

In accordance with Section 36(2) of Act No. 111/1998 on institutions of higher education and amending and supplementing other acts (the Higher Education Act), the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports registered these Scholarship Regulations of the Academy of Fine Arts in Prague on the date of the registration's signature under reference number MSMT-29875/2025-2.

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SCHOLARSHIP REGULATIONS

ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS, PRAGUE

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Article 1

Opening provisions

1. In accordance with the provisions of Act no. 111/1998 on institutions of higher education and amending and supplementing other acts (the Higher Education Act as amended, hereinafter referred to as the “Act”) and other generally valid legislation (in particular Act no. 586/1992 on income tax as amended), these Scholarship Regulations of the Academy of Fine Arts in Prague (hereinafter referred to as “Scholarship Regulations”) regulate the provision of scholarships to students in the study programmes offered by the Academy of Fine Arts, Prague (hereinafter referred to as “AVU”).
2. With the exception of social scholarships as per Section 91, paragraph 5, and doctoral scholarships as per Section 91a of the Act, there is no legal claim to any of the scholarships provided to students under these Scholarship Regulations.
3. Scholarships from non-investment subsidies or grants from the state budget must respect the conditions accepted along with the grant or subsidy.
4. The provision and payment of scholarships must be done with a view to the purpose of the specific scholarship and source of the financial resources from which the scholarship is funded.

Article 2

Types of scholarships and their funding sources

1. AVU students may be awarded the following scholarships:

- a) for outstanding academic achievement (Section 91, paragraph 2(a) of the Act),
- b) for outstanding research, development and innovation, or artistic or other creative achievement contributing to the enhancement of knowledge (Section 91, paragraph 2(b) of the Act),
- c) for research, development and innovation activities pursuant to other legal regulations¹ (Section 91, paragraph 2(c) of the Act),
- d) in cases of a student's social hardship (Section 91, paragraph 2(d) of the Act), hereinafter referred to as "social scholarships",
- e) in cases worthy of special consideration (Section 91, paragraph 2(e) of the Act),
- f) for the support of study, artistic and educational activities or practical internships realized through European Union programmes or other unilateral or bilateral international programmes or projects (Section 91, paragraph 2(f) of the Act);
- g) for students of doctoral study programmes (Section 91a of the Act), hereinafter referred to as "doctoral scholarships",
- h) a housing stipend as a special form of scholarship in cases worthy of special consideration (Section 91, paragraph 2(e) of the Act).

The above-mentioned scholarships are awarded on the basis of a decision by the rector in accordance with Section 68, paragraph 1(e) of the Act.

2. Scholarships are funded from the following sources:
 - a) grants or subsidies from the state budget (Section 18, paragraph 2(a) and (c) of the Act),
 - b) the AVU scholarship fund (the creation of the scholarship fund is governed by the AVU Rules of Economic Management),
 - c) projects and grants, in line with the rules established by the funder,
 - d) other sources.

Article 3

Scholarships for outstanding academic achievement

1. At the end of the academic year, the rector may award a "Rector's Award" for outstanding study results or artistic achievement for the just concluded academic year. This award includes a special one-time scholarship of no more than ten times the base for determining study fees (see Section 58, paragraph 2 of the Act; hereinafter referred to as "base") announced by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (hereinafter referred to as "MŠMT").

¹ Act no. 328/2025 on research, development, innovation and knowledge transfer.

2. At the end of the academic year, the head teacher or group of teachers of a special studio may present the rector with a nominee for the "Studio Award" for the best student of their special studio in the just concluded academic year. The Studio Award includes a special one-time scholarship of no more than four times the base.
3. Scholarships for outstanding academic achievement are awarded by the rector after discussion within the scholarship committee. Nominations for scholarships are submitted to the scholarship committee by the relevant vice-rector or by a studio's head teacher or group of teachers.

Article 4

Scholarships for outstanding research, development and innovation, or artistic or other creative achievement contributing to the enhancement of knowledge

1. Scholarships for outstanding research, development and innovation, or artistic or other creative achievement contributing to the enhancement of knowledge may be awarded to students of the bachelor's, three-year master's, six-year master's or doctoral degree programme:
 - a) for outstanding artistic, scientific, research, developmental or other creative achievements contributing to the enhancement of knowledge, for exceptional academic achievement,
 - b) for outstanding academic achievement,
 - c) for outstanding representation of AVU on the international level,
 - d) in other cases worthy of special consideration, in particular for the support of professional placements, excursions and plein-air exercises in the Czech Republic, or for covering increased costs associated with instruction in substitute spaces outside AVU's headquarters.
2. Scholarships for outstanding research, development and innovation, or artistic or other creative achievement contributing to the enhancement of knowledge are awarded by the rector after discussion within the scholarship committee. Nominations for scholarships are submitted to the scholarship committee by the relevant vice-rector or by a studio's head teacher or group of teachers.
3. Award of a scholarship under Article 3 does not rule out the possibility of being awarded a scholarship for outstanding research, development and innovation, or artistic or other creative achievement contributing to the enhancement of knowledge.

