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Leiden University Excellence Scholarship (LExS) Rules and Regulations

1. In prior academic education, the student must have achieved excellent study results which are relevant for the programme for which the student wishes to enrol. As an indication, the student will be among the top 10% for the relevant programme followed abroad.
2. The student will hold a non-EU/EEA passport and will not be eligible for support under the Dutch system of study grants and loans "Studiefinanciering". For more information please refer to: www.duo.nl. This does not apply to the Advanced Masters, application for the LExS for these programmes is open to all nationalities.
3. The LExS is only valid for the period the student is registered at Leiden University as a full time student within the time frame of the study programme. The maximum study period for a 1-year programme is 12 months. The maximum study period for a 2-year programme is 24 months.
4. Continuation of the LExS is not guaranteed when a student changes his or her degree programme during the study programme. Requests will be reviewed case by case and the final decision will be taken by the Faculty Selection Committee(s). In case the change is before the student has registered for the study programme, the LExS scholarship will be revoked and the student will have to re-apply for the scholarship.
5. A LExS granted for the academic year as specified in the decision letter cannot be transferred to another academic year or to a next intake within the same academic year. In case a student has been awarded a LExS for the September (or February) intake and decides to postpone his/her participation in the study programme, the LExS will be revoked. Requests will be reviewed case by case and the final decision will be taken by the Faculty Selection Committee(s).
6. For a programme lasting more than one year, the student is required to obtain a minimum of 60 ECTS in the first year of study in order to retain the right to LExS for the following academic year. In cases where there is any uncertainty as to the number of ECTS standards for satisfactory progress and the time and manner in which progress will be measured will be set by the Leiden University Selection Committee.
7. The student is not permitted to receive any additional full scholarship for the same programme, other than in the case of partial scholarships, where this has to be confirmed in writing in advance. The student should notify the Leiden University if another full scholarship such as the Netherlands Fellowship Programme, Jean Monnet etc. has been awarded and which scholarship has been accepted.
8. A student is allowed to submit several applications for scholarships at one time. However, it is not possible to combine scholarships which are provided or sponsored by Leiden University. This concerns the following scholarship programmes: Orange Tulip – China and CEU Praesidium Libertatis. Also it is not possible to combine the LExS with scholarships which are provided on a bilateral agreement with educational institutions, or any other scholarship which might be provided or sponsored by Leiden University in the near future.
9. The LExS will not be awarded to students who are admitted to a second Master programme at Leiden University with the exception of students applying for a Master programme for which a specified previous Master programme or work experience is mandatory.



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10. The student must comply with Dutch visa regulations.
11. Leiden University should be notified as soon as possible of any change in nationality, type of residence permit, and/or possible "Studiefinanciering" support, throughout the academic year.
12. If the student terminates the study prematurely, any requests for reimbursement of tuition fees will be made to Leiden University and analogues to the "Regeling inschrijving, college- en examengeld" for the applicable academic year. The student should submit the de-registration form to Leiden University. If applicable, the student will subsequently receive a reimbursement of the tuition fee less the scholarship on a pro rata basis.
13. During the study at Leiden University the student will take an active part in activities to promote the LExS.
14. The student has to accept the granted LExS scholarship by filling out the 'Acceptance Form LExS'.

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