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III.2. REGULATIONS OF STUDENT BENEFITS AND FEES

APPENDIX NO.5V: OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

**INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (MISP)
SCHOLARSHIP**

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PREAMBULUM

¹The Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences (hereinafter referred to as the University) has established the MATE International Scholarship Program (hereinafter referred to as the Scholarship) among the Other Scholarships established from its own revenues pursuant to Section 85/C(d) of Act CCIV of 2011 on National Higher Education and Section 45(1) of the Regulations on Student Benefits and Fees (hereinafter referred to as the SBF). Section 45 (1) of the Regulations on Student Benefits and Fees (hereinafter: SBF), has established a scholarship called the MATE International Scholarship Program (hereinafter: MISP Scholarship) from its own revenues for foreign citizens applying for foreign-language bachelor and master courses under the Stipendium Hungaricum (hereinafter: SH) or Scholarship for Christian Youth program (hereinafter: SCYP) programs, who meet the admission requirements but have not been awarded a scholarship, as well as former SH or SCYP scholarship holders who have exceeded the scholarship support period but are still within the training period according to the training and output requirements of the program, for the purpose of supporting their studies. With these Regulations, the MISP Scholarship is extended to those former students of the University who obtained a bachelor's degree at the University or any of its legal predecessors and intend to continue their studies in one of the University's foreign-language master's programs, as well as to self-financing students admitted within the framework of the Danube Agrifood Master (hereinafter: DAFM) program.

²The Senate has determined the conditions and procedural rules for awarding MISP scholarships in accordance with the provisions of the University's Admission Regulations applicable to foreign nationals applying for foreign language programs, and in accordance with the SH and SCYP Operating Regulations, and the SH and SCYP Implementation Guidelines, as well as, with regard to students participating in the DAFM program, taking into account the DAFM consortium agreement and with the agreement of the University Student Council, as follows.

1. General provisions

1.1. Scope of the regulations

1. §

- (1) The personal scope of the Regulations extends to foreign citizens applying for admission to Hungarian or foreign-language, full-time bachelor's or master's degree programs supported by MISP Scholarships, foreign students who have been awarded a MISP Scholarship, and the university organisational units and staff involved in the organisation and implementation of the MISP scholarship program.

1.2. The objective of the MISP scholarship program

2. §

- (1) ³The objective of the MISP scholarship program, in line with the aims of the SH scholarship program and other scholarship programs, is to promote the internationalization of the University, increase the cultural diversity of the University, build international relations of

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the University, and at the same time promote the competitiveness of Hungarian higher education on the international stage.

- (2) The objective of the MISP Scholarship is to increase the number of students participating in foreign language courses and self-financed students of foreign nationality, and to support the participation of students from third and developing countries disadvantaged regions to participate in higher education and improve their chances of advancement.

2. Rules of the application procedure

2.1. Eligible applicants

3. §

- (1) ⁴The MISP Scholarship is available to applicants who are starting their studies in the first year of a full-time (daytime) bachelor's or master's program. A student may be awarded the MISP Scholarship once per study level. Foreign students who applied for an SH, SCYP, or DAFM scholarship in the semester of application are eligible for the MISP Scholarship if
- a) ⁵the sending country/partner organisation has not nominated them for an SH or SCYP scholarship (round 1), or
 - b) ⁶they have been nominated but did not receive the SH or SCYP scholarship (round 2),
 - c) ⁷applied for the DAFM training program, in a self-financing form, as well as
 - d) ⁸accepting the information sent by the Department of International Academic Programs (hereinafter referred to as DIAP) regarding the MISP Scholarship opportunity, applies for the MISP Scholarship.
- (1a) ⁹The MISP Scholarship is available to university graduates who obtained a bachelor's degree at the University or any of its predecessor institutions, registered in the University's alumni system, and wish to continue their studies in one of the University's foreign-language master's degree programs.
- (2) ¹⁰The MISP Scholarship may also be awarded on a semester basis to a maximum of three SH or SCYP scholarship students whose scholarship period has expired but who have not yet completed their studies and have not exceeded the duration of the program, and their application for an extension for SH or SCYP scholarship cannot be supported. In this case, the MISP scholarship is awarded for one semester and cannot be extended. Former SH or SCYP scholarship students who have lost their scholarship status due to failure to fulfill their academic or other obligations specified in the SH as well as the SCYP Implementation Guidelines are not eligible for the MISP Scholarship.

