

## **Statutes of the University of Pécs on the László János Doctoral Research Scholarship<sup>1</sup>**

### **Preamble**

At the initiative of the Doctoral Student Association the University of Pécs (hereinafter: University) establishes the László János Doctoral Research Scholarship (hereinafter: Scholarship) for the sake of professional career and esteem of students pursuing studies in doctoral training as well as the university level recognition of doctoral excellence.

The Scholarship is named after dr. László János university professor, former director of the University of Pécs Faculty of Humanities, Institute of Psychology and leader of the University of Pécs's Doctoral Program in Psychology, former chairperson of the University Doctoral Committee and the Hungarian Doctoral Council. László János was not only a prominent figure of the Hungarian psychological scene, but also an internationally recognized scientist, a pioneer of psychology, author and worldwide known representative of the scientific narrative psychological theory and the narrative social psychological theory. By naming the Scholarship after him we pay tribute to his imperishable merits and memory.

### **Chapter 1.**

#### **Principles**

**Article 1.** (1) The aim of the Scholarship is to help developing the doctoral students' talent and their way to become university lecturer and researcher.

(2) The Scholarship as a talent programme (hereinafter: Programme) associates with its former scholarship holders and applies graduate tracking.

(3) The research and professional work of the doctoral student supervised by the consultant instructors forms the basis of the Programme. Students' participation in the programme is voluntary.

(4) The Programme supports professional work conducted according to an individual work plan.

### **Chapter 2.**

#### **Structure of the Scholarship**

**Article 2.** (1)<sup>2</sup> Doctoral students pursuing studies in doctoral training at the University with active student status are entitled to submit an application for the Scholarship provided that

a) the active doctoral student status between the University and the applicant is still valid during the semester of application and in the scholarship supported period as well;

b) they undertake the obligations coming from being granted the Scholarship as specified in this regulation.

(2) The candidate can submit one application within the same application period.

### **Chapter 3.**

#### **Evaluation process of the applications**

##### **1. Issuing the call for applications**

**Article 3.**<sup>3</sup> (1) The call for applications is issued annually by the Talent Council based on the proposal of the Doctoral Student Union's delegates.

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<sup>2</sup> Amendment adopted by the Senate with electronic decision making on June 16, 2021. Effective from June 16, 2021.

<sup>3</sup> Amendment adopted by the Senate with electronic decision making on September 21, 2021. Effective from September 21, 2021.

(2) The deadline of the application period shall be determined by the Talent Council based on the proposal of the Doctoral Student Association's delegates provided that the period for submitting applications lasts for at least fifteen days.

## **2. Content of the applications**

**Article 4.** (1) The application shall demonstrate the doctoral student's professional achievements prior to the application period.

(2) The application shall contain the work plan which presents doctoral student's commitments, research goals and indicates the resources and tools necessary for the accomplishment.

(3)<sup>4</sup> The application shall be submitted to the Center for Student Services along with the following documents:

- a) application form (Appendix 1), listing the professional achievements;
- b) work plan (Appendix 2) which details the goals laid down and the research or creative work necessary to achieve them;
- c) declaration of intent (Appendix 3) which contains the obligatory commitments of the applicant and the recommendation of the consultant;
- d) scientific results, artistic creation justifying the doctoral student's excellence and talent and the supporting documents to be recognised as points in Appendix 1.

(4) The consultant shall review the applicants professional knowledge, talent, attitude and agrees to coordinate the applicant's professional activity and approves the work plan.

**Article 5.**<sup>5</sup> (1) The application shall be considered invalid if

- a) the compulsory documents determined in Article 4 (3) of this regulation are not attached,
- b) the signature on the application form and the work plan and
- c) completion of other criteria specified in this regulation is missing.

(3) The invalidity of the application shall be declared by the Talent Council.

(3a) The applications shall be evaluated and ranked by the Committee for Charges and Benefits of the Doctoral Student Association. The decision shall be made by the Talent Council.

(4) The Center for Student Services shall forward the applications to the Committee for Charges and Benefits of the Doctoral Student Association (hereinafter: Committee).

## **3. Evaluation criteria and process of the applications**

**Article 6.**<sup>6</sup> (1) The submitted applications are evaluated and ranked by the Committee in accordance with Annex 1 and 2 of this regulation. When evaluating the work plan (Appendix 2) the Committee shall examine its professional grounds by taking into account the criteria determined in Appendix 4.

(2) The doctoral council of the scientific field relevant to the applicant's research field shall evaluate to work plan according to the criteria determined in Appendix 4 within 8 workdays of receipt and send it to the Committee.

(3) During the evaluation of the application the average amount of the points given for the work plan by the doctoral council of the scientific field and the Committee shall be taken into account.

(4) In case the evaluation of the Committee differs with two categories from that of the doctoral council of the scientific field based on the criteria listed in Appendix 4, the Committee shall forward the work plan to the Talent Council for review.

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<sup>5</sup> Amendment adopted by the Senate with electronic decision making on September 21, 2022. Effective from September 21, 2022.

<sup>6</sup> Amendment adopted by the Senate with electronic decision making on September 21, 2022. Effective from September 21, 2022.

