

# Student Support Fund Regulations

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# Regulation Student Support Fund - Force Majeure

As referred to in Article 7.51 et seq. of the Higher Education and Research Act.

## **Background Student Support Fund**

Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) provides scholarships to full-time students of initial bachelor's and master's degrees through the Student Support Fund. This is regulated in Articles 7.51 to 7.51i of the Higher Education and Research Act. In this way, the university supports students who are committed to student life, the university and society. She also helps students who are delayed in their studies due to force majeure.

## **Background to the Force Majeure regulation**

The Force Majeure Regulation falls within the Student Support Fund. This regulation is intended for students who are faced with special circumstances during the nominal duration of their studies as a result of which they fall behind in their studies.

## **Chapter 1. Conditions and procedure**

### **Article 1.1 Conditions for the Force Majeure Regulation**

1. A student is eligible for financial support if they:

- a. are enrolled as a first registration (main enrolment) in a full-time initial programme at EUR, for which no degree has yet been awarded;
- b. are liable for statutory tuition fee for this programme;
- c. are entitled to or have been entitled to a provisional grant for higher education as referred to in the Student Finance Act 2000 (Wet studiefinanciering 2000) for the programme mentioned under a;
- d. experience or are expected to experience a study delay due to exceptional circumstances.
- e. The exceptional circumstance occurs during the nominal duration of study of the enrolment as referred to under a;
- f. a student who does not receive support under the Student Finance Act 2000 (Wet studiefinanciering 2000) solely due to their nationality (as referred to under c) may still apply for this regulation if they meet the conditions specified under a, d, and e.
- g. For each period of 6 months of financial support under the Student Support Fund, the student can submit a study plan that he has drawn up in consultation with the study advisor of his or her study programme or a student counsellor, if it has been decided to draw it up by the relevant study advisor or student counsellor.

2. Special circumstances referred to in paragraph 1 are:

- a) illness
- b) pregnancy and childbirth,

- c) a functional impairment or chronic illness,
- d) special family circumstances (including informal care),
- e) an insufficiently studyable programme
- f) be enrolled in a programme that has not been granted or withdrawn from accreditation and for which a degree has not yet been awarded, as a result of which the student is no longer entitled to student finance.

3. The period in which force majeure leads to entitlement to support is the period of the basic grant (for Dutch students and other EEA students entitled to student finance) or the nominal study duration (for non-EEA students).

#### **Article 1.2 Application procedure**

1. A student who suffers a study delay due to a special personal circumstance (or their agent) must report this to a student counsellor and/or a study advisor within two months of the start of the circumstance. If the circumstance is such that the student or their agent is unable to report the special circumstance within two months, it will be assessed in the light of the circumstance.
2. A report will not be processed if it is made after 31 December following the academic year in which the special circumstance occurred.
3. After the notification, the application will be sent via a student counsellor. The application must be made in writing, using an application form and must be accompanied by the supporting documents required for the assessment, including any study plans.
4. The application must be made no earlier than six months, but no later than three months before the end of the nominal study duration.
5. If the application is incomplete, the student will be given the opportunity to provide the necessary information within four weeks. If the application is not completed within this period, it may be decided not to process the application. The student will be informed of this.

#### **Article 1.3 Assessment**

1. The Executive Board mandates the Student Support Committee to assess applications.
2. The Commission assesses the extent to which the special circumstance leads to study delay and determines the duration of the financial support on that basis.
3. The Committee will inform the student of the decision in writing within six weeks.
4. The student can lodge an objection against the decision with the Executive Board within six weeks, through the Student Objection Advisory Committee.

#### **Article 1.4 Start, duration and payment**

1. The financial support starts from the moment that the student's nominal study duration as determined in point 3 of Article 1.1 ends.
2. The maximum duration of financial support in the event of a special circumstance is 12 months per student in total. This maximum duration also applies in the event of a concurrence of several grounds for force majeure.
3. The financial support will be paid out sequentially in the following months.
4. The student is enrolled as a full-time student at EUR while receiving the support. As soon as the student deregisters, the other months of financial support expire.

5. Changes in the student's situation that may be important for the payment of the contribution (such as the completion of the study) must be reported by the student to a student counsellor.

#### **Article 1.5 Amount**

1. Students who are delayed during the nominal duration of their studies as described in paragraph 3 of Article 1.1 as a result of force majeure will receive a fixed amount.
2. The amount of the fixed grant amount per month is indexed annually on the basis of the increase in the statutory tuition fee of the academic year in question compared to the previous academic year, with a maximum of -3% or +3%.
3. The fixed amount is supplemented by the amount of the supplementary grant, if the student received it in the last month of the DUO provisional grant period.

## **Chapter 2. Mandates**

#### **Article 2.1 The Student Support Committee**

1. The Executive Board appoints the members of the Student Support Committee. This committee consists of at least one student counsellor as chair and another student counsellor as deputy chair.
2. The Executive Board entrusts the implementation of the following items of the Student Support Fund to the Student Support Committee:
  - a) Individual scholarships in the event of special personal circumstances (force majeure);
  - b) Board membership grants for student organisations (lump sum);
  - c) Individual board membership grants for members of participation bodies and programme committees;
  - d) Individual scholarships for students who carry out relevant community activities and for students who practice top-level sports.
3. The committee is supported by the Education and Student Affairs (E&S) department.
4. The Executive Board mandates the chair of the Student Support Committee to take decisions and sign positive decisions and, in his absence or absence, a sub-mandate to the deputy chair of the Student Support Committee.
5. The Executive Board mandates the director of E&S to sign decisions in which an application is not granted.

