

Anglo-American University

Scholarship Policy

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This policy elaborates on the Scholarship Code in the Academic Codex and sets detailed conditions for the scholarships listed below.

A. Merit Based Scholarship (MBS)

- i. Every term (Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer), AAU will disburse as MBS 5.0 % of tuition revenues to be collected from degree seeking students in the given term (MBS fund).
- ii. The MBS fund is created and disbursed separately at each school (with tuition revenues from Law students enrolled in the University of London programs reserved directly for the Law Scholarship fund).
- iii. The MBS fund is made up of AAU tuition only. It does not apply to AAU fees and tuition fees of partner universities.

1. AAU Degree Programs

- i. The MBS is awarded to degree-seeking students in AAU degree programs who have completed at least 30 ECTS credits or 15 US credits at AAU and meet the conditions set out below.
- ii. Students must have completed at least 5 courses for credit during their previous semester of which at least 4 courses must be taken in the previous obligatory term (i.e. Spring or Fall term). (Note: The Fall semester consists of a Fall term and a Winter term; the Spring semester consists of a Spring term and a Summer term. That is, a student is eligible if they complete, for example, four courses in the Fall term and one in the Winter term.)
- iii. Students must have no “Incomplete” grades, with the exception of the course if it was taken as the student’s 6th course during the previous semester.
- iv. The student must not have elected to take any letter-grade courses on a pass/fail basis.
- v. Students returning from the exchange program must transfer all 5 courses in order to be eligible for the MBS the next term. It means that for example students transferring fewer than 5 courses (even if they have paid for 5 courses) are not eligible for the MBS because they do not meet a condition of 5 courses completed for credit during their previous semester.

- vi. MBS is awarded to all courses registered in the given term (e. g. if a student takes 6 courses during fall or spring term, all 6 courses will be covered by the MBS).
- vii. If a student returns from a leave of absence and is eligible for MBS based on their cumulative GPA prior the interruption of studies, they are eligible for MBS for the current semester (e.g. if a student is eligible after Spring 2021 semester, takes a leave of absence in Fall 2021, then they are eligible in Spring 2022).
- viii. A students' GPA is calculated cumulatively from the beginning of the studies in a program at AAU.
- ix. The value of the scholarship is calculated within three weeks of the end of the add/drop period of the term to which the Merit Based Scholarship applies.
- x. Students who register for courses in the next semester prior to the end of the current semester are assigned tuition that does not yet reflect the Merit-based Scholarship. Eligible students who have already paid tuition may select to receive either a refund or tuition credit for future studies.

Table 1. Criteria for disbursement of AAU Degree Programs MBS

Conditions	Scholarship Level
Top 2 % of students of the school	100 % of tuition awarded
Top 4 % of students of the school excluding students awarded in the previous category	50 % of tuition awarded
Top 8 % of students of the school excluding students awarded in previous categories	25 % of tuition awarded
Remaining students of the school in order of GPA until the MBS fund is exhausted	10 % of tuition awarded

Notes:

- i. The number of eligible students is rounded down (i.e., 2.65 students = two students). However, if the total number of degree-seeking students at a given school is at least 30, a scholarship will be awarded to at least one student in each category (i.e., 0.01 students = 1 student). This rule does not apply to the situation described in the following paragraph.
- ii. It may happen that there are multiple students with the same GPA at the bottom of a given category, and if all of them were included, the number of scholarships awarded would exceed the calculated number of eligible students. Then, if the calculated number is exceeded by no more than two students, all of those students are included in that category. Otherwise, they are all included in the next category. (For example: a scholarship in the 50% category should be awarded to five students. However, the fourth through seventh students have the same GPA. Then the 50% scholarship is awarded to all seven students. However, if the fourth through ninth students have the same GPA, then the 50% scholarship is awarded to only three students and those students with the same GPA are moved to the 25% category.)