Article 5

Scholarships for research, development and innovation activities pursuant to special legal regulations

1. Scholarships for research, development and innovation activities pursuant to special legal regulations are awarded in line with the rules of the relevant project.
2. Scholarships for research, development and innovation activities pursuant to special legal regulations are awarded by the rector. Proposals for the granting of a scholarship are submitted by the project authors in accordance with the budget and rules established by the funder.

Article 6

Social scholarships

1. In the case of social hardship, a student may be awarded a social scholarship in the form of a State Social Scholarship and/or a school social scholarship.

1. State Social Scholarship

2. State Social Scholarships are awarded in accordance with Section 91, paragraph 5 of the Act and in the amount and manner as defined by this provision of the Act.
3. Students submit their applications for social scholarships to the Study Department using the requisite form.
4. Students document their claim to a social scholarship via a written confirmation from the social welfare office, issued upon the applicant's request, confirming that the income of the members of the household as determined for the purpose of state social support during the decisive period including the month of September, did not exceed the subsistence minimum of the members of the household multiplied by a coefficient of 1.5.
5. Students may apply for a social scholarship for a specific period of time only once.
6. Social scholarships are awarded for the standard period of study (i.e., the ten months of the academic year), there is no claim to the scholarship for the months of July and August, and the height of the scholarship is one quarter of the basic monthly minimum wage.
7. Social scholarships are paid out in Czech crowns via non-cash transfer of funds onto the student's account at a bank in the Czech Republic. Scholarships are paid out retroactively for the period for which they were awarded, usually after 31 December for the months of September through December, 31 March for the first quarter of the calendar year, and 30 June for the second quarter of the calendar year.

2. School social scholarships

8. In special justified cases of social hardship, students may be awarded a school social scholarship as per Section 91, paragraph 2(d) of the Act.
9. The student submits an application along with documents confirming its validity to the Study Department.
10. The decision to award a school scholarship in cases of social hardship is made by the rector based on a recommendation from the scholarship committee and a statement from the studio head.

Article 7

Scholarships in cases worthy of special consideration

1. Scholarships in cases worthy of special consideration are awarded among other things for studio work above and beyond regular study obligations or for the costs of travel and accommodation associated with the performance of a student's study obligations, in particular participation in competitions, festivals, workshops, conferences or prominent exhibitions.
2. Scholarships in cases worthy of special consideration are awarded by the rector upon an application or by official authority upon a recommendation from the relevant vice-rector.

Article 8

Housing stipends

1. Students may claim housing stipends for the period for which such stipends are awarded if, on the day on which the stipend is awarded, the student:
 - a) is engaged in on-site study within an accredited bachelor's, three-year master's, six-year master's or doctoral degree programme,
 - b) is studying in his or her first accredited study programme or in an accredited study programme following this first programme, or has transferred from such a study programme into a different programme and the prior studies have been recognized; if the student is concurrently enrolled in more than one accredited study programme, only that accredited study programme is counted in which the student was registered first; any studies for which the student registered and which he/she completed in the period from 1 May to 30 October of the same calendar year is not counted,
 - c) has not exceeded the standard period of studies in the current accredited study programme or in any concurrent study programme,
 - d) does not have his/her permanent address in the City of Prague, does not have his/her permanent address outside the European Union (does not apply to citizens of EU member states), and
 - e) is not studying as part of a foreign-language study programme, self-payers.
2. Fulfilment of the conditions for claiming the housing stipend as per paragraph 1(a) through (e) is verified on the basis of information from the SIMS (Collected Information from Student Registers) database.
3. Housing stipends are paid out in Czech crowns via non-cash transfer of funds onto the student's bank account in the Czech Republic. Housing stipends are paid out retroactively for the period for which they were awarded, and this after every three months (hereinafter referred to as "quarter") – i.e., for the period from 1 October to 31 December, for the period from 1 January to 31 March and for the period from 1 April

to 30 June of the relevant calendar year. No housing stipend is provided for the final quarter.

