

**(Board of Trustees Resolution dated 02.10.2024)**

## **ATILIM UNIVERSITY DIRECTIVE ON GRADUATE DEGREE SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **SECTION ONE Purpose-Scope-Basis**

#### **Purpose**

**ARTICLE 1** - The purpose of this Directive is to determine the procedures and principles regarding the granting of scholarships to students enrolled in graduate degree programs at Atılım University, as well as the continuation and the termination of these scholarships.

#### **Scope**

**ARTICLE 2** - This Directive covers the conditions under which scholarships will be granted to students who are accepted and enrolled in graduate degree programs at Atılım University, as well as the conditions for their continuity, and the rights and obligations regarding their termination.

#### **Basis**

**ARTICLE 3** - This Directive has been prepared based on the provisions of Regulations on Graduate Degree Education, prepared based on the provision of Article 65 of Higher Education Law No. 2547, and Atılım University Regulations on Graduate Degree Education and Examination.

### **SECTION TWO**

#### **Definitions - Tuition Fee Exemptions - Scholarships**

##### **Definitions**

**ARTICLE 4-** The definitions for this Directive are as follows:

- a) **Scholarship Commission:** The commission consisting of the President, the Vice-President, and the Graduate School Director, or the International Center Director for international students, that is authorized to determine the scholarship criteria, identify the students to be awarded scholarships, and recommend them to the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees,
- b) **Doctorate degree program:** Doctorate degree programs under Atılım University Graduate Schools of Natural and Applied Sciences, Social Sciences, and Health Sciences; provided in accordance with the provisions of Atılım University Regulations on Graduate Degree Education and Examination,
- c) **Doctorate degree students:** Students who are admitted and enrolled in the Doctorate Degree Programs under the Graduate Schools of Natural and Applied Sciences, Social Sciences, and Health Sciences, of Atılım University,
- d) **Doctorate degree tuition fees:** The fee that doctorate degree students are required to pay to pursue their doctorate degree programs, as determined by the Board of Trustees of Atılım University,
- e) **Thesis graduate degree programs:** Thesis graduate degree programs under Atılım University Graduate Schools of Natural and Applied Sciences, Social Sciences, and Health

Sciences; provided in accordance with the provisions of Atılım University Regulations on Graduate Degree Education and Examination,

f) **Thesis graduate degree students:** Students who are admitted and enrolled in the Thesis Graduate Degree Programs under the Graduate Schools of Natural and Applied Sciences, Social Sciences, and Health Sciences, of Atılım University,

g) **Thesis graduate degree tuition fees:** The fee that thesis graduate degree students are required to pay to pursue their thesis graduate degree programs, as determined by the Board of Trustees of Atılım University,

h) **Doctorate Thesis Advisor:** The assistant professor authorized to create doctorate theses,

i) **Graduate Degree Thesis Advisor:** The assistant professor authorized to create graduate degree theses.

### **Tuition Fee Scholarship**

#### **ARTICLE 5-**

a) The scholarship is given to students who are entitled to become thesis graduate degree program students at Atılım University Graduate Schools of Natural and Applied Sciences, Social Sciences, and Health Sciences and who meet the conditions specified in the directive,

b) and to students who are entitled to become doctorate degree program students at Atılım University Graduate Schools of Natural and Applied Sciences, Social Sciences, and Health Sciences and who meet the conditions specified in the directive,

upon the recommendation of the Scholarship Commission, and the approval of the Board of Trustees, within the framework of the procedures and principles in this Directive, and constitutes certain exemptions in tuition fees.

### **Tuition Fee Scholarship conditions, Duration, and Scope**

#### **ARTICLE 6-**

a) Doctorate and thesis graduate degree student candidates wishing to benefit from tuition fee scholarships apply to the Directorates of the relevant Graduate Schools, or the International Center Directorate, with a petition. The relevant Graduate School Directorate or International Center Directorate submits these applications to the Scholarship Commission. After the relevant examination, the scholarship commission unanimously determines the names of the students to be awarded scholarships, as well as the scholarship rates to be awarded, and submits their reasoned decision and recommendation on the issue to the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees. With the approval of the Board of Trustees, certain tuition fee exemptions are granted to these students. The number of students to receive tuition fee scholarships and the scholarship rates to be made available are limited to the quota and rates determined by the Board of Trustees each year.

b) As for the evaluation of tuition fee scholarship applications, the level of success of candidate students in the academic programs that they have completed, their references, as well as their ALES scores, and foreign language skills in English-medium programs are taken into consideration.

c) The minimum conditions for students to be granted a tuition fee scholarship are as follows. The Scholarship Commission also takes into consideration other academic competencies of candidate students to be presented by the relevant Graduate School where necessary.