2. Law Scholarship Fund for LLB and Certificate programs

- i. Every year, AAU will disburse 5% of AAU tuition revenues from Law students enrolled in the University of London LLB and CertHE programs at AAU. This will be placed into the Law Scholarship Fund, which is an MBS for Law Students. The Law Scholarship Fund for Law Students (LLB and CertHE) will be based only on their University of London (UOL) examination marks. MBS can only be awarded to LLB and Certificate students who completed 5

year-long courses (or equivalent combination of semester and year-long courses) for credit during their previous active academic year at AAU. The MBS will be awarded for the whole academic year at its beginning and applies to all courses taken in the given academic year.

- (a) Law students must have received at least two UOL examination results in order to be eligible for the scholarship.
 - (b) The calculated average will be cumulative, covering all UOL examination marks the students have earned in their studies as of August of the relevant following academic year.
 - (c) The Law Student Scholarships will be calculated after the May/June examination results are in (generally in August following the examinations) and will be applied to the following academic year. (I.e., May/June 2022 examination results are released in August 2022). The Scholarship will be calculated based on all examination results that the student has earned as of August 2022 and will be applied to the 2022/23 Academic Year - Fall & Spring semesters. The October 2022 examination results will only be considered when determining the 2023/24 and subsequent academic years).
- ii. The fund for the Law Student Scholarships will be distributed to those two (2) students, according to the criteria below, across both the Fall and Spring semesters for the academic year in which the Scholarship is applied. In the event that there are remaining funds that exceed the top two (2) students' tuition fees for the academic year, then the remaining funds will be distributed to the student with the third highest average examination marks.

Table 2. Criteria for disbursement of Law Scholarships

Conditions	Scholarship Level
Student with the highest average examination marks from the previous UOL examinations (all examinations taken before August of the current Academic Year). A minimum of 2 UOL examination marks are required to be eligible.	60% of the Law Scholarship Fund
Student with the second highest average examination marks from the previous UOL examinations (all examinations taken before August of the current Academic Year). A minimum of 2 UOL examination marks are required to be eligible.	40% of the Law Scholarship Fund
In the event that there are any remaining funds after the first and second students have had all tuition for that academic year covered by their awards, then the surplus will be awarded to the student with the third highest average examination marks from the previous UOL examinations (all examinations taken before August of the current Academic Year). A minimum of 2 UOL examination marks are required to be eligible).	Any remaining funds.

B. MA fellowships

- i. MA fellowships are offered to the top BA graduates from all AAU schools for continued studies at AAU. Cross-applications are possible (for example, graduates of BA program at School of Business Administration can apply for a Fellowship at MA program of School of International Relations and Diplomacy)
- ii. Each fellowship is awarded for tuition for 60 attempted US credits in MA programs provided by AAU. The fellowship does not cover fees related to the program. The fellowship is available for graduates up to one year after graduation. Students on fellowship are required to provide up to ten hours of assistance to AAU weekly.

- iii. Content of the fellowship is to be focused on research; thus linking applicant’s intention with the research of our faculty is welcome. A more general overview of AAU research areas can be found in the research section of AAU Website.
- iv. To be eligible for the fellowship, the student must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 or above and provide the required research and other academic assistance according to a written agreement and to the satisfaction of the Dean of their School of Study and Director of Research.

1. Application

- i. The application deadline is July 1, but earlier applications are welcome and encouraged.
- ii. To apply for an MA Fellowship, graduates must submit their CV, BA transcript, and an essay defined below.
- iii. The application essay (1,800-3,600 characters including spaces) should contain information about the applicant’s research intentions (research interests, why they are of interest to applicant and why should be of interest to AAU, a plan for further studies, projects currently working on or in the future) or/and more general academic plans. Part of the application essay may be in the form of a research proposal (in usual format including references). It should also contain information about how the MA Fellowship will help the applicant to pursue these aims as well as how the applicant would add value to the university.
- iv. Applicants are chosen by the Director of Research in agreement with the Dean of respective School of Study.
- v. Application results are announced until August 10 via e-mail.

C. Alumni Scholarship

- i. The Alumni Scholarship applies to any further programs of study, as well as individual courses, except for the MBA program.
- ii. Alumni Scholarships apply to the first year of study only (e.g., 30 attempted US credits).
- iii. The value of the scholarship is calculated within three weeks of the end of the add/drop period of the first semester of studies.

