a scientific excellence, or

- (b) artistic achievements, or
- c) achievements in competitive sports at least at the national level, provided that he or she completed a particular stage of the studies and was accepted to take part in the next stage of the studies.

The Rector's scholarship may also be awarded to a first-year student in the first year of the second the degree studies (*studia drugiego stopnia*) who:

- 1) achieved outstanding academic results in the recent year of studies, or
- 2) in the didactic cycle preceding the didactic cycle for which he is applying for the scholarship, he / she can evidence: (a) a scientific excellence, or: (b) artistic or competitive sports achievements at least at the national level, provided that the second degree studies have been commenced within 12 months from completing the first degree programme.

The principles of awarding the Rector's scholarship to students are established in the Appendix no. 3 to the Terms & Conditions of the Benefits.

Information for students who, on 1 October 2018, were studying on the basis of rules stipulated in the Act of 27 July 2005 - The Higher Education Law (consolidated text in the Journal of Laws of 2017, item 2183, as amended), may get benefits acc. to the previous rules, as stipulated herein.

Benefits may be applied for by students and doctoral students - foreigners, studying under the terms & conditions applicable to Polish citizens, fulfilling at least one of the conditions:

- 1) they have been granted a residence permit;
- 2) they have the refugee status granted in the Republic of Poland;
- 3) they benefit from a temporary protection in the territory of the Republic of Poland;
- 4) they are migrant workers who are citizens of a Member State of the European Union, the Swiss Confederation or a Member State of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) - parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as well as members of their families if they live in the territory of the Republic of Poland;
- 5) they were granted a residence permit for a long-term resident of the European Union in the territory of the Republic of Poland;
- 6) they have been granted a permit for temporary residence in the territory of the Republic of Poland in connection with a circumstance referred to in Article 127, Article 159, section 159, or Article 186, section 1, subsection 3 or 4 of the Act of 12 December 2013 on Foreigners;
- 7) they have been granted subsidiary protection in the territory of the Republic of Poland;
- 8) they are citizens of the Member States of the European Union, the Member States of the European Free Trade Agreement (EFTA) - Parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area or the Swiss Confederation and members of their families, entitled to the residence.

Foreign students holding a valid Pole's Card Pole may be awarded the benefits if they study under the rules applicable to Polish citizens.

The Rector's scholarship may be granted to foreign students:

- 1) who are citizens of the Member States of the European Union, the Swiss Confederation or the Member States of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) - Parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area and members of their families, having the financial means necessary to pay their living costs during their studies, provided that they study under the rules applicable to Polish nationals;
- 2) enrolled on payable degree programmes, or studying on the basis of international agreements, under the terms laid down in such agreements, or a decision of the minister responsible for the higher education, if they hold a residence card with the endorsement "access to the labor market" or a Schengen visa, or a national visa issued to work in the territory of the Republic of Poland