

<b>Policy Title:</b>	<b>9.a Scholarship Policy</b>		
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### Purpose

A primary objective of the scholarships offered by Canadian University Dubai is to promote the recruitment and retention of high academic achievers. At the same, we understand the importance of difference and diversity, and we do not want financial limitations or needs of Students of Determination (Students with Disabilities/Students with Special Needs) to get in the way of a great education

### Scope

This policy applies to all the CUD students.

### Scholarships

Canadian University Dubai offers the following scholarships:

#### Undergraduate Level

- Academic Excellence Scholarship
- Sports Scholarship
- Financial Hardship Scholarship
- Students of Determination (Students with Disabilities/Students with Special Needs) Scholarships
- Special Talent Scholarship

#### Undergraduate and Graduate Level

- Study Scholarship

Please note that the number of scholarships awarded is limited and students must meet the minimum selection criteria for the relevant category in order for their application to be considered by the scholarship committee. The amount to be awarded depends on the specific criteria outlined for each scholarship.

### Guiding Principles for Canadian University Dubai Scholarships

- Scholarships are open to all students of any citizenship who have met all the admission requirements.
- Scholarships are awarded to full-time students enrolled in four academic courses or more per semester. For Financial Hardship and Students of Determination (Students with Disabilities/Students with Special Needs) Scholarships, the number of academic courses students must enroll in will be considered on a case-by-case basis, although, where possible, a minimum of four academic courses is recommended. Please note that scholarships can be granted for credit-bearing courses only.
- Students must maintain the cumulative grade point average (CGPA) necessary in order to continue receiving scholarship funding. The specific CGPA requirements vary according to the type of scholarship applied for. These details are outlined in the specific scholarship descriptions.
- Scholarships are not valid for summer semesters.
- Scholarships are only valid for current tuition fees.
- Students can apply for more than one scholarship, provided they meet the eligibility requirements. In case a student qualifies for more than one reduction, scholarship or discount, the student will be given the chance to choose the scholarship with the highest value.
- All remaining fees (tuition and housing) must be paid promptly in order to receive and maintain the scholarship.

#### **Please note the following condition:**

*Scholarship recipients or those who qualify for a reduction in the cost of tuition may not appeal the decision of the University, or the percentage or amount of reduction assigned. The decision to grant or deny a reduction in cost is final.*

## Application Deadlines

- The scholarship application deadline for the fall semester is July 7th.
- The scholarship application deadline for the spring semester is December 20th.
- Please note that late or incomplete scholarship applications will not be considered by the scholarship committee.
- Applicants must email their scholarship application forms (or visit the scholarship section of Student Affairs), along with all supporting documents (as detailed in the relevant sections of the different scholarship types) to [scholarship@cup.edu](mailto:scholarship@cup.edu)

### i) Academic Excellence Scholarship

#### Overall Terms and Conditions

- To be considered eligible for the Academic Excellence Scholarship, students need to be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours.
- Scholarships awarded for the fall semester are valid for one year, provided that the CGPA is maintained as per the information below and provided the student registers for at least 12 credit hours per semester.
- Scholarships awarded for the spring semester are valid for one semester only.
- Deadlines for the fall semester (July 7th) and spring semester (December 20th) must be met.
- Scholarships do not apply for summer semesters.
- Applicants must email their scholarship application forms along with all supporting documentation to [scholarship@cup.edu](mailto:scholarship@cup.edu) by July 7th (fall intake) or December 20th (spring intake).
- Late or incomplete scholarship applications will not be considered by the scholarship committee.

#### Academic Excellence Scholarship Allocation

##### 50% tuition waiver

High school students need to have attained an academic average of 99%\* or above to apply for a 50% tuition waiver. For current CUD students renewing their scholarship, the semester CGPA at the conclusion of the semester must be 3.98 or higher to continue receiving a 50% tuition waiver.

##### 40% tuition waiver

High school students need to have attained an academic average of between 95 – 98.9%\* to apply for a 40% tuition waiver.

For current CUD students renewing their scholarship, the semester CGPA at the conclusion of the semester must be between 3.95 – 3.97 to continue receiving a 40% tuition waiver.

##### 30% tuition waiver

High school students need to have attained an academic average of between 90 – 94.9%\* to apply for a 30% tuition waiver.

For current CUD students renewing their scholarship, the semester CGPA at the conclusion of the semester must be between 3.9 – 3.94 to continue receiving a 30% tuition waiver.

##### 20% tuition waiver

High school students need to have attained an academic average of between 85 – 89.9%\* to apply for a 20% tuition waiver.

For current CUD students renewing their scholarship, the semester CGPA at the conclusion of the semester must be between 3.85 – 3.89 to continue receiving a 20% tuition waiver.

##### 10% tuition waiver (returning students only)

High school students who were granted an automatic 20% tuition waiver for their first semester at CUD and have maintained a 3.8 – 3.84 CGPA, may be eligible for a 10% tuition waiver on the subsequent semester.