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2.2. Announcement, submission, and evaluation of applications

4. §

- (1) The call for applications for the MISP Scholarship must be published on the University's website, and the detailed conditions for the application are included in the call for applications.
- (2) ¹¹Applications must be submitted via the MATE DreamApply platform (hereinafter referred to as MATE DA system) managed by DIAP by the deadline specified in the call for applications, quoting the SH/SCYP/DAFM DreamApply ID. In the case of an applicant who has obtained a degree, the degree certificate number must be provided in their application. The University staff members involved in the scholarship admission process will only process and evaluate application documents submitted through the MATE DA system. MISP applicants who have been nominated or selected but have not been awarded an SH/SCYP scholarship may apply for only one of the programs indicated in their SH/SCYP application. The University reserves the right to offer the applicant a program related to the field of study if certain programs do not start.
- (2a) ¹²Should the applicant wish to apply for additional programs at the University, they may do so under the self-funded application process upon paying the application fee per program.
- (3) ¹³Applicants need to upload application material to the MATE DA system except DAFM applicants. There is no separate application fee for MISP applications.
- (4) ¹⁴In the case of applicants of the first round, following the verification and evaluation of application materials and documents uploaded to the MATE DA system, as well as the conduct of the oral entrance interview, either the DAFM Consortium Admission Committee or the institute Entrance Examination Committee will propose admission or rejection of the application. In the case of applicants of the second round, the DIAP makes proposals for awarding the MISP Scholarship based on their SH/SCYP entrance examination results. The list of the applicants of the first round recommended for admission, alongside the list of the applicants of the second round recommended for the MISP Scholarship, is submitted by the DIAP for approval to the Educational Director, the Vice-Rector for Education, the Vice-Rector for Science and International Affairs, and the Director General for Finance. Following approval, the Department of Neptun and Educational Administration registers the admitted students in the NEPTUN Unified Education System (hereinafter: NEPTUN TR). The DIAP sends Preliminary Letters of Acceptance (PLoA) to the admitted applicants. The final Letters of Acceptance (LoA) are prepared and issued by the campus academic registrars' offices following the payment of the two-semester tuition fee.
- (5) ¹⁵In the case of applicants referred to in Section 3 (2), the application deadline shall be determined by DIAP, and the call for applications shall be published on the University's website at least 14 days before the application deadline. The evaluation of these scholarship applications is conducted by an ad hoc committee consisting of the Vice-Rector for

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Education, the Educational Director, and the Vice-Rector for Science and International Affairs. The criteria to be considered during the evaluation are as follows:

- a) language of instruction (preference given to international students studying in English who are not native Hungarian speakers),
- b) academic progress (trends, ratio of credits taken/completed),
- c) community activity,
- d) other unique, special circumstances.