## **Chapter 3. Final provisions**

#### **Article 3.1 Interpretation and hardship clause**

1. In matters related to the subjects governed by these regulations, which are not provided for in these regulations, or in cases where these regulations give rise to multiple interpretations, the Executive Board shall decide.
2. The Executive Board mandates the Student Support Committee to grant a request for financial support in specific cases, if, in the Committee's opinion, rejecting the request would result in an unfairness of a serious nature.

#### **Article 3.2 Entry into force and transitional arrangements**

These regulations will enter into force on 1 January 2026.

The previous regulation will be repealed as of the same date.

# Regulation Student Support Fund - Top-Level Sport and Community Activities

As referred to in Article 7.51 et seq. of the Higher Education and Research Act.

## **Background Student Support Fund**

Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) provides scholarships to full-time students of initial bachelor's and master's degrees through the Student Support Fund. This is regulated in Articles 7.51 to 7.51i of the Higher Education and Research Act. In this way, the university supports students who are committed to student life, the university and society. She also helps students who are delayed in their studies due to force majeure.

## **Background to the top-level sports regulation and social activities**

The Student Support Fund includes the top-level sports and social activities regulation. This regulation is intended for students who have incurred a delay in their studies by practising top-level sports or developing activities in the social field during the nominal duration of their study delay.

## **Chapter 1. Conditions and procedure**

### **Article 1.1 Conditions for the regulation of top-level sport and community activities**

1. Eligible for financial support is a student who:
  - a) is registered as the first enrolment (main enrolment) for a full-time initial programme at EUR, for which no degree has yet been awarded;
  - b) are liable for statutory tuition fee for this programme;
  - c) are entitled to or have been entitled to a provisional grant for higher education as referred to in the Student Finance Act 2000 (Wet studiefinanciering 2000) for the programme mentioned under a;
  - d) experience or are expected to experience a study delay due to exceptional circumstances;
  - e) is engaged in top-level sport during the nominal duration of their studies and can demonstrate the level of this by means of his EUR top-level sports status, awarded by Erasmus Sport, or during the nominal duration of the study undertakes relevant community activities for EUR in the opinion of the Student Support Committee and does not yet receive financial support or compensation from EUR or third parties for this;
  - f) a student who does not receive support under the Student Finance Act 2000 (Wet studiefinanciering 2000) solely due to their nationality (as referred to under c) may still apply for this regulation if they meet the conditions specified under a, d and e.

2. The period in which study delay due to relevant social activities or top-level sport leads to entitlement to support is the period of the basic grant (for Dutch students and other EEA students entitled to student finance) or the nominal study duration (for non-EEA students).

#### **Article 1.2 Application procedure**

1. Students who undertake the community activity or engage in top-level sport can apply for a scholarship for the activities undertaken in the previous academic year before 1 September at the latest.
2. The application must be made in writing, using an application form and providing the supporting documents required for the assessment.
3. For each period of 6 months of financial support, the student can submit a study plan that the student has drawn up in consultation with the study advisor of their programme or a student counsellor, if it has been decided to draw it up by the relevant study advisor or student counsellor.
4. If the application is incomplete, the student will be given the opportunity to provide the necessary information within four weeks. If the application is not completed within this period, it may be decided not to process the application, and the student will not receive a grant for the academic year in question. The student will be informed of this.

#### **Article 1.3 Assessment and budget**

1. The student's application will be assessed by the Student Support Committee.
2. There are 85 scholarship months per academic year to be distributed by the Student Support Committee for top-level sports and community activities.
3. Applications will be processed in order of receipt until the budget for that calendar year has been exhausted.

#### **Article 1.4 Start, duration and payment**

1. The start of the financial support is retroactively the deadline for submitting the application. This is every year on September 1.
2. The monthly payment begins after an application has been granted. The financial support will be paid out sequentially in the following months.
3. A student can receive financial support for a maximum of six months for top-level sports or community activities for the entire study period. In the event of a concurrence of different grounds that fall under this regulation, a maximum of twelve months of financial support applies for the entire study period.
4. The student is enrolled as a full-time student at EUR while receiving the support. As soon as the student deregisters, the other months of financial support expire.
5. Changes in the student's situation that may be important for the payment of the contribution (such as the completion of the study) must be reported by the student to a student counsellor.

#### **Article 1.5 Amount**

1. The committee determines the number of months that make up the financial support. This number depends on the level at which top-level sport is practiced, as evidenced by the supporting documents, or the extent of the community activities undertaken.
2. The amount of financial support is a fixed monthly amount. This amount shall be multiplied by the number of months as determined by the committee, as stated in paragraph 1.
3. The amount of the fixed grant amount per month is indexed annually on the basis of the increase in the statutory tuition fee of the academic year in question compared to the previous academic year, with a maximum of -3% or +3%.

4. The fixed amount is supplemented by the amount of the supplementary grant, if the student received it in the last month of the DUO provisional grant period.