\* UAE Secondary School Certificate or Equivalent

New Students (1st semester)		Returning students (2nd semester and beyond)	
High school degree	Tuition waiver	CGPA	Tuition waiver
-	-	3.8 - 3.84	10%
85% - 89.9%	20%	3.85 - 3.89	20%
90% - 94.9%	30%	3.90 - 3.94	30%
95% - 98.9%	40%	3.95 - 3.97	40%
99% - 100%	50%	3.98 - 4.0	50%

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### ii) Sports Scholarship

This scholarship is meant for elite and talented athletes from any sport who have competed and achieved success at least at a city level. Sports Scholarships are awarded based on the applicant's sports achievement level and their academic performance. A tuition waiver of up to 40% can be applied accordingly.

#### Overall Terms and Conditions

- Sports Scholarships are valid for one semester only.
- Students can reapply each semester to continue their scholarship.
- Deadlines for the fall semester (July 1st) and spring semester (December 20th) must be met
- Sports Scholarships do not apply for summer semesters.
- For high school applicants to be eligible, they must have a minimum academic achievement of 70%.
- Returning students are required to achieve a minimum of a 3.0 CGPA to be eligible to apply/ reapply for the Sports Scholarship.
- Successful applicants will be required to support the sports department in different events and will be required to contribute up to 15 hours per month of community service as part of their commitment to the University.
- Applications for the Sports Scholarship must include:
  - Completed application form
  - Brief bio including relevant sport accomplishments
  - Scanned copies of references from the applicant's coach and/or PE teacher on institutional letterhead
  - Scanned copies of certificates relevant to the sport the applicant is applying for

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### iii) Financial Hardship Scholarship

The objective of these scholarships is to promote access to higher education to students facing financial hardship. A tuition waiver of up-to 40% can be applied as evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

#### Overall Terms and Conditions

- Financial Hardship Scholarships are valid for one semester only.
- Students can reapply each semester to continue their scholarship.
- Deadlines for the fall semester (July 1st) and spring semester (December 20th) must be met.
- Financial Hardship Scholarships do not apply for summer semesters
- For high school applicants to be eligible, they must have a minimum academic achievement of 75%.
- Returning students are required to achieve a minimum of a 2.8 CGPA to be eligible to apply/ reapply for the Financial Hardship Scholarship.
- Successful applicants will be required to contribute up to 15 hours per month of community service as part of their commitment to the University.
- Applications for the Financial Hardship Scholarship must include:
  - Completed application form
  - Current rental contract
  - Bank statements

- Employee certificate and salary statement for each employed family member
- Copy of passport and visa for all working family members (or both parents)
- Certificates of educational tuition fees for each sibling

All documentation will be kept confidential. Any application with incomplete documentation cannot be considered by the scholarship committee when awarding the Financial Hardship Scholarships.

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#### **iv) Students of Determination (Students with Disabilities/Students with Special Needs) Scholarship**

We at Canadian University Dubai pledge to provide an inclusive learning environment and to support the cognitive, emotional, and creative development of Students of Determination (Students with Disabilities/Students with Special Needs). Special needs may be justified by physical or other disabilities.

Students eligible for a Students of Determination (Students with Disabilities/Students with Special Needs) Scholarship will benefit from a tuition reduction of up to 40%.

#### **Overall Terms and Conditions**

- For students applying for the Students of Determination (Students with Disabilities/Students with Special Needs) Scholarship at the point of admission to the University, the academic average will be considered by the scholarship committee on a case-by-case basis.
- For current Students of Determination (Students with Disabilities/Students with Special Needs), a minimum CGPA of 2.0 is required to be eligible to apply for the scholarship.
- Deadlines for the fall semester (July 1st) and spring semester (December 20th) must be met.
- Students of Determination (Students with Disabilities/Students with Special Needs) Scholarships do not apply for summer semesters.
- Students of Determination (Students with Disabilities/Students with Special Needs) are required to provide an up-to-date professionally documented diagnosis that will be kept confidentially.
- The scholarship application is reviewed by and subject to the scholarship committee's discretion.

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#### **v) Special Talent Scholarship**

This scholarship is meant for elite and talented individuals from any field who have competed and achieved success at a city level or beyond. Special Talent Scholarships are awarded based on the applicant's achievement level and their academic performance. A tuition waiver of up to 40% can be applied accordingly.

#### **Overall Terms and Conditions**

- Special Talent Scholarships are valid for one semester only.
- Students can reapply each semester to continue their scholarship.
- Deadlines for the fall semester (July 1st) and spring semester (December 20th) must be met.
- Special Talent Scholarships do not apply for summer semesters.
- For high school applicants to be eligible, they must have a minimum academic achievement of 70%.
- Returning students are required to achieve a minimum of a 3.0 CGPA to be eligible to apply/ reapply for the Special Talent Scholarship.
- Successful applicants will be required to contribute up to 15 hours per month of community service as part of their commitment to the University.
- Applications for the Special Talent Scholarship must include:
  - Completed application form
  - Documents supporting accomplishment within the applicant's talent field
  - Certificates relevant to the applicant's talent
  - Recommendations from teachers, trainers, or professionals from within the applicant's talent field

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## Policy Revision History

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