



Regulation on the Award of Merit-Based Scholarships to Master Students

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Article 1 (Object)

This Regulation sets the terms for the award of merit-based scholarships to Master students of Porto Faculty of Law, Universidade Católica Portuguesa (hereafter, “the School”).

Article 2 (Conditions)

1. Merit-based scholarships are awarded to students enrolled in the School’s Master courses with the highest application scores, provided that they are equal to or higher than 15 values on a scale from zero to 20.
2. For the purposes of this award, application scores result from the application of the criteria announced in the notice of opening of applications to the Masters Courses in each semester.
3. In the event of a tie, the degree classification will be taken into account, which, for this purpose, is the result of the arithmetic average of the classifications obtained by the student, rounded to the nearest hundredth, weighted by the number of ECTS of each curricular unit.
4. The School awards 10 (ten) merit-based scholarships every semester.
5. The award of merit-based scholarships is dependent upon a request from the interested parties, to be submitted to the School Board by the 15th of September or by the 15th of February of the academic year to which they refer.
6. The following students are eligible for the award of merit-based scholarships:
 - a) Students with a degree in Law awarded by the Faculty of Law of Universidade Católica Portuguesa.
 - b) Students with a degree in Law awarded by another University.
 - c) Students with a degree, or equivalent, in another area of knowledge.
7. Scholarships are preferably awarded to the students referred to in paragraph a) of the previous number, without prejudice to the fact that, if there are students mentioned in paragraphs b) and c) of the previous number with the highest



classification, they will be awarded a scholarship, with the limit of three and one, respectively.

8. The following students are not eligible:
 - a) Those who interrupt the course for one or more semesters;
 - b) Those who do not complete the Master's course (academic part) in the 1st year of attendance;
 - c) Those who do not enrol in the dissertation completion phase in the semester immediately following the 1st year of attendance;
 - d) Those who have tried to use fraud while carrying out any assessment test, as well as students who have been subject to disciplinary sanctions.

Article 3 (Content)

1. Merit-based scholarships consist of:
 - a) Full tuition fee exemption for the students who ranked first and second place;
 - b) 75% tuition fee exemption for the student who ranked third place;
 - c) 50% tuition fee exemption for the student who ranked fourth place;
 - d) 20% tuition fee exemption for the students who ranked fifth and sixth place;
 - e) 10% tuition fee exemption for the students who ranked seventh to tenth place.
2. For the purposes of the previous number, tuition is understood as the monetary value corresponding to the credit units in which the student is enrolled in the academic semester in which the scholarship is awarded or to the credits necessary for the preparation of the dissertation.

Article 4 (Professor João Baptista Machado Prize)

1. Each academic year, a monetary prize of EUR 1500 will be awarded to the student with the highest classification in the master's dissertation, provided that it scores 18 values or higher, on a scale from zero to 20.
2. In case of a tie, the classification obtained in the academic part will be considered; if the tie persists, the prize will be awarded *ex aequo*, and the respective monetary value will be shared.
3. The prize will be awarded in a public ceremony held by the School annually.

Article 5 (Interpretation and integration)



1. Doubts concerning the interpretation and application of the present Regulation will be clarified by order of the School Board.
2. Subsidiarily, the Regulation on Merit-Based Scholarships and Awards of Excellence of the School's Degree in Law applies.