## **Chapter 2. Mandates**

### **Article 2.1 The Student Support Committee**

1. The Executive Board appoints the members of the Student Support Committee. This committee consists of at least one student counsellor as chair and another student counsellor as deputy chair.
2. The Executive Board entrusts the implementation of the following items of the Student Support Fund to the Student Support Committee:
  - a. Individual scholarships in the event of special personal circumstances (force majeure);
  - b. Board membership grants for student organisations (lump sum);
  - c. Individual board membership grants for members of participation bodies and programme committees;
  - d. Individual scholarships for students who carry out relevant community activities and for students who practice top-level sports.
3. The committee is supported by the Education and Student Affairs (E&S) department.
4. The Executive Board mandates the chair of the Student Support Committee to take decisions and sign positive decisions and, in his absence or absence, a sub-mandate to the deputy chair of the Student Support Committee.
5. The Executive Board mandates the director of E&S to sign decisions in which an application is not granted.

## **Chapter 3. Final provisions**

### **Article 3.1 Interpretation and hardship clause**

1. In matters related to the subjects governed by these regulations, which are not provided for in these regulations, or in cases where these regulations give rise to multiple interpretations, the Executive Board shall decide.
2. The Executive Board mandates the Student Support Committee to grant a request for financial support in specific cases, if, in the Committee's opinion, rejecting the request would result in an unfairness of a serious nature.

### **Article 3.2 Entry into force and transitional arrangements**

This regulation will enter into force on 1 January 2026.

The previous regulation will be repealed as of the same date.

# Regulation Student Support Fund – Board membership grants for student organisations

As referred to in Article 7.51 et seq. of the Higher Education and Research Act.

## **Background Student Support Fund**

Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) provides scholarships to full-time students of initial bachelor's and master's degrees through the Student Support Fund. This is regulated in Articles 7.51 to 7.51i of the Higher Education and Research Act. In this way, the university supports students who are committed to student life, the university and society. She also helps students who are delayed in their studies due to force majeure.

## **Background to the Board membership grants for student organisations**

The Student Support Fund includes the Board membership grants for student organisations regulation. This regulation is intended for students who hold a board position at a student organisation of the EUR during the nominal duration of their studies.

## **Chapter 1. Conditions and procedure**

### **Article 1.1 Conditions for the Regulations for Board membership grants for student organisations**

1. Eligible for financial support from the regulation 'Board membership grants for student organisations' is a student or person who:

- a. are enrolled as a first registration (main enrolment) in a full-time initial programme at EUR, for which no degree has yet been awarded;
- b. are liable for statutory tuition fee for this programme;
- c. are entitled to or have been entitled to a provisional grant for higher education as referred to in the Student Finance Act 2000 (Wet studiefinanciering 2000) for the programme mentioned under a;
- d. experience or are expected to experience a study delay due to exceptional circumstances. This circumstance is holding a board membership position in a student organisation recognised by the Executive Board (according to the EUR Recognition Regulation).
- e. a student who does not receive support under the Student Finance Act 2000 (Wet studiefinanciering 2000) solely due to their nationality (as referred to under c) may still apply for this regulation if they meet the conditions specified under a and d.
- f. A person who is not enrolled as a student on the basis of the Tuition Free Exemption Regulations is also eligible for financial support if they meet the conditions mentioned



under d and have signed the agreement 'Tuition-free exemption board membership Erasmus University Rotterdam'.

#### **Article 1.2 Application procedure**

1. The student organisation recognised by the Executive Board will apply for the board grants for its board members who hold a board position that academic year before 1 December. If there is a valid reason to deviate from this date, a student organisation can submit a request for this and agree on a new date.
2. The application must be made in writing, using one application form per student organisation and is provided with the appendices required for the assessment. The application indicates which board members will receive a supplementary grant from DUO in the month prior to the start of the board year.
3. By submitting an application, the student organisation declares that it makes a positive contribution to the university community and to the university as laid down in the Recognition Regulations for Student Organisations and also makes this visible to the university community on the association's website.
4. If the application is incomplete, the student organisation will be given the opportunity to provide the necessary information within four weeks. If the application is not supplemented within this period, it may be decided not to process the application and the student organisation will not receive any board grants for the academic year in question. The student organisation will be informed of this.

#### **Article 1.3 Start, duration and payment**

1. The financial support will take effect retroactively on 1 September of the relevant academic year. The Student Support Committee may deviate from this date if, in its opinion, there is a well-founded reason to deviate.
2. The duration of the financial support is one academic year.
3. The payment of the total amount of board grants is made to the association in a maximum of four instalments. The association itself is responsible for distributing the board grants among the board members.
4. Directors who receive a supplementary grant from DUO and for whom this is indicated in the application will be approached by Education & Student Affairs for the individual payment of the supplementary board grant.

#### **Article 1.4 Amount**

1. The amount of money transferred to the student organisation is determined on the basis of the number of board membership months allocated to the student organisation in accordance with Appendix 1.
2. The amount of the fixed grant amount per month is indexed annually on the basis of the increase in the statutory tuition fees of the academic year in question compared to the previous academic year, with a maximum of -3% or +3%.
3. The amount of the total scholarship amount paid to the board members through the intervention of the student organization is the total number of board membership months of the association

multiplied by the fixed monthly amount. The association distributes the months among its members and is also responsible for the payment to the board members.

4. The amount of the supplementary board grant for students who receive a supplementary grant from DUO is equal to the monthly amount of the supplementary grant in the month prior to the start of the board year. This monthly amount is multiplied by the average number of stock exchange months per director (total number of stock exchange months divided by the number of directors). This amount is paid individually to the student in question.
5. On this basis and/or in the event of concurrence, a board member can never receive more than 12 grant months in an academic year.
6. At the request of Education & Student Affairs, the student organisation provides information about the distribution of the months among its board members.