2.3. The admission process

5. §

- (1) ¹⁶Following unsuccessful SH/SCYP nomination, DAFM selection, ID-CIEA will inform the applicant about the MISP Scholarship opportunity in an information letter.
- (2) ¹⁷Applicants may submit their applications until the deadline given via MATE DA system, in which they may select one of the courses for which they originally applied for an SH/SCYP scholarship.
- (3) ¹⁸Entry examination procedures for applicants who submitted an application pursuant to Section 3 (1) a) shall be initiated by the Entrance Examination Committees under Section 10 of the Admission Regulations, which shall take into account the documents uploaded by the applicant to the MATE DA system when formulating their decision proposal. For applicants who submitted an application pursuant to Section 3 (1) b), the entrance examination results achieved during the SH/SCYP admission procedure shall be recorded by the Entrance Examination Committees in the MATE DA system.
- (4) ¹⁹Applicants will be notified of the outcome of the admission process by means of a Preliminary Letter of Acceptance (PLoA), followed by a Letter of Acceptance (LoA) after payment of the tuition fees for the first two semesters.
- (5) The tasks of the university organizational units participating in the admission procedure, as well as the timing and deadlines for each subtask during the procedure, are determined by the Educational Director for each academic year.
- (6) ²⁰Simultaneously with the PLoA, based on the information letter issued by the campus academic registrars' offices, the applicant shall pay the self-funded tuition fee for the two semesters specified by the University via NEPTUN TR, and inform the study coordinator of the payment via email. The deadline for payment of the tuition fee shall be determined by the Director of Education. Applicants may reclaim the tuition fees paid in accordance with Section 21(2a) of the SBF if their visa application is rejected and they can provide credible evidence of this.

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3. Legal status, rights, and obligations of MISP scholarship students

3.1. Legal status of MISP scholarship students

6. §

- (1) Students who have been accepted under the MISP Scholarship Program and have established student status are self-financing, and their financial status in NEPTUN system is: MATE International Scholarship Program. Self-financed foreign students must sign an English-language training contract with the University, which is an annex to the registration form in accordance with Section 38 (4) b) of Government Decree 87/2015. (IV. 9.) on the implementation of certain provisions of Act CCIV of 2011 on national higher education, which is an annex to the registration form and specifies the amount of self-funded tuition, which cannot be modified during the student's legal relationship.
- (2) MISP Scholarship requirements:
 - a) establishment of active student status following successful admission to the designated cost-based training program and conclusion of the training contract, and
 - b) signing the MISP scholarship contract.

3.2. Rights and obligations of MISP scholarship students

7. §

- (1) ²¹MISP scholarship students may be exempted from paying tuition fees in the cases specified in Section 9 (2).
- (2) MISP scholarship students are responsible for arranging their own accommodation. If they are accommodated in the University's dormitory, they are required to pay the dormitory accommodation fee set by the University, which is posted monthly in the NEPTUN system. Receiving a MISP Scholarship does not entitle the student to a dormitory fee discount, housing allowance, or travel allowance.
- (3) ²²MISP scholarship students are responsible for obtaining their own health insurance, the existence and maintenance of which they are required to prove at the request of the University. If the student does not obtain health insurance, they will be responsible for any medical expenses and damages.
- (4) Students who have been accepted as MISP scholarship recipients but who do not travel to Hungary by the end of September at the latest due to delays in visa applications will lose their scholarship eligibility. i.e. scholarship status cannot be carried over to the following academic year if the student does not commence their studies.
- (5) Students admitted as MISP scholarship recipients are also entitled to subject recognition, meaning that students can take advantage of the opportunity to request credit for knowledge acquired during their previous studies. Credits recognized in this way can reduce the length of study for MISP scholarship recipients.
- (6) ²³MISP scholarship students are not required to maintain a minimum GPA, but they must complete all credits required by the model curriculum in the prescribed semester. MISP scholarship status is guaranteed in case students progress according to the sample

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curriculum. The completion of the semester credit requirement is checked on the basis of the average of two active semesters, so students can make up for any courses they may have missed in the previous semester in the following semester, provided that the course is also offered in the following semester or they have obtained a signature at the end of the semester for the course, thus allowing them to take the exam course. If the student has not completed the number of credits required for the two semesters according to the model curriculum in the last two active semesters, their eligibility for the MISP scholarship will be terminated and they will be required to finance their studies themselves as a self-paying student from the following semester.