Table 3. Criteria for disbursement of Alumni Scholarship

BA and MA programs Cumulative GPA (numerical GA)	Scholarship Level
3.80 and higher (UK scale 67 and higher)	40% of tuition awarded
3.50–3.79 (UK scale 63 and higher)	30% of tuition awarded
3.00–3.49 (UK scale 55 and higher)	20% of tuition awarded

D. The Milena Jesenská Journalism Scholarship

- i. Each academic year, a scholarship in the amount of 100% of tuition is awarded for the program’s four core courses, including but not limited to: Media in a Democracy, Digital Tools for New Media. The scholarship may be divided among more than one student.
- ii. Candidates for the Journalism Scholarship must be currently enrolled in or have successfully completed the Degree Program’s required courses of Reporting I and Reporting II.
- iii. Candidates are identified chiefly by the quality of their writing and time commitment to the student newspaper and primarily to ALW’s website: www.lennonwall.net.
- iv. The scholarship must be applied for in writing and submitted to the Dean of the School of Journalism and Communication by July 1st of the relevant academic year.

E. MBA Alumni Scholarship

- i. Anglo-American University offers annually up to four MBA Alumni Scholarships in the amount of CZK 100 000 to its alumni. Selection is based on student GPA at AAU.
- ii. The scholarship must be applied for in writing to the Dean of the School of Business Administration during the admissions process.
- iii. MBA students are not eligible for any other scholarships offered for AAU students.

F. Accommodation Scholarship

- i. The Accommodation Scholarship is awarded by the Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports to students who meet the following conditions:
 - (a) study in a program accredited by the Czech Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports or National Accreditation Bureau;
 - (b) study in their first-degree program in the Czech Republic. If the student simultaneously studies in another program in the Czech Republic, they are eligible for the accommodation scholarship in the program in which they enrolled earlier,
 - (c) did not exceed the standard period of study of 3 years for BA programs, and 2 years for MA programs; and
 - (d) do not have permanent residence in the capital city of Prague.
- ii. Applications for the accommodation scholarship for the given semester must be submitted electronically in response to a call announced by the Student Services Center in November/April within a deadline set in the call.
- iii. The amount of scholarship is determined by and funded by a contribution from the Ministry and awarded in the form of a money transfer, paid in arrears.
- iv. The Accommodation Scholarship is usually paid retroactively for the two halves of a calendar year. In the first half it is paid for the months of January through June, in the second half for September through December. It is not paid for July and August.
- v. The Accommodation Scholarship cannot be paid:
 - (a) for the months in which the student had his/her studies interrupted for the entire month,
 - (b) from the month following the date of completion or termination of studies,
 - (c) from the month following the date on which the change occurred in the eligibility conditions.
- vi. The student is required to inform the Student Services Center about all changes affecting his/her eligibility without undue delay.

G. Social Scholarship

- i. The Social Scholarship is awarded to degree seeking students under Czech accreditation who are entitled to child benefits under section 17 of the State Social Support Act No. 117/1995 Coll., if the student's family income for the purpose of the child benefits does not exceed the minimum living income by more than 50%.
- ii. Scholarships are awarded for the standard period of study for ten months (September to June) in the academic year. Applications for the Social Scholarship for the given academic year must be submitted to the Student Services Center by the end of the add/drop period.
- iii. Eligibility for scholarship is demonstrated by a written confirmation on their family's income issued by the government agency which decided on awarding the Child benefit. The confirmation cannot be older than 21 months.
- iv. The student is required to inform the Student Services Center about all changes affecting his/her eligibility without undue delay.
- v. The amount of scholarship is determined by and funded by a contribution from the Ministry and awarded in the form of a money transfer, paid in arrears.
- vi. The Social Scholarship is usually paid retroactively for the spring and fall semester.
- vii. The Social Scholarship cannot be paid:
 - (a) for the months when the student interrupted his/her studies,

- (b) from the month following the date of graduation,
- (c) from the month following the date on which the change occurred in the eligibility conditions.