## **Chapter 2. Mandates**

### **Article 2.1 The Student Support Committee**

1. The Executive Board appoints the members of the Student Support Committee. This committee consists of at least one student counsellor as chair and another student counsellor as deputy chair.
2. The Executive Board entrusts the implementation of the following items of the Student Support Fund to the Student Support Committee:
  - a. Individual scholarships in the event of special personal circumstances (force majeure);
  - b. Board membership grants for student organisations (lump sum);
  - c. Individual board membership grants for members of participation bodies and programme committees;
  - d. Individual scholarships for students who carry out relevant community activities and for students who practice top-level sports.
3. The committee is supported by the Education and Student Affairs (E&S) department.
4. The Executive Board mandates the chair of the Student Support Committee to take decisions and sign positive decisions and, in his absence or absence, a sub-mandate to the deputy chair of the Student Support Committee.
5. The Executive Board mandates the director of E&S to sign decisions in which an application is not granted.

## **Chapter 3. Final provision**

### **Article 3.1 Exclusion of a student organisation from financial support**

As a result of the loss of the recognition of the student organisation, the Executive Board may suspend or terminate the financial support of the members of a student organisation with immediate effect if, in the opinion of the Executive Board, the student organisation in question or a member of this organisation is guilty of socially unacceptable behaviour or otherwise damages the good name of the university. The suspension or termination is only possible for actions for which the board of the student organization bears responsibility and can be held liable as such.

### **Article 3.2 Interpretation and hardship clause**

1. In matters related to the subjects governed by these regulations, which are not provided for in these regulations, or in cases where these regulations give rise to multiple interpretations, the Executive Board shall decide.
2. The Executive Board mandates the Student Support Committee to grant a request for financial support in specific cases, if, in the Committee's opinion, rejecting the request would result in an unfairness of a serious nature.

**Article 3.3 Entry into force**

This regulation will enter into force on 1 January 2026.

The previous regulation will be repealed as of the same date.

# Regulation Student Support Fund - Stimulating International Mobility

As referred to in Article 7.51 et seq. of the Higher Education and Research Act.

## **Background Student Support Fund**

Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) provides scholarships to full-time students of initial bachelor's and master's degrees through the Student Support Fund. This is regulated in Articles 7.51 to 7.51i of the Higher Education and Research Act. In this way, the university supports students who are committed to student life, the university and society. She also helps students who are delayed in their studies due to force majeure.

## **Article 1.1 NL Scholarship for students to countries outside the EEA**

1. Through the NL Scholarship Programme, the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science makes scholarships available to EUR students who are studying, conducting research or doing an internship in a country outside the EEA as part of their studies at EUR. The ministry determines the amount of the grant.
2. The conditions that the ministry includes in the annual Plan of Action are fully applicable.
3. The Dean of the Faculty awards the scholarship with due observance of Article 4.1. paragraphs 2 and 4.2, paragraph 3 of these regulations. To this end, he establishes a regulation that includes selection criteria, selection procedure and ranking method in each case.

## **Article 3.2 Outgoing Budget NL Scholarship**

1. The Executive Board finances 50% of the scholarships made available by the ministry through the Student Support Fund, with a maximum of 60,000 euros.
2. The number of scholarships made available by the Ministry is distributed as follows:
  - a. a fixed rate of two scholarships for each faculty (including ESHPM) and Erasmus University College;
  - b. distribution of the other scholarships in proportion to the percentage of students with non-EEA nationality as at 1 October of the last academic year for which these data are available. Source for this is the 1cHO file from UNL.
3. The Executive Board can allocate all or part of the budget to specific groups of students based on talent or origin from focus countries.

## **Article 3.3 Conditions for outgoing student NL Scholarship**

The student meets the following conditions:

- a. The student enrolls before 1 September for the full-time initial programme for which the scholarship is requested; and
- b. The student goes to a country that is not part of the European Economic Area and for which the EU does not make a mobility grant available within the regular mobility programme Erasmus+, for at least three months in the context of study, research and/or internship and receives at least 15 EC for this; and
- c. The student has not previously received a grant based on this regulation.

#### **Article 3.4 Application for outgoing NL Scholarship**

The student applies for the scholarship from the faculty that provides the programme, in the manner and within the period prescribed by the faculty.

#### **Article 3.5 Procedure for outgoing NL Scholarship**

1. The dean assesses the application.
2. The dean informs the student about the results.
3. The dean will inform the International Office of EUR about the awarding of the scholarship.
4. The International Office of EUR pays for the scholarship in two installments, the first of which is before departure.

#### **Article 3.6 Coming into force**

This regulation will enter into force on 1 January 2026.

The previous regulation will be repealed as of the same date.

# Regulation Student Support Fund - Individual board membership grants

As referred to in Article 7.51 et seq. of the Higher Education and Scientific Research Act.

## **Background Student Support Fund**

Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) provides scholarships to full-time students of initial bachelor's and master's degrees through the Student Support Fund. This is regulated in Articles 7.51 to 7.51i of the Higher Education and Research Act. In this way, the university supports students who are committed to student life, the university and society. She also helps students who are delayed in their studies due to force majeure.

## **Background to the Individual board membership grants**

The Student Support Fund includes the Individual board membership grants regulation. This regulation is intended for students who are members of the University Council, a faculty council or a programme committee of EUR during the nominal duration of their studies.