- (7) If the student is unable to fulfill their obligations specified in the Regulations and in the MISP scholarship agreement due to a force majeure event (war, pandemic, or other force majeure situation) and any unforeseeable restrictive measures resulting therefrom, they shall be obliged to notify the University of the force majeure event and its details (including proof of the impact of the force majeure event on their obligations) immediately by electronic means, by e-mail via the study advisor. Following the notification, the student and the University shall endeavor to agree on a reasonable and feasible solution that allows the student to fulfill their obligations in an acceptable manner and maintain their scholarship status. A situation that was already known at the time of signing the scholarship agreement does not constitute grounds for invoking force majeure.
- (8) ²⁴MISP scholarship students cannot apply for further reduction in tuition fees and are not eligible for tuition fee reductions.

3.3. Enrollment, deferral, passivation

8. §

- (1) ²⁵Applicants who have been awarded a MISP Scholarship must visit the campus study department in person on the first workday after their arrival, but no later than 10 September, to meet with the study advisor and enroll in the program.
- (2) ²⁶Upon enrollment, MISP scholarship recipients are required to present the documents listed in the admission notification.
- (3) Students admitted as MISP scholarship recipients may not defer the start of their studies. In the semester of admission, they are required to enroll in the program and begin their studies with an active semester. Failure to do so will result in the loss of scholarship eligibility, and an MISP scholarship agreement cannot be concluded.
- (4) ²⁷MISP scholarship students are also entitled to defer a semester or defer a semester retroactively due to extraordinary circumstances, in accordance with the general rules set out in the University's Study and Examination Regulations (hereinafter: SER).
- (5) In connection with passivation, all actions must be taken in accordance with the relevant Hungarian laws in force and the provisions of the SER.

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4. Amount and availability of the MISP Scholarship

9. §

- (1) Students are not eligible for a fixed monetary allowance under the MISP Scholarship program.
- (2) ²⁸MISP scholarship recipients shall be exempt from paying tuition fees in accordance with the following:
 - a) ²⁹in the case of a 6-semester bachelor's program, starting from the semester in which they have completed the credits required by the model curriculum for the first 3 semesters;
 - b) ³⁰in the case of a 7- or 8-semester bachelor's program, starting from the semester in which they have completed the credits required by the model curriculum for the first 4 semesters;
 - c) ³¹in the case of a 3- or 4-semester master's program, starting from the semester in which they have completed the credits required by the model curriculum for the first 2 semesters.

³²The duration of the scholarship corresponds to the number of active semesters defined in the program's degree requirements. A MISP scholarship extension may be granted for a maximum of one semester to students exceeding the standard duration of study upon individual application in justified cases, subject to the approval of the Vice-Rector for Education. The student is required to pay the full tuition fee if they exceed the number of active semesters specified in the training and outcome requirements.

- (3) ³³The Educational Directorate is responsible for educational administration and administrative tasks related to credit registration.
- (4) The documents relating to the awarding of the MISP Scholarship shall be retained in accordance with the provisions of the Document Management Regulations.
- (5) The MISP Scholarship is funded from the University's own revenues.

5. Termination of MISP scholarship status

10. §

- (1) The MISP scholarship relationship shall terminate:
 - a) ³⁴upon termination of student status according to SER Section 23 (1) or (2);
 - b) in the event of failure to meet the credit progress obligation [Section 7(6)].

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6. Final provisions

11. §

- (1) These Regulations were adopted by the Senate of the Hungarian University of Agricultural and Life Sciences on 31 July 2025, by Resolution No. 148/2025 (VII.31.)
- (2) These regulations shall enter into force on August 1, 2025. Their provisions shall apply to students admitted with a MISP Scholarship from the 2023/24 academic year onwards.
- (3) Students who have been awarded a MISP Scholarship for the 2023/24 and 2024/25 academic years must sign a MISP scholarship agreement within 90 days of the entry into force of these Regulations, taking into account the provisions of these Regulations.
- (4) Amendments to these Regulations were adopted by the Senate of the Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences under Resolution No. 132/2026 (VIII.27.). The amendments shall enter into force on the day following the adoption of the resolution.

Gödöllő, 27 August 2026

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