**Article 7.**<sup>7 8</sup>(1) The composition of Committee shall be determined by the rules of procedure of the Committee for Charges and Benefits of the University of Pécs's Doctoral Student Association.  
(2) The person assigned by the rules of procedure of the University of Pécs's Committee for Charges and Benefits of the Doctoral Student Association shall ensure the making of records.

#### **4. Decision on supporting the applications**

**Article 8.** (1) The Committee's ranking and the amount of support shall be decided by the Talent Council through voting. The Talent Council is not bound by the Committee's proposal.  
(2)<sup>9</sup> The Scholarship can be granted to one doctoral student per each doctoral school, in case of doctoral schools involving more than one field of science one doctoral student per field of science. The fields of science of the doctoral schools are listed in the doctoral database (<http://doktori.hu>).  
(3)<sup>10</sup> If there is no application submitted for a given field of science or doctoral school, the Talent Council shall decide about the allocation of the vacant posts.

#### **5. Legal remedy**

**Article 9.**<sup>11</sup> The applicant is entitled to appeal against the Talent Council's substantive decision on the application or its report within 15 days of notification in compliance with Article 5 (2) of the University of Pécs's Code of Charges and Benefits (Annex 6 of the Statutes of the University of Pécs).

#### **Chapter 4. The Scholarship**

**Article 10.** (1)<sup>12</sup> The Scholarship lasts for 12 months, repeating the application is possible with the demonstration of the previous and the new achievements.

(2) The monthly amount of the Scholarship equals to one-tenth of the National Higher Education Scholarship's aid determined in point c) of Article 114/D (1) of the Act CCIV of 2011 on Higher Education.

(3) The doctoral student participating in the Programme is entitled for a certificate which certifies the fact and duration of participation in the programme.

#### **Chapter 5. Rights and obligations of the doctoral student participating in the Programme**

**Article 11.** (1) The rector of the University's shall make a contract with every successful applicant.

(2) The doctoral student's rights and obligations are governed by the provisions of the scholarship contract.

**Article 12.** With the consultants support the doctoral student shall be entitled to use the Faculty's educational and research infrastructure free of charge in his/her research field.

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<sup>8</sup> Amendment adopted by the Senate with electronic decision making on September 21, 2022. Effective from September 21, 2022.

<sup>9</sup> Amendment adopted by the Senate on its meeting held on June 18, 2020. Effective from June 18, 2020.

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<sup>11</sup> Amendment adopted by the Senate with electronic decision making on September 21, 2022. Effective from September 21, 2022.

<sup>12</sup> Amendment adopted by the Senate on its meeting held on September 23, 2021. Effective from September 23, 2021.

**Article 13.** The consultant shall evaluate the doctoral student's progress in each semester and shall report it to the Talent Council. The consultant may make a proposal in his/her report to exclude the doctoral student from the Programme in case the doctoral student significantly fails to fulfil his/her obligations set forth in the contract. The decision on exclusion shall be made by the Talent Council.

**Article 13/A.**<sup>13</sup> (1) The doctoral student is obliged the report on the implementation of his/her work plan to the delegates of the Doctoral Student Association every six months.

(2) The doctoral student can be obliged to pay back the full amount of support is he/she fails to fulfil the commitments made in the work plan. The reimbursement of the support shall be decided by the Talent Council based on the proposal of the delegates of the Doctoral Student Association.

### *Chapter 6.*

#### **Consultants (instructors) participating in the Programme**

**Article 14.** (1) The consultant shall help develop the doctoral student's talent, deepen his/her knowledge and improve the related skills. The consultant shall supervise the doctoral student's work and monitor his/her scientific progress.

(2) During the participation in the Programme the consultant is obliged to

- a) coordinate the activity described in the doctoral student's submitted application and its research plan,
- b) support the doctoral student, improve his/her skills related to scientific research,
- c) continuously monitor the doctoral student's work,
- d) provide access for the doctoral student to the faculty or institution (laboratory) infrastructure,
- e) individually acquire the methodology of talent development,
- f) keep in touch with the university coordinator,
- g) report to the Talent Council on the doctoral student's progress.

(3) The consultant's activity shall be recognized in the Faculty's Performance Evaluation System (PES).

(4) The Talent Council may also nominate the consultant participating in the Programme to „Pro Cura Ingenii” honour.

### *Chapter 7.*

#### **Funding of the Programme**

**Article 16.** The financial resources of the Scholarship shall be covered by the University using its incomes.

### *Chapter 8.*

#### **Closing provisions**

**Article 17.** (1) This regulation shall enter into force on June 23, 2017.

(2) For all matters that are not covered by this regulation the related legal standards of the University shall be applied accordingly.

Pécs, June 23, 2017

#### **Additional clause:**

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The amendment of this Annex was accepted by the Senate with resolution 142/2020 (June 18) on its meeting on June 18, 2020. The amendment enters into force on the day it was accepted by the Senate.

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The amendment of this regulation was accepted by the Senate with resolution 135/2022 (September 21) with its electronic decision. The amendment enters into force on the day it was accepted by the Senate, therefore the applications shall be submitted and evaluated in accordance with the modified provisions in the academic year 2022/2023.