## **Chapter 1. Conditions and procedure**

### **Article 1.1 Conditions for the Individual board membership grant**

1. A student is eligible for financial support if they:

- a) are enrolled as a first registration (main enrolment) in a full-time initial programme at EUR, for which no degree has yet been awarded;
- b) are liable for statutory tuition fee for this programme;
- c) are entitled to or have been entitled to a provisional grant for higher education as referred to in the Student Finance Act 2000 (Wet studiefinanciering 2000) for the programme mentioned under a;
- d) experience or are expected to experience a study delay due to exceptional circumstances. The exceptional circumstance is that the student is a member (including the chair) of the University Council, a faculty council, the equivalent of a faculty council or a programme committee,
- e) the exceptional circumstance occurs during the nominal duration of study of the enrolment as referred to under a;
- f) a student who does not receive support under the Student Finance Act 2000 (Wet studiefinanciering 2000) solely due to their nationality (as referred to under c) may still apply for this regulation if they meet the conditions specified under a, d, and e.

### **Article 1.2 Application procedure**

1. A student who is a member of the University Council, a Faculty Council, the equivalent of a Faculty Council or a Programme Committee applies for their scholarship for that academic year before 1 December. If there is a valid reason to deviate from this date, the student can submit a request for this and agree on a new date.
2. The application is made via a digital form and is provided with the necessary supporting documents.
3. If the application is incomplete, the student will be given the opportunity to provide the necessary information within four weeks. If the application is not completed within this period, it may be decided not to process the application. The student will be informed of this.

### **Article 1.3 Start, duration and payment**

1. The financial support will take effect retroactively on 1 September of the relevant academic year.
2. The number of months is determined in accordance with Article 1.4.
3. The payment will follow after processing the application in one or more payments.
4. The payment can be (partially) stopped or reclaimed if the person concerned deregisters as a student or is no longer a member of the representative body. The person concerned is obliged to inform the Student Support Committee of this timely.
5. The Student Support Committee may deviate from the first paragraph if, in its opinion, there is a well-founded reason to deviate.
6. In exceptional cases in which a student member of the University Council does not (or no longer) makes any contribution in the opinion of the presidium, the presidium can submit a substantiated request to the Student Support Committee to (temporarily) stop or reclaim the board membership grant. The Student Support Committee assesses the request and informs the student member and the presidium of its decision.
7. In exceptional cases in which a student member of a Faculty Council, Programme Committee or the equivalent of a Faculty Council or a Programme Committee does not (or no longer) make any contribution in the opinion of the chair of the relevant Faculty Council or Programme Committee, the chair of the Faculty Council or Programme Committee can submit a substantiated request to the Student Support Committee to (temporarily) stop the board grant or . The Student Support Committee assesses the request and informs the student member and the chair of its decision.

### **Article 1.4 Amount**

1. The amount awarded to the student depends on the number of grant months allocated to the various participation bodies and committees:
  - a) for members of the University Council: 9 grant months;
  - b) for members of a faculty council: 3 grant months;
  - c) for members of a Programme Committee: 3 months of the grant;
  - d) for members of a faculty council that exercises the tasks and powers of the Programme Committee: 5 grant months.
2. The number of months in paragraph 1 only applies to the performance of a position for 12 months. If the position is held for a shorter period of time, the number of months on the stock exchange will be reduced proportionately.
3. On this ground and/or in the event of concurrence, a student can never receive more than 12 grant months in an academic year.

4. The amount per grant month consists of a fixed monthly amount and, if applicable, the amount of the supplementary grant that the student receives from DUO in the month prior to the start of the membership.
5. The amount of the fixed grant amount per month is indexed annually on the basis of the increase in the statutory tuition fees of the academic year in question compared to the previous academic year, with a maximum of -3% or +3%.
6. If the student receives a supplementary grant, he or she submits the message from DUO from the month prior to the start of the membership. This message is necessary to determine the amount of the supplementary grant on top of the lump sum.

## **Chapter 2. Mandates**

### **Article 2.1 The Student Support Committee**

1. The Executive Board appoints the members of the Student Support Committee. This committee consists of at least one student counsellor as chair and another student counsellor as deputy chair.
2. The Executive Board entrusts the implementation of the following items of the Student Support Fund to the Student Support Committee:
  - a. Individual scholarships in the event of special personal circumstances (force majeure);
  - b. Board membership grants for student organisations (lump sum);
  - c. Individual board membership grants for members of participation bodies and programme committees;
  - d. Individual scholarships for students who carry out relevant community activities and for students who practice top-level sports.
3. The committee is supported by the Education and Student Affairs (E&S) department.
4. The Executive Board mandates the chair of the Student Support Committee to take decisions and sign positive decisions and, in his absence or absence, a sub-mandate to the deputy chair of the Student Support Committee.
5. The Executive Board mandates the director of E&S to sign decisions in which an application is not granted.

## **Chapter 3. Final provisions**

### **Article 3.1 Interpretation and hardship clause**

1. In matters related to the subjects governed by these regulations, which are not provided for in these regulations, or in cases where these regulations give rise to multiple interpretations, the Executive Board shall decide.
2. The Executive Board mandates the Student Support Committee to grant a request for financial support in specific cases, if, in the Committee's opinion, rejecting the request would result in an unfairness of a serious nature.

