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**Eligibility Criteria and Procedures for Competitions for Increased State Academic Scholarships Awarded for Academic Achievements**

1. Increased state academic scholarships for academic achievements shall be awarded, provided that these achievements satisfy one or several of the following criteria:

а) a student has only “excellent” grades over the course of 2 (two) consecutive interim assessment periods, preceding the dates of competition for the assignment of this type of increased scholarship;

b) during the previous year, the student received an award (prize) for his/her project and/or experimental and R&D results;

c) during the previous year, the student was a winner or a prize-winner of academic events held by HSE University or other academic institutions, as well as public and research organizations, including international, all-Russian, sectoral or regional Olympiads[[1]](#footnote-1), contests, and competitions, or any other events focused on revealing student academic achievements[[2]](#footnote-2).

2. If, during the previous year, the student had to retake an examination (test) for no valid reason, or the state academic scholarship was awarded to the student for a period other than that which is stipulated in p. 3.1.4 and pp. 3.1.5.3 of p. 3.1.5 of the Regulations on Scholarships and Other Types of Financial Support for Students at HSE University, the increased state academic scholarship for academic achievements stated in p. 1a hereof shall not be awarded.

3. The total number of students entitled to increased state academic scholarships for academic achievements, as per p. 1a hereof, cannot exceed 10% of the total student body receiving such scholarships.

4. Candidates for increased state academic scholarships awarded for academic achievements may take part in the following competitions:

4.1. a competition for students who, during the previous year, received an award (prize)[[3]](#footnote-3) for his/her achievements in project work or experimental or R&D activities[[4]](#footnote-4), or was a prize-winner at events held by HSE University or other academic institutions, as well as public and research organizations, including international, all-Russian, sectoral or regional Olympiads[[5]](#footnote-5), contests, competitions, or any other events[[6]](#footnote-6) with a focus on identifying learners’ academic achievements, which were held throughout the year preceding competition dates[[7]](#footnote-7).

4.2. a competition for students who have demonstrated academic achievements over 4 (four) consecutive interim assessment periods, preceding the competition dates.

5. The total number of increased state academic scholarships for academic achievements, which have been allocated pursuant to the results of each competition procedure, as specified in p. 4, shall be established by the University-wide Scholarship Committee.

6. The eligibility criteria for candidates applying for increased state academic scholarships awarded for academic achievements, within the framework of the competition procedure specified in p. 4.1, are as follows:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| No. | Criteria | Score | |
| 2  1 | During the previous year, the student has received an award (prize) for his/her project or experimental and R&D results | 5 | |
| 3  2 | The student was a first-place winner or a prize-winner at a face-to-face Olympiad, contest or competition, as well as other events with a focus on identifying students’ academic achievements | Winner | Prize-winner  (Place 2 or 3) |
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|  | 2.1 international event[[8]](#footnote-8) | 15 | 10 |
|  | 2.2 all-Russian event[[9]](#footnote-9) | 10 | 5 |

7. Pursuant to the competitive procedures set forth in p. 4.2 hereof, in addition to compliance with the requirements specified in p. 1a hereof, a candidate’s personal percentile values in the most recent 2 (two) semesters preceding the competition dates shall be a criterion for assigning an increased state academic scholarship for academic achievements.

The following algorithm shall be used to calculate student percentiles for the purpose of assigning increased state academic scholarships for their academic achievements:

1) all grades earned over the most recent semester included in the current student rating are taken into account (if a student has missed an assessment for a valid reason, the grade earned at the first retake shall be considered);

2) a credit-rating total for each student is calculated, i.e. the sum of products of grades and credits values for each course;

3) a normalized credit-rating value for each student is established, i.e. a credit-rating value is multiplied by the normalization ratio (the maximum credit units an x-year student enrolled in this degree programme has earned, divided by credit units actually earned by the given student);

4) a list of x-year students enrolled in a given degree programme is sorted by normalized credit-rating value in decreasing order;

5) a student is assigned a place in the aforementioned list; the first place is assigned for the highest credit-rating value;

6) a student's percentile is then calculated, which is expressed as a percentage: the student's place ( see p. 5 above) minus 1, divided by the number of x-year students enrolled in the given degree programme;

7) steps 1) - 6) are repeated for the second to last semester; the sum of both percentile values is then calculated;

8) a list of percentile values over the two most recent semesters is drawn up in ascending order;

9) if two or more candidates have the same percentile values, an annual weighted average grade[[10]](#footnote-10) for each student shall be calculated; if the latter is also identical, then the annual average grade[[11]](#footnote-11) is established for each student, after which they are assigned a place in the final list.

8. An expert group shall be set up by the University-wide Scholarship Committee in order to review the achievements specified in p. 4.1 of the Regulations, as per the information provided by candidates for an increased state academic scholarship. This expert group shall include HSE University staff (50%) and HSE University students recommended by the University’s own student self-government bodies. At least 4 (four) persons must sit on the expert group.

1. With the exception of Olympiads for HSE University students and graduates, as well as other Olympiads, contests and competitions, which provide participants with special rights and priorities for admission to studies at institutions of higher education. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. If increased state academic scholarships are awarded to Master’s students, their achievements shown prior to their admission to HSE University Master’s programmes shall be taken into account, provided that such achievements were gained during their period of study at HSE University in the year preceding the competition dates. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Achievements in terms of project activities can be confirmed by certificates, diplomas or letters of recognition attesting to the high quality of project results. The results of project activities included in a student’s individual curriculum shall not be considered. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. A certificate on the implementation of experimental and R&D results. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. With the exception of Olympiads for HSE University students and graduates, as well as other Olympiads, contests and competitions, which provide participants with special rights and priorities for admission to studies at institutions of higher education. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Results obtained at subject-specific competitions, contests, including case championships, hackathons, etc. (i.e. academic events aimed at identifying student knowledge and skills in a given field), held face-to-face, shall be considered. Only the best result obtained at a given event shall be taken into account. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. If increased state academic scholarships are awarded to Master’s students, their achievements shown prior to their admission to HSE University Master’s programmes shall be considered, provided that such achievements were recognized in the year preceding competition dates. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. An international event for the purposes of this document is an event satisfying the following criteria:

   1. an event organized by an official state or private association, organization, fund, or institution;

   2. representatives of different countries may take part in the competition;

   3. participants will be assessed by the panel consisting of representatives of different countries, or at least 25% of participants come from abroad. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. An all-Russian event for the purposes of this document is an event satisfying the following criteria:

   1. an event organized by an official state or private association, organization, fund, or institution;

   2. the panel consists of representatives of different regions of the Russian Federation; representatives of different regions of the Russian Federation take part in the event. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. The Grade Point Average means a student’s credit and rating score, divided by the total credits obtained by him/her. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. The average score refers to the sum of the student’s grades, divided by the total courses completed by the student in the given period and included in the current rating. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)