4. Housing stipends are awarded by the rector by official authority.
5. Upon failure to meet any of the conditions laid out in paragraph 1, the student loses his or her claim to a housing stipend.
6. Housing stipends cannot be awarded and paid out to students:
 - a) for periods in which they have interrupted their studies,
 - b) from the day following the day on which they have completed their studies (Section 55, paragraph 1 and Section 56 of the Act),
 - c) from the day following the day of a change in the conditions necessary for being awarded a housing stipend,
 - d) who are studying thanks to foreign development aid (government scholarship recipients),
 - e) who are studying as part of a scholarship based on international treaties,
 - f) who are studying as part of the AKTION and CEEPUS programmes.
7. The amount of the housing stipend is calculated from the amount that AVU receives for housing stipends from the MŠMT in relation to the number of students who meet the criteria for receiving a housing stipend in the relevant scholarship period.

Article 9

A. Doctoral scholarships until the 2025/2026 academic year

1. Students of the doctoral study programme who are studying on-site in the standard period of study and whose first period of instruction began prior to the start of the 2025/2026 academic year are awarded doctoral scholarships by the rector according to this article.
2. Doctoral scholarships cannot be awarded and paid out to students who have previously studied in an accredited doctoral study programme or who have transferred from one such doctoral study programme to another and their prior studies have been recognized.
3. Whether an applicant meets the conditions for a doctoral scholarship as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 is verified on the basis of information from the SIMS (Collected Information from Student Registers) database.
4. Doctoral scholarships are awarded in the form of a regular monthly grant for the period of one academic year and are paid out in Czech crowns via non-cash transfer of funds onto the student's bank account in the Czech Republic.
5. The amount of a doctoral scholarship is calculated from the amount that AVU receives for doctoral scholarships from the Ministry of Education in relation to the number of students who meet the criteria for being awarded a doctoral scholarship in the relevant scholarship period

6. Doctoral scholarships cease to be recognized and paid out starting with the month following the month in which the student has interrupted or ended his/her studies.
7. If a student fails to fulfil the study obligations arising from the study plan, the rector may, upon a recommendation from the vice-rector for internationalization and research or the student's advisor or group of advisors, reduce the awarded amount of the doctoral scholarship.

B. Doctoral scholarships starting with the 2025/2026 academic year

8. Students who registered for their first year of study starting with the 2025/2026 academic year or later are awarded doctoral scholarships by the rector according to this article.
9. A student may claim a doctoral scholarship if he or she files an application electronically and if, on the day of the decision granting the scholarship is made, the student:
 - a) is engaged in on-site study within an accredited doctoral degree programme,
 - b) is studying in his or her first accredited doctoral degree programme or has transferred from one doctoral degree programme to another and the prior studies have been recognized; if the student is concurrently enrolled in more than one accredited study programme, he or she may submit no more than one application,
 - c) has not exceeded the standard period of studies in the current doctoral degree programme or in any concurrent study programme.
10. Fulfilment of the conditions for claiming the doctoral scholarship as per paragraph 1(a) through (c) is verified on the basis of information from the SIMS (Collected Information from Student Registers) database.
11. Doctoral scholarships are awarded by the rector.
12. Doctoral scholarships are awarded for the period of one academic year (including the holiday times). At the least, however, for the period of one calendar year; doctoral scholarships may be awarded retroactively no sooner than for the month preceding the month in which the application was submitted.
13. Doctoral scholarships are paid out in Czech crowns via non-cash transfer of funds onto the student's bank account in the Czech Republic.
14. The monthly amount of the doctoral scholarship is determined in such a manner that the doctoral scholarship will be the student's income as per Section 91a, paragraph 3 of the Act. This does not affect the possibility of awarding, lowering or revoking a doctoral scholarship via the procedure outlined in paragraph 8.
15. Salary or wages for work performed as part of an employment relationship in which the student in question engages in artistic activities related to his or her dissertation may be included into a calculation of the doctoral study income.

16. Upon a recommendation from the Doctoral Degree Board, a previously awarded doctoral scholarship may, in line with the Act and the Study and Examination Regulations:
 - a) be reduced to half the amount or be awarded in this reduced amount, if the student has seriously and demonstrably failed to fulfil the obligations arising from the individual study plan, and if at the same time it can be reasonably assumed that the obligations in question will be fulfilled within a deadline for subsequent review by the Doctoral Degree Board; or
 - b) be revoked or not awarded, if the student has seriously and demonstrably failed to fulfil the obligations arising from the individual study plan, and if at the same time it can be reasonably assumed that the failure to meet these obligations will be rectified and the student's studies will not be terminated for this reason.
17. Proceedings regarding the revocation or change in amount of a scholarship are initiated upon a request or by official authority; in such a case, the first task of the proceedings is to issue a decision.
18. Doctoral scholarships cannot be awarded and paid out to students:
 - a) for periods in which they have interrupted their studies,
 - b) from the day following the day on which they have completed their studies (Section 55, paragraph 1 and Section 56 of the Act),
 - c) from the day following the day of a change in the conditions necessary for being awarded a doctoral scholarship (e.g., a change in the form of study),

Article 10

Scholarships for the support of study, artistic and educational activities or practical internships realized through European Union programmes or other unilateral or bilateral international programmes or projects

1. The decision whether to award a scholarship for the support of study, artistic and educational activities or practical internships realized through European Union programmes or other unilateral or bilateral international programmes or projects is made by the vice-rector for study affairs and/or the vice-rector for internationalization and research, and its amount is determined on the basis of the conditions of the relevant programme, in particular ERASMUS+ and development projects.