### **Article 3.2 Entry into force**

This regulation will enter into force on 1 January 2026.

The previous regulation will be repealed as of the same date.



# Regulation Student Support Fund – Tuition fee exemption

As referred to in Article 7.47a and Article 7.51e of the Higher Education and Research Act.

## **Background Student Support Fund**

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## **Background to the Tuition fee exemption**

The Student Support Fund includes the Tuition fee exemption regulation. This regulation is intended for full-time board members of student associations affiliated with Erasmus University or a participation body on the basis of Article 7.47a and Article 7.51e of the Higher Education and Research Act. They can apply for exemption from the statutory tuition fees through this regulation.

## **Chapter 1. Tuition fee exemption for enrolled students**

### **Article 1.1 Conditions for enrolled students**

1. Students who:

- a) Is enrolled in an initial programme at Erasmus University Rotterdam for which the person owes the statutory tuition fees, and
- b) A board grant receives a board grant for their board position at a student organisation designated by the Executive Board, the University Council, a faculty council or a programme committee, and
- c) Holds a full-time board position. This means that the student spends at least 1680 hours of the academic year on one or more board positions or receives a total of at least 9 scholarship months, and
- d) Is willing to sign a statement in which he renounces attending education, taking examinations, taking exams and receiving guidance in study and research activities at the institution or another government-funded institution during the entire academic year that they are a member of the board.

### **Article 1.2 Application procedure for enrolled students**

1. The student applies for the tuition fee exemption before 1 September of the relevant academic year by means of an application form.

2. The student declares to renounce attending education, taking examinations, taking exams and receiving guidance in study and research activities at the institution or another government-funded institution during the entire academic year that he or she is a member of the board.
3. The application form is signed by the student and the head of student administration.

#### **Article 1.3 Start and duration for enrolled students**

1. Tuition fee exemption for enrolled students takes effect in the month of September of the academic year in which the student is a full-time board member.
2. The student is entitled to an exemption from paying the statutory tuition fee for a period of one full academic year, despite an enrolment.
3. The tuition fee exemption is valid for a full academic year and may not be interrupted or extended in the meantime.
4. At the end of the academic year in which the enrolled student was a full-time board member, it will be checked whether he meets the conditions as set out in paragraph 2 of Article 1.2. If an inspection shows that the student has not complied with this, they are obliged to pay the statutory tuition fees for this academic year.

## **Chapter 2. Tuition fee exemption for non-enrolled board members**

#### **Article 2.1 Conditions for non-registered directors**

1. Eligible for the 'Tuition fee exemption' regulation is a person who:
  - a) holds a full-time board position as defined in Article 1.1 (c) in a student organisation designated by the Executive Board, and
  - b) Receives a board grant for this board position at a student organization designated by the Executive Board, and
  - c) was enrolled as a full-time student in the previous academic year for a programme at EUR, for which they were liable to pay tuition fee to EUR and for which they are not yet been awarded a degree, and
  - d) has signed a statement that they intend to re-enrol as a student at Erasmus University Rotterdam in the following academic year.

#### **Article 2.2 Application procedure for non-registered directors**

1. The board member applies for the tuition fee exemption before 1 September of the relevant academic year by means of an application form. With this form, the student declares that they intend to re-enrol as a student at Erasmus University Rotterdam in the academic year following the academic year of the tuition fee exemption.
2. The application form is signed by the student and the head of student administration.

#### **Article 2.3 Commencement and duration of non-enrolled board members**

1. The tuition fee exemption for of non-enrolled board members applies to the entire academic year in which the board position is held.
2. The non-enrolled board member is entitled to the Board membership grants for Student Organisations regulation once and for a period of one full year, despite the fact that they are not a student at EUR.
3. The tuition-free board application is valid for a full academic year and may not be interrupted or extended in the meantime.

### **Chapter 3. Mandates**

The head of student administration is mandated by the Executive Board of EUR to assess and sign applications for Tuition-free board and thus grant exemption from the statutory tuition fees.

### **Chapter 4. Final provision**

#### **Article 3.1 Interpretation and hardship clause**

1. In matters related to the subjects governed by these regulations, which are not provided for in these regulations, or in cases where these regulations give rise to multiple interpretations, the Executive Board shall decide.
2. The Executive Board mandates the Student Support Committee to grant a request for financial support in specific cases, if, in the Committee's opinion, rejecting the request would result in an unfairness of a serious nature.

#### **Article 4.2 Entry into force**

This regulation will enter into force on 1 January 2026.

The previous regulation will be repealed as of the same date.

# Regulation Student Support Fund – Extended master's programmes

As referred to in Article 7.51a of the Higher Education and Research Act. Last adopted by the Executive Board in a decision of 17 September 2019.

## **Background Student Support Fund**

Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) provides scholarships to full-time students of initial bachelor's and master's degrees through the Student Support Fund. This is regulated in Articles 7.51 to 7.51i of the Higher Education and Research Act. In this way, the university supports students who are committed to student life, the university and society. She also helps students who are delayed in their studies due to force majeure.

## **Background to the Extended master's programmes regulations**

Article 7.5d of the Higher Education and Research Act states that universities may increase the study load of one-year Master's programmes. Article 7.51a of the WHW prescribes that in that case the university must make an arrangement for financial support for students in the extended master's programmes.

