

Regulation UTS/OTS scholarship extension 2022-2023

GENERAL

In case of personal circumstances causing a study delay, a UTS or OTS Scholarship recipient may be eligible for a UTS or OTS scholarship extension. This document outlines the conditions and procedure for this extension.

CONDITIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY

A student may apply for an extension of the UTS or OTS scholarship, if:

- The student has been awarded and receives a UTS or OTS scholarship
- The extension period is subsequent to the nominal study period for which the UTS or OTS scholarship was obtained
- The student's study delay has been caused by personal circumstances in one of the FOBOS categories:
 - Illness or pregnancy and childbirth
 - A physical, sensory or other impairment
 - Special family circumstances
- The Committee Personal Circumstances (CPO) has formally acknowledged these personal circumstances and has assessed the extent of the delay caused by the circumstances
- As a result of the delay, the nominal duration of the study is not sufficient to complete the study programme successfully
- A UTS or OTS scholarship recipient can apply only once for a UTS or OTS scholarship extension during the nominal duration of the study programme.

AMOUNT OF EXTENDED SCHOLARSHIP

- An extension of the UTS or OTS scholarship is never longer than the duration of the study delay as assessed by the CPO.
- The maximum amount of the extension of the scholarship is fixed at Euro 2000.- per UTS/OTS scholarship recipient, and regardless of the specific personal circumstances, the duration of the scholarship extension, or any other circumstances. The amount of an extension of the scholarship is not higher than the original UTS or OTS instalment, calculated at a monthly basis.
- The total budget for extensions within the UTS and OTS programmes, is Euro 20,000.-. Scholarship extensions are allocated exclusively on the basis of funds available. Acknowledgement of special circumstances by the CPO does not guarantee an allocation of funds for scholarship extension, nor gives a right to (other) additional funds through the UT-funded scholarships programmes.

PROCEDURE

- The UTS or OTS scholarship recipient first applies for a Force Majeure Allowance via: [Financial support for students in special circumstances - FOBOS | Force majeure allowance | Home SACC \(utwente.nl\)](#).
- The UTS or OTS scholarship recipient subsequently applies for an extension of the UTS/OTS scholarship via: internationaloffice-scholarship@utwente.nl For this application, the decision of the CPO has to be uploaded. Without the CPO decision, the application will not be considered.
- The deadline for application is 15 June 2023.
- Applications submitted before this deadline will be considered between 15 June and 1 July 2023.

- Applications submitted after this deadline may still be considered on a case-by-case basis, in order of submission, and subject to availability of budget.
- The Scholarship Office and International Relations Unit of the University of Twente (SOIR) will assess and decide on the application for an extension of the scholarship, taking into account the scholarship programme conditions and the conditions above.
- The decision on the extension of the scholarship is sent to the UTS or OTS scholarship recipient's official UT email account. The decision is final and no further communication on the outcome will follow.
- Funds for extension, if applicable, are allocated in conformity with the regular UTS or OTS conditions, and transfers are based on the personal and bank details of the UTS or OTS scholarship recipient, as shared with SOIR.
- Should a UTS or OTS scholarship recipient who has been allocated funds for extension, not make use of these funds, for whatever reason, the scholarship recipient is expected to make this known to SOIR as soon as this becomes apparent. The UTS or OTS scholarship recipient is to refund the allocated funds in that case.
- If it becomes apparent to SOIR the UTS or OTS scholarship recipient is using funds for extension not in relation to the study delay, SOIR reserves the right to withdraw the decision of allocation of funds for extension. SOIR may, in this event, decide by formal writing to request an immediate refund from the UTS or OTS scholarships recipient.