Article 11

Payment of scholarships

1. Students are required, without undue delay upon registering for a study programme at AVU, to sign in to IS/STAG and enter their account number for a bank account in Czech crowns held at a bank in the Czech Republic. If awarded a scholarship for studying abroad, students may enter a special bank account number for an account

in Euros. In case of a change of bank account number, students are required to inform the Study Department of this fact and to change it themselves in IS/STAG. If a scholarship payment cannot be made to the account given by the student, AVU shall call upon the student to rectify this situation; if this is not done within 15 days of delivery of said notice, the student loses his or her claim to the awarded scholarship.

2. Doctoral and social scholarships and housing stipends are transferred onto the student's bank account no later than by the tenth day of the month following the relevant payment period. The dates for preparing and submitting the documents necessary for payment of scholarships are given in the bursar's decree regarding payment dates.
3. Students are obligated to immediately inform the study department of all changes in the circumstances necessary for being awarded a scholarship and must do so within 30 days of the date on which such circumstances arise.
4. Scholarships are paid out in a single payment or in instalments whose number, amount and payment dates are as a rule set in the rector's decision.
5. With the exception of state social scholarships awarded for a student's social hardship and doctoral scholarships as per Section 91a of the Act, payment of a scholarship may be halted if the student has failed to fulfil his/her obligations as per Section 63 of the Act.
6. Students who are re-registered for studies after having previously interrupted their studies during a period for which they had been awarded a scholarship may again claim payment of the remaining part of the previously awarded scholarship starting from the date on which the interruption of studies comes to an end.

Article 12

Scholarship committee

1. The scholarship committee has five members, who are nominated by the rector. Students are represented by two members. The committee's chair is usually the vice-rector for study affairs.
2. The scholarship committee makes its decisions on the basis of the received financial resources and the resources of the AVU scholarship fund. The committee decides on the scholarships described in Articles 3 and 4.
3. Meetings of the scholarship committee are called by its chair. The committee is quorate when an absolute majority of its members is in attendance. An absolute majority of the members in attendance is required to ratify a submitted proposal. If votes are even, the vote of the chair is decisive. In exceptional cases, voting may be done by post.
4. Administrative matters associated with the activities of the scholarship committee are handled by the study department.

Article 13

Common provisions

1. When determining the monetary value of a scholarship, AVU works on the basis of its own financial resources and capabilities, the volume and purpose of the received resources at its disposal, and the number of students who have met the conditions for being awarded the various types of scholarships.
2. Decisions on the awarding of scholarships are governed by the provisions of Section 68 of the Act and by Act no. 500/2004, the rules of administrative procedure as amended. Decisions must be made in writing and must contain a ruling as to whether the scholarship has been awarded or not (in the former case, it must also include the form in which it will be paid out), reasoning, and instructions regarding the possibility of appeal. In accordance with the provisions of Section 69a, paragraph 3 of the Act, decisions to award or not award a scholarship, as well as other documents associated with the proceedings, are generally issued electronically and delivered via IS/STAG.
3. Students may appeal the decision within 15 days of the day on which the decision was announced to them as per paragraph 2. Appeals are submitted via the study department to the rector, who either approves or rejects the appeal. The rector's decision must be made in writing and must contain reasoning and instructions that it is final.
4. The responsible authorities for the provision of scholarships to students of the bachelor's, three-year or six-year master's, and doctoral degree programmes in accordance with these Scholarship Regulations are the Study Department (in matters related to the administrative processes of students' documents) and the Economic Department (in matters related to the inspection of the accuracy of the submitted documents, accounting, and payment of the scholarships provided).

Article 14

Transitional provisions and final provisions

1. The Scholarship Regulations of the Academy of Fine Arts in Prague registered with the MŠMT on 25 September 2024 under file number MSMT-15257/2024-2 are hereby repealed.
2. These Scholarship Regulations were approved by the AVU Academic Senate on 3 December 2025 pursuant to Section 9, paragraph 1(b) of the Act. 3.
3. These Study and Examination Regulations enter into validity according to Section 36, paragraph 4 of the Act on the date of their registration at the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, and they become effective as of 10 February 2026.

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