## **Chapter 1. Conditions and procedure**

### **Article 1.1 Conditions for the Extended Master's Programmes**

1. Students who:

- a) is enrolled in a full-time initial Master's programme at Erasmus University Rotterdam that has been extended in accordance with Article 7.5d, part a of the WHW;
- b) is enrolled as the first enrolment (main enrolment) for the programme as referred to in part a, for which the student pays statutory tuition fees to EUR;
- c) is entitled or has been entitled to the performance-related grant for higher education as referred to in the Student Finance Act 2000 for that programme and is no longer eligible for student finance during the period corresponding to the study load that exceeds sixty credits.

2. A student may not receive financial aid for more than one extended Master's programme.

3. This financial support is only possible during the period that corresponds to the (nominal) study load that exceeds sixty credits.

### **Article 1.2 Application procedure**

1. Students who believe they are eligible for financial compensation on the basis of the conditions set out in Article 1.1 can submit an application through a student counsellor. An application form is

used for the application and it is provided with the supporting documents required for the assessment.

2. The application is made at the end of the first year of study and within three months of the end of this year. Requests submitted too late will no longer be processed, unless there is demonstrable force majeure.
3. If the application is incomplete, the student will be given the opportunity to provide the necessary information within four weeks. If the application is not completed within this period, it may be decided not to process the application. The student will be informed of this.

### **Article 1.3 Assessment**

1. The student's application will be assessed by the Student Support Committee.
2. Before the Student Support Committee makes a decision, the Faculty Board, the Programme Director, or the study advisor of the programme in question may be asked for additional information.
3. The Committee informs the student of the decision in writing.

### **Article 1.4 Start, duration, amount and payment**

1. The financial support starts from the moment the application is approved and administratively processed.
2. The financial support will be paid in installments or in one lump sum in the following months.
3. Students who are or have been entitled to the provisional grant for higher education as referred to in the Student Finance Act 2000 during the programme in question and who are no longer eligible for student finance during the period corresponding to the study load that exceeds sixty credits will receive a monthly amount equal to the grant (basic grant and supplementary grant together) received in the last grant month during the first sixty months of the grant credits of the study programme, multiplied by the number of months corresponding to the study load exceeding sixty credits.
4. The student is enrolled as a full-time student at EUR while receiving the support. As soon as the student deregisters, the other months of financial support expire.
5. Changes in the student's situation that may be important for the payment of the contribution (such as the completion of the study) must be reported by the student to a student counsellor.

## **Chapter 2. Mandates**

### **Article 2.1 The Student Support Committee**

1. The Executive Board appoints the members of the Student Support Committee. This committee consists of at least one student counsellor as chair and another student counsellor as deputy chair.
2. The Executive Board entrusts the implementation of the following items of the Student Support Fund to the Student Support Committee:
  - a. Individual scholarships in the event of special personal circumstances (force majeure);
  - b. Board membership grants for student organisations (lump sum);

- c. Individual board membership grants for members of participation bodies and programme committees;
  - d. Individual scholarships for students who carry out relevant community activities and for students who practice top-level sports.
3. The committee is supported by the Education and Student Affairs (E&S) department.
  4. The Executive Board mandates the chair of the Student Support Committee to take decisions and sign positive decisions and, in his absence or absence, a sub-mandate to the deputy chair of the Student Support Committee.
  5. The Executive Board mandates the director of E&S to sign decisions in which an application is not granted.

### **Chapter 3. Final provisions**

#### **Article 3.1 Interpretation and hardship clause**

1. In matters related to the subjects governed by these regulations, which are not provided for in these regulations, or in cases where these regulations give rise to multiple interpretations, the Executive Board shall decide.
2. The Executive Board mandates the Student Support Committee to grant a request for financial support in specific cases, if, in the Committee's opinion, rejecting the request would result in an unfairness of a serious nature.

#### **Article 3.2 Entry into force**

This regulation will enter into force on 1 January 2026.

The previous regulation will be repealed as of the same date.

## Appendix 1 to the Student Support Fund Regulations for Board membership grants for student organisations

This document is an appendix to the Student Support Fund Regulations for Board membership grants for Student Organisations. It shows how the number of board membership grant months for student organizations is determined.

For the allocation of months to recognized student organizations, the groups of student organizations from the Recognition Regulation are used:

- a. General associations
- b. Study associations
- c. Sports clubs
- d. Arts and culture associations
- e. Foundations and other organisations
- f. Umbrella organizations

The student organisations must meet the following conditions:

- The student organisation is recognised on the basis of the EUR Recognition Regulations.
- The student organisation can make clear its ambitions and results (annual plan and report) and the contribution it makes to the university community and society.
- At the request of the Executive Board, the student organisation will provide the information necessary for the implementation of the Student Support Fund Regulations for Student Organisations.
- A student organisation that falls under a certain category of organisations cannot be awarded scholarship months within another category.

### Determining the number of months per organisation:

- The number of grant months per organisation is determined for the first time as part of the application for recognition (via the Recognition Regulation).
- For general associations and art & culture associations, this is calculated on the basis of the number of members, for Sports associations this is calculated at the next recognition round (once every 3 years) and for Foundations and Umbrella Organisations, the number of months is determined on the basis of the data provided.
- The recognition is evaluated every three years. At that time, the number of months for the following period is also determined.
- In January 2026, the months for the existing organizations will be determined for the first time. The next evaluations will be in January 2029, January 2032 and January 2035.
- After their recognition, new organisations will be included in the next evaluation round.
- This appendix describes the way in which the number of exhibition months is determined per organisation.
- It is not possible to change the number of months between evaluations.

