

IBN HALDUN UNIVERSITY
DIRECTIVE FOR GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

CHAPTER ONE
Purpose, Scope, and Definitions

Purpose

ARTICLE 1 - (1) This directive aims to determine the procedures and principles regarding the application and evaluation criteria and scholarship statutes of the graduate students who will be admitted to Ibn Haldun University on scholarship.

Scope

ARTICLE 2 - (1) This directive covers the regulations regarding the scholarships for students of graduate programs with a thesis at the graduate schools affiliated with Ibn Haldun University. Rules for scholarships and discounts for non-thesis programs require the related program's opinion, the Graduate School's decision, and the approval of the Presidency.

Definitions

ARTICLE 3 - (1) The terms used in this Directive shall bear the following meanings.

- a) ALES: Academic Personnel and Postgraduate Education Entrance Exam,
- b) The Program Coordinators: The relevant department of graduate programs offered by Ibn Haldun University,
- c) BDS: Scientific Evaluation Exam before the admission to the program,
- d) Scholarship: Exemption from tuition fees, monthly living allowance payment which can be provided according to the statutes defined in Article 4, and support for housing in "Student Guest Houses" within the body of the university,
- e) Scholarship Commission: The Scholarship Commission of Ibn Haldun University,
- f) Graduate School: The relevant graduate school of Master's and Ph.D. programs offered by Ibn Haldun University,
- g) Graduate School Board: The relevant graduate school board within Ibn Haldun University,
- h) Graduate School Board of Directors: The relevant graduate school board of directors within Ibn Haldun University,
- i) Graduate student: Students attending Master's and Ph.D. programs offered by Ibn Haldun University,
- j) Board of Trustees: The Board of Trustees of Ibn Haldun University,
- k) President: President of Ibn Haldun University,
- l) Presidency: Presidency of Ibn Haldun University,
- m) University: Ibn Haldun University,
- n) YDS-EYDS: Foreign Language Exam (YDS), Online Foreign Language Exam (EYDS),
- o) YÖKDİL: The Council of Higher Education Foreign Language Exam.

CHAPTER TWO

**Scholarship Statutes, Quotas, Preparation Scholarship
Application Requirements and Procedures**

Scholarship Statutes

ARTICLE 4 - (1) The scholarship statutes are as follows:

- a) Ibn Haldun Merit-Based Scholarship: This is the scholarship status benefited by students who fulfill the requirements of the second paragraph of Article 7 of this directive. It includes one of the options of monthly living allowance payment or partial living allowance payment along with housing support. The amount of the living allowance in the first option shall be calculated as 50 percent more of the amount foreseen by the full scholarship status defined in item (b) of this Article. The partial living allowance in the second option shall be calculated as the extraction of the housing support from 50 percent more of the amount foreseen by the full

scholarship status defined in item (b) of this Article.

b) Full Scholarship: This is the scholarship status benefited by students who fulfill the requirements of the first paragraph of Article 7 of this directive. It includes one of the options of monthly living allowance payment or partial living allowance payment along with housing support. The partial living allowance in the second option shall be calculated as the extraction of the housing support from the amount foreseen by the full scholarship status.

c) Special Scholarship: Students who fulfill the requirements of the first paragraph of Article 7 of this directive benefit from this scholarship status. It is determined because of the agreement between the conditional donor and the University, and students are given the status of scholarship approved by the Board of Trustees. In case of termination of the agreement, the payments of the scholarship students continue for four semesters in the case of a master's degree program with a thesis, eight semesters in the case of a doctoral program, and for students who are admitted to the university with a master's degree with thesis and ten semesters in the case of students who get admission with a bachelor's degree, under the guarantee of the Board of Trustees and according to scholarship procedures.

d) Tuition Waiver: This is the scholarship status benefited by students who fulfill the requirements of the first paragraph of Article 7 of this directive. It includes full exemption from tuition fees.

e) Partner Institution Scholarship: The scholarship status provided by the agreement for the staff of the institutions and organizations that the university has contracted with.

f) Project Scholarship: The scholarship status offered to those working on outsourced projects at the University.

g) Staff Scholarship: The scholarship offered to the university staff and their first-degree relatives.

(2) According to this directive, all students registered in programs with Ibn Haldun Merit Based Scholarship or Full Scholarship are exempted from the tuition fees.

Determination and Announcement of Quotas

ARTICLE 5 - (1) The quota of graduate students with Merit-Based Scholarship, full scholarship, and tuition waiver shall be determined for the related academic year by the recommendation of the Program Coordinators, the approval of the Board of Trustees after decisions of the Graduate School Board and the Senate, taking into consideration the research and educational activities carried out at the University. The quotas approved this way are cap quotas for the related academic year. New students can be admitted within the vacancies of a full scholarship and tuition waiver at any semester.

(2) No semester quota is determined for staff, partner institutions, and project scholarship statutes. The relevant graduate school shall assess applications made for these statutes, and the admission of the eligible applicants to the program shall be finalized by the recommendation of the Graduate School Board of Directors, the opinion of the president, and the approval of the Board of Trustees.

(3) The graduate school announces scholarship programs, student application requirements and procedures, and application dates.

Preparation Scholarship

ARTICLE 6 – (1) In the Arabic and Turkish preparatory classes required by the program, the scholarship received by the student at the admission stage is applied. In the English preparatory class, a cash scholarship is given after the application of students, the recommendation of The Program Coordinators, and the offer from the Scholarship Commission and approval of the University Board of Directors.

(2) All students in the Language Preparation Program must have at least a B2 level at the end of one year. If this condition is not fulfilled, scholarships and discounts given for the courses in the program are re-evaluated by the program coordination after the language preparation program according to student success.