d) To be eligible for a tuition fee scholarship, students are required to exhibit these conditions:

d-1) Provided that the minimum score for admission to the program is achieved in the Academic Personnel and Postgraduate Education Entrance Exam (*ALES*) in the score type relevant to the program of application, the undergraduate degree graduation average grade must be at least 2.50/ 4.00, or the graduate degree graduation average grade must be at least 3.50/ 4.00,

or

d-2) Their Academic Personnel and Graduate Education Entrance Examination (*ALES*) score for the type relevant to their program is required to be at least 70 for graduate degree programs, 75 for doctorate programs when applying with a graduate degree; and 85 for doctorate programs when applying with an undergraduate degree.

d-3) Doctorate degree program students granted tuition fee scholarships and admitted to doctorate degree programs with their graduate degrees are exempt from tuition fees for 8 semesters, and those admitted to doctorate degree programs with undergraduate degrees are exempt from tuition fees for 10 semesters; while tuition fee scholarship students in thesis graduate degree programs are exempt from tuition fees for 4 semesters, without any course or success conditions; and these exemptions are subject to the scholarship rates granted to these students. Situations such as those where students are on academic leave, in their scientific preparation period, and those involve matters such as the failure to renew registrations, absence, etc. are included in this period. Students who complete the program before the deadline are required to pay the full program fee.

f) Students who were previously in graduate and doctorate degree programs at Atılım University, or another university and are re-registering for graduate and doctorate degree programs may benefit from scholarships limited to their remaining period of study, taking into account the semester to which they are assigned.

g) Students who are unable to complete the program at the end of their scholarship period may continue the program by paying the extension fee determined by the university.

h) Students who are studying at the foreign language preparatory school of the university may not benefit from the scholarship.

### **Academic Personnel Scholarship conditions, Duration, and Scope**

#### **ARTICLE 7-**

a) Students who are employed as lecturers or research assistants at the University and are also registered in a graduate degree program at the University are exempted from paying all tuition fees and receive education as is the case with 100% scholarship students. If students in this situation are unable to graduate at the end of the scholarship period specified in clause e) above, they will be required to pay 25% of the semester fee they are obliged to pay for the first academic year after the end of their scholarship period, and 50% for their second academic year. Students who fail to graduate at the end of these periods lose their

scholarships. Situations such as those where students are on academic leave, in their scientific preparation period, and those involve matters such as the failure to renew registrations, absence, etc. are included in this period. Students who complete the program before the deadline are required to pay the full program fee.

b) Instructors working at the School of Foreign Languages may not benefit from the tuition fee scholarship and academic staff scholarships defined in this regulation.

c) Students who were previously in graduate and doctorate degree programs at Atılım University, or another university and are re-registering for graduate and doctorate degree programs may benefit from scholarships limited to their remaining period of study, taking into account the semester to which they are assigned.

d) If the employment of students who are both research assistants or instructors, and students of graduate degree programs of the University ends for any reason; the scholarship status of these students ends as of the termination date of their duties at the University.

e) Students who are studying at the foreign language preparatory school of the university may not benefit from the scholarship.

### **Ankara Atılım University Alumni Association Scholarship Conditions, Duration, and Scope**

#### **ARTICLE 8-**

a) Students who are members of Ankara Atılım University Alumni Association and who are unable to receive a tuition fee scholarship within the scope of this directive will be exempted from 30% of the tuition fee for their graduate degree program, and 20% of the tuition fee for their doctorate degree program. The exemption covers the regular period of study.

b) Students in non-thesis graduate degree programs are exempt from tuition fees at the scholarship rates provided without any course or success requirement for 3 semesters, the duration is 4 semesters for students in thesis graduate degree programs, 8 semesters for doctorate degree students accepted to doctorate degree programs with a graduate degree, and 10 semesters for students accepted to doctorate degree programs with their undergraduate degree. Situations such as those where students are on academic leave, in their scientific preparation period, and those involve matters such as the failure to renew registrations, absence, etc. are included in this period. Students who complete the program before the deadline are required to pay the full program fee.

c) Students who were previously in graduate and doctorate degree programs at Atılım University, or another university and are re-registering for graduate and doctorate degree programs may benefit from tuition fee exemptions limited to their remaining period of study, taking into account the semester to which they are assigned.

d) Students who are unable to complete the program at the end of these periods may continue the program by paying the extension fee determined by the university.

e) Students who are studying at the foreign language preparatory school of the university may not benefit from the scholarship.

## **SECTION THREE**

### **Miscellaneous Provisions**

#### **Cases not included in the Directive**

**ARTICLE 7** - The matters not specified in this Directive are subject to the relevant legislation and principles of Atılım University.

#### **Effective Date**

**ARTICLE 8** - This Directive enters into effect as of the Academic Year of 2024-2025.

#### **Execution**

**ARTICLE 9** - This Directive is executed by the President of Atılım University.