### General associations

The number of grant months that are made available depends on the reach of the student organisation concerned, measured by the number of students of Erasmus University Rotterdam who are contribution paying members of the organisation in question and whether an association has building management.

For general associations, the number of grant months is calculated as follows:

- The average number of members over the past three years to power 0.62
- For associations with their own building under management, 30 exhibition months will be added
- For associations with their own building under management, a maximum of 90 exhibition months applies

- For associations without their own building, a maximum of 60 exhibition months applies

#### *Determination of the number of months*

- For new organisations, the number of grant months is determined as part of the application for recognition.
- For existing organisations, the number of board grant months per association is determined every three years for three years, as part of the evaluation of the recognition.
- The basis for this is the average number of contribution-paying members of the association who were enrolled as students at EUR in the three previous academic years.

**Number of grant months for student organisations without their own society:**  $(\text{number of members})^{0.62}$ , where:

- The number of members means: the number of members who are registered as students at EUR and pay a contribution to the association.
- The number of months is rounded up to a whole number.
- The maximum number of scholarship months in this category is 60.
- As an example of how a number of members determine the number of trading months using this calculation method:

<i>Number of members</i>	50	100	250	500	750	1000
<i>Board membership months</i>	11	17	31	47	60	60

**Number of scholarship months for student organisations with their own society:**  $30 + (\text{number of members})^{0.62}$ , where:

- The number of members means: the number of members who are registered as students at EUR and pay a contribution to the association.
- The number of months is rounded up to a whole number.
- The maximum number of scholarship months in this category is 90.
- As an example of how a number of members determine the number of months using this calculation method:

<i>Number of members</i>	50	100	250	500	750	1000
<i>Board membership months</i>	41	47	61	77	90	90

#### *Example*

Vereniging Wv provides the following information in January 2026:

- 2023-2024: 110 EUR students active members
- 2024-2025: 120 EUR students active members
- 2025-2026: 140 EUR students active members

The calculation is then as follows:

- The average over those three years is 123 EUR students.
- 123 to the power 0.62: 20 months
- If the Wv association manages its own building, another 30 exhibition months will be added: 50 exhibition months.

#### **Study associations**

Once every three years, the university determines the number of grant months per faculty in the following way:



< 2000 students enrolled:	4.5 months per 100 students
≥ 2000 students enrolled:	for the first 2000 students 90 months and for every 100 additional students 3 months extra

#### *Determination of the number of months*

- The number of students enrolled is calculated as a three-year average of the number of students enrolled in the faculty as stated in the annual report of the university.
- The Dean of the Faculty establishes and announces the criteria for the distribution of the months.
- In the year in which the three-year average and the number of board grant months based on it are determined, the dean will submit a proposal to Education & Student Affairs for the distribution of the number of grant months among the study associations.
- A faculty is allowed to award months to study associations that have their home base in another or more faculty(s).
- If the faculty wishes, the faculty can make additional months available at its own expense.
- At the request of the secretary of E&S, the dean sends his proposal for the distribution of the number of months. This takes place once every three years, simultaneously with the recognition of the organisations.
- Based on the proposal, E&S determines the final distribution of the number of months among the student organisations and informs the organisations involved as part of the evaluation of the recognition.

#### **Sports organisations**

For the organisations in the field of student sports, the university makes 300 scholarship months available per academic year.

#### *Determination of the number of exhibition months per organization*

- The Director of Erasmus Sport shall establish and publish the criteria for the distribution of the months.
- In the year in which the three-year average and the number of board grant months based on it are determined, the director of Erasmus Sport will submit a proposal to the Executive Board for the distribution of the number of grant months among the student sports organisations.
- The director of Erasmus Sport will send this proposal to the Executive Board before 1 June of the year of adoption.
- Based on the proposal, the Executive Board will determine the final distribution of the number of scholarship months among the student organisations and will inform the organisations involved before 15 July.
- The student organisation will also receive this number of grant months in the two academic years following the year of the determination, unless the director of Erasmus Sport decides otherwise.

#### **Arts and culture associations**

For associations in the category of arts & culture associations, the number of grant months is determined in the same way as for general associations (see described above), with a minimum of ten grant months per association regardless of the number of members.

#### **Foundations and other organisations**

The Executive Board can also provide financial support to student organisations without members, whose activities are of great importance to the university, but which cannot be classified in one of the above categories.

In this category, the number of months per organisation is determined once every three years by the Student Support Committee, supplemented by the head of Student Services and a policy officer from E&S. This allocation is made on the basis of the size of the activities and the number of students reached with these activities. in the opinion of the Executive Board. The assessment is based on data provided by the organisations themselves over the three years prior to the assessment. The number of grant months that can be awarded per organization is 60 months.

From that moment on, organisations that are newly joining this category on the basis of EUR's Recognition and Facilities Regulation can apply for 15 grant months per academic year if they submit a request to the E&S secretariat. This number of months can be adjusted at the next evaluation.

**Umbrella organisations**

Organisations that are an umbrella organisation of fewer than ten student organisations are entitled to 15 grant months per academic year. Organisations that are an umbrella organisation of more than ten student organisations are entitled to 30 grant months per academic year.

**Hardship clause**

The Executive Board mandates the Student Support Committee to grant a request for financial support in exceptional cases if, in the Committee's judgment, rejecting the request would result in an inequity of a compelling nature.