



Universidade do Minho
Rectorate

Order
RT-48/2017

Under the provisions of Article 37 (1) (s) and Article 54 (2) (e) of the Statutes of the University of Minho, as approved by the Normative Order No. 14/2016, of 17 November, published in the Diário da República, 2nd series, no. 228, of November 28, and with the assent of the Pedagogical Commission of the Academic Senate, Deliberation No. 20/2017, I approve the Regulations for Merit Scholarship Awards at the University of Minho, hereto listed in the Annex to the present Order.

University of Minho, August 1, 2017.

The Rector

António M. Cunha

Regulation for Merit Scholarship Awards at the University of Minho

Merit scholarships are intended to reward students who, in each curricular year, have had an exceptional performance and they cover all the students enrolled at the University of Minho:

- a) In a bachelor's degree course;
- b) In an integrated masters study cycle;
- c) In a cycle of masters studies;
- d) In a technological specialization course.

In accordance with Articles 5 and 10 of the General Regulations for Merit Scholarship Awards to Higher Education Students defined by Order No. 13531/2009, the award of Merit Scholarships at the University of Minho is governed by the following criteria:

Article 1

1. Students eligible for a merit scholarship are those who:

- a) Have passed the year and are enrolled in a curricular year of the course to which the transition refers to, successfully in all the curricular units that integrate the studies' plan of the previous curricular year in which they were enrolled, and who have a weighted average equal or higher to 16 points (out of 20) in the course units which constitute it as a whole.
- b) Have been enrolled in the previous year, and having successfully concluded all the course units that are part of the last curricular year of their plan of studies, having concluded the course, and with a weighted average equal or higher to 16 points (out of 20) in the course units which constitute it as a whole.

2. In the case of a tie, the following criteria shall intervene successively:

- (a) Weighted average considered up to the thousandths;
- b) The student's current best average, including the curricular year to which the scholarship refers to;
- c) If the tie situation is maintained, the tiebreaker will be decided by a superior resolution.

3. For the purposes of number 1, students may not have any course unit in arrears until December 31 of the corresponding year they are enrolled in.

Article 2

1. The number of scholarships awarded to the University of Minho, pursuant to article 7 of the General Regulations, will be proportionally distributed to the University's Teaching and Research Units, in proportion to the number of students enrolled:

- . School of Architecture School;
- . School of Sciences;
- . School of Law School;
- . School of Economics and Management;

- . School of Engineering;
- . School of Medicine;
- . School of Psychology School;
- . Nursing School;
- . Institute of Social Sciences;
- . Institute of Education;
- . Institute of Arts and Humanities.

2. Each Teaching and Research Units referred to in the previous number shall be assigned one scholarship at least.

Article 3

1. Situations not covered:

1.1. Not accounted to calculate the average:

- a) The course units made by accreditation;
- b) The course units whose grade improvement exams have not been made in the respective academic curricular year;
- c) The course units belonging to advanced curricular years in relation to the year of the award; these will only be considered in the corresponding curricular year.

1.2. This Regulation shall not apply to:

- a) Changing of course situations, unless as a result of its extinction;
- b) Students covered by international academic mobility programs who do not fulfil the previously approved curricular plan between the University of Minho and the University of destination.

Article 4

1. For the purpose of awarding merit scholarships, lists of eligible students will be prepared in each Teaching and Research Organic Unit (UOEI), ranked by descending order of average grades calculated as referred to above.

2. The awarding of the scholarships allocated by the application of Article 2 shall be made, according to the abovementioned list, taking into consideration the following rules:

- a) In the case of a singular scholarship, this shall be awarded to the best student of the respective UOEI;
- b) If there is more than one scholarship these will be distributed, one for each cycle of studies, according to the following order:

Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Masters and Technological Specialization Course;

c) Scholarships awarded to two students from the same cycle of studies (Bachelor, Integrated Masters, Masters and Technological Specialization Course) shall only occur when all the other study cycles represented in the list have been contemplated with at least one scholarship;

(d) Awarding of scholarships to two students from the same course within the same cycle of studies shall take place only when all the remaining courses on the list have already been awarded.

3. In case the number of eligible students in a Teaching and Research Organic Unit is less than the number of allocated scholarships, the remaining scholarships will be redistributed by the remaining Organic Units, in accordance with the procedures laid down in Article 4 (1).

Article 5

1. The lists shall be published via Internet through the Academic Portal of the University of Minho (<http://alunos.uminho.pt>) and on the website of the General Directorate of Higher Education.
2. Any complaints to the lists referred to in the previous number may be submitted to the Rector within 15 working days after their publication, after which they shall be summarily dismissed..
3. Upon expiration of the period referred to in the previous number, the winning students shall be notified by registered letter.

Article 6

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication.

Article 7

Order RT-65/2010, of June 23, is hereby revoked.