

Scholarship PhD candidates at TU/e

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UCC decision on scholarship PhD candidates

After discussion in the TU/e University Consultative Council on 6 May 2024, the Executive Board and the department deans have agreed on the following:

- TU/e can accept scholarship PhD candidates if their scholarship meets the minimum amount, set at [the IND standard](#) (the current threshold is €1613 per month).
 - o This policy is effective as of 1 July 2024 until further notice.
 - o This concerns all PhD scholarships (including CSC and LPDP) that are awarded for a period longer than six months.
- In case a scholarship is lower than the minimum as described above, the scholarship PhD candidate may only be accepted if the scholarship provider agrees to top up the scholarship to the IND standard.
- In case the TU/e department requests a tuition fee for scholarship PhD candidates, this tuition fee should be paid by the scholarship provider. This tuition fee is set at €15.000 per year; for candidates using expensive technology, the tuition fee can be raised up to €35.000 per year.
- If the scholarship provider does not top up the scholarship to the set amount, the scholarship candidate cannot be accepted at TU/e. This means that the scholarship candidate cannot top up the scholarship themselves (e.g., through personal funds, loans, or a second scholarship). A top up with TU/e funds is also not possible.

FAQ

Who is affected by this decision?

The decision applies to persons who come to TU/e on a PhD or postdoc scholarship awarded for a period longer than six months and who did not (yet) receive approval regarding the knowledge security check by TU/e by 1 July 2024. This includes PhD candidates who will defend their dissertation at TU/e. It also includes PhD candidates who will defend their dissertation at another university and who come to TU/e for a research visit longer than six months (as a guest researcher). It also includes postdoctoral researchers and guest researchers who come to TU/e with a scholarship for a period longer than six months.

Persons who are already at TU/e as a scholarship PhD candidate or postdoc or as a guest researcher are not affected by this decision.

What happens to scholarship PhD candidates, postdoctoral candidates and guest researchers who have not yet started their trajectory or visit at TU/e, but have been admitted before 1 July 2024?

If a person with a scholarship received written approval by TU/e before 1 July 2024 regarding the knowledge security check, the person may continue the application process under the old rules.

If a person with a scholarship has not yet received written approval regarding the knowledge security check by TU/e, or if such approval has been given after 1 July 2024, the new policy applies.

Can TU/e offer a top-up to the scholarship so the person can still come to TU/e?

No, it is not possible for TU/e to top-up or supplement these scholarships due to legal reasons (as this would cause a fictitious employment).

Can a university outside the Netherlands offer a top-up to the scholarship, so the person can still come to TU/e?

Yes, it is possible for a university outside the Netherlands to offer the top-up. Clear proof must be provided.

CSC scholarships were exempted from the PhD tuition fees charged by TU/e. Is this still the case?

The exemption for CSC scholarships with regard to PhD tuition fees no longer applies under the new rules. This means that for new PhD candidates with a CSC scholarship, the department may charge a tuition fee (as is the case for other scholarships).

Note that this only applies to PhD candidates who fall under the new policy (i.e., approval of knowledge security check after 1 July 2024); PhD candidates who are already at TU/e with a CSC scholarship do not pay a tuition fee.