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Addendum No. 3 to the Scholarship Regulations of Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice

In accordance with the provisions of Section 9(1)(a)(1) and the provisions of Section 15(1)(k) of Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments to Certain Acts, as amended (the "HEI Act"), the Academic Senate of Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice ("UPJŠ") has discussed and approved the following Addendum No. 3 ("Addendum No. 3") to the Scholarship Regulations of Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice dated 8 July 2022, Ref.: REK000561/2022 UPA/2621, as amended by Addendum 1 and Addendum 2 (the "Scholarship Regulations").

Article 1 Subject of the Addendum

The Scholarship Regulations are amended as follows:

Article 4 – Motivational scholarship has the following text:

1. UPJŠ grants students motivational scholarships from the state budget in the form of:
 - a) subject scholarship - to a maximum of fifty percent of students of the designated field of study of UPJŠ within the fields of study determined by the methodology issued under the provisions of Section 96a(1)(a) of the HEI Act by the Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Sport of the Slovak Republic¹, based on analyses and forecasts of labour market development, taking into account study results from previous studies. In the case of students of the first-level programme, the study results from the last year of study at secondary school shall be taken into account during the first year of study;
 - b) merit scholarship – to not more than ten per cent of students, excluding third-level students, for excellent fulfilment of study duties in the previous academic year pursuant to Section 96a(1)(b) of the HEI Act;

¹ Section 89(8) of the HEI Act

- c) motivational scholarship for achieving an outstanding sporting result as provided for in Section 96a(2) of the HEI Act;
 - d) Rector's annual awards;
 - e) extraordinary scholarship.
2. The merit scholarship is awarded by the Rector of the university or the dean of the faculty, in October of the respective academic year. The written decision shall state the amount of the scholarship awarded and the reasons for its award.
 3. The weighted study average achieved in compulsory and compulsory elective courses during the previous academic year is used to assess the quality of the fulfilment of study obligations. On this basis, ranked lists of students (for individual years of study and programmes, in accordance with the Scholarship Regulations of faculties) are compiled at the faculties (and at the university level for all the programmes provided by the university). The ranked lists may be drawn up at faculties based on the decision of the deans separately for individual programmes, groups of programmes or years of study. The ranking starts with students who have achieved the best weighted study average.
 4. The merit scholarship is paid in the respective academic year in a lump sum and is awarded based on the position in the ranked list under paragraph (3) of this Article to students placed within the top ten percent of the total number of full-time students registered as at 31 October of the academic year in the respective programme (except for third-level programmes).
 5. In the event of equal weighted study averages at the 10 % threshold, the following criteria shall be taken into account in the order listed below:
 - a) a higher number of credits obtained for the academic year under review,
 - b) a lower number of attempts required to successfully complete the courses,
 - c) the weighted study average of results achieved in compulsory courses,
 - d) placement at international, national, faculty level of Student Conferences, Student Scientific Activity, etc.,
 - e) activities beneficial to the university or faculty (work in the university senate, faculty senate, Student Dorm Council, study programme board, etc.).
 6. The Rector's Annual Awards (RAA) are awarded by the Rector on a one-time basis:
 - a) for outstanding study results at graduation ceremonies to graduates of:
 - first-level (bachelor's) programmes,
 - second-level (master's) programmes; and
 - combined first and second level (doctoral);
 - b) for the representation of UPJŠ, usually at the end of the summer semester of the respective academic year, to students of the first two levels of programmes for:
 - participation in professional and scientific publications in prestigious foreign and domestic journals,
 - successful representation and active participation in the activities and development of UPJŠ,
 - an exemplary civic attitude of a student of UPJŠ who, through their words, actions or in any other way, has demonstrated a high degree of morality and civic awareness and thereby contributed to spreading the good name of UPJŠ,
 - representation of UPJŠ in sports, for results in sports and sports activities outside UPJŠ, provided that the student is studying within the standard period of study.

7. For the purposes of these Scholarship Regulations, fulfilment of the requirements for awarding the RAA under paragraph (6)(b) of this Article is considered to be the achievement of the study average for the entire course of study (at the first level, second level, or the combined first and second level) with a grade average of up to 1.10 (including the state examination) and the completion of all components of the state examination within the regular term with an assessment of "A".
8. Written proposals for the annual awards under paragraph (6)(b) of this Article, together with supporting reasons and necessary documents, shall be submitted by the deans of faculties and heads of university departments to the university's study department no later than 15 June of the relevant year. Proposals may relate only to activities carried out between 16 June of the previous year and 15 June of the year concerned.
9. The annual award under this Article may also be awarded by the Rector on their own initiative at any time during the academic year.
10. Written proposals for the annual awards under paragraph (6)(a) of this Article, together with documentation of study results achieved during the entire period of study, shall be submitted by the deans of faculties and heads of university departments to the study department of the university no later than one week before the date of graduation in the relevant programme. The study department shall forward the proposal to the Rector.
11. For the consideration of proposals for the award of annual awards under paragraph (6)(b) of this Article, the Rector shall appoint a committee usually composed of the Vice-Rector for Education and the Vice-Deans for Education. At the meeting, under the rules laid down by the committee, the committee shall prepare a joint proposal, which it shall forward to the Rector no later than 30 June of the relevant year.
12. Students do not apply for a motivational scholarship, and there is no legal entitlement to receive it.

Article 2

Final provisions

1. The other provisions of the Scholarship Regulations remain unchanged.
2. This Addendum 3 to the Scholarship Regulations was discussed and approved by the Academic Senate of UPJŠ in Košice on 18 June 2026.
3. This Addendum becomes effective on 1 July 2026 and shall apply to all faculties and university units of UPJŠ.

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