(3) Following this evaluation, the scholarship status offered by the program coordination is finalized with the review of the Scholarship Commission, the decision of the Graduate School Board of Directors, and the approval of the Presidency.

Scholarship Requirements for Master Program Applications

ARTICLE 7 – (1) To qualify for **full exemption from tuition fees** in the Master’s program, the following criteria must be met. The candidate's weighted score must be at least 65 out of 100, which will be calculated as follows:

- a. 25% of the undergraduate graduation GPA,
- b. 30% of the relevant score obtained from the ALES exam (or an equivalent score from the GRE, GMAT exams, or the Scientific Evaluation Exam score for international candidates who do not have GRE or GMAT scores),
- c. 25% of the YDS, E-YDS, YÖKDİL exams, or scores obtained from exams such as TOEFL-IBT, which have international validity and recognition by the Turkish Council of Higher Education (YÖK), or scores obtained from the University’s language exam, or completing the language preparation program administered by the School of Languages for master’s programs,
- d. 20% of the average scores obtained from the Scientific Evaluation Exams' interviews and/or written exams on a 100-point system.
- e. In addition to clauses (a), (b), (c), and (d) of the first paragraph, the student is required to obtain 75 points out of 100 in the interview in the Scientific Evaluation Exam.
- f. The language exam requirement may be waived for candidates registered in Turkish-language master's programs upon the application of the Program Coordinators and approval by the Graduate School Administrative Board. In such cases, the candidate's weighted score must be at least 65 out of 100, which is calculated as follows: 30% of the undergraduate grade point average sought in clause (a), 40% of the ALES score sought in clause (b), 30% of the average of the scores obtained from the interview and/or written exam mentioned in clause (d). They are also required to get at least 75 points out of 100 from the interview in the Scientific Evaluation Exam.

2. To qualify for the **Merit Scholarship or Special Budget Scholarships** in graduate programs, the following criteria must be met. The candidate's weighted score must be at least 75 out of 100, which will be calculated as follows:

- a. 25% of the undergraduate graduation GPA,
- b. 30% of the relevant score obtained from the ALES exam (or an equivalent score from the GRE, GMAT exams, or the Scientific Evaluation Exam score for international candidates who do not have GRE or GMAT scores),
- c. 25% of the YDS, E-YDS, YÖKDİL exams, or equivalent scores obtained from exams such as TOEFL-IBT, which have international validity and recognition by the Turkish Council of Higher Education (YÖK), or scores obtained from the University’s language exam (only valid for master’s programs) and completing the language preparation program administered by the School of Languages (only valid for master’s programs).
- d. 20% of the average scores obtained from the Scientific Evaluation Exams' interviews and/or written exams on a 100-point system.
- e. In addition to clauses (a), (b), (c), and (d) of the second paragraph, the student is required to obtain 75 points out of 100 in the interview in the Scientific Evaluation Exam.

Scholarship Conditions in Master's Programs (Article 7)						
Scholarship Type	Weight Ratio				Min. weighted score	Min. interview score
	BA / BS graduate GPA	ALES or equivalent exam	Foreign language exam	Interview and/or written exam		
Full Exemption from Tuition Fees Scholarship (OGB)	25%	30%	25%	20%	65	75
Merit or Special Budget Scholarships (BAB / OBB)	25%	30%	25%	20%	75	80

Scholarship Requirements for Doctoral Program Applications

ARTICLE 8 – (1) To qualify for **full exemption from tuition fees** in Ph.D. programs, the following criteria must be met. The candidate's weighted score must be at least 75 out of 100, which will be calculated as follows:

- a. 25% of the graduate (undergraduate for integrated Ph.D. programs) graduation GPA,
- b. 30% of the relevant score obtained from the ALES exam (or an equivalent score from the GRE, GMAT exams, or the Scientific Evaluation Exam score for international candidates who do not have GRE or GMAT scores),
- c. 25% of the YDS, E-YDS, YÖKDİL exams, or equivalent scores obtained from exams such as TOEFL-IBT, which have international validity and recognition by the Turkish Council of Higher Education (YÖK),
- d. 20% of the average scores obtained from the Scientific Evaluation Exams' interviews and/or written exams on a 100-point system.
- e. In addition to clauses (a), (b), (c), and (d) of the first paragraph, the student is required to obtain 75 points out of 100 in the interview in the Scientific Evaluation Exam.

2. To qualify for **the Merit Scholarship or Special Budget Scholarship** status in Ph.D. programs, the following criteria must be met. The candidate's weighted score must be at least 75 out of 100, which will be calculated as follows:

- a. 25% of the graduate (undergraduate for integrated Ph.D. programs) graduation GPA,
- b. 30% of the relevant score obtained from the ALES exam (or an equivalent score from the GRE, GMAT exams, or the Scientific Evaluation Exam score for international candidates who do not have GRE or GMAT scores),
- c. 25% of the YDS, E-YDS, YÖKDİL exams, or equivalent scores obtained from exams such as TOEFL-IBT, which have international validity and recognition by the Turkish Council of Higher Education (YÖK),
- d. 20% of the average scores obtained from the Scientific Evaluation Exams' interviews and/or written exams on a 100-point system.
- e. In addition to clauses (a), (b), (c), and (d) of the second paragraph, the student is required to obtain 80 points out of 100 in the interview in the Scientific Evaluation Exam.

3. To qualify for the **Outstanding Achievement Scholarship** in Ph.D. programs, each of the following criteria must be met:

The candidate's weighted score must be at least 80 out of 100, which will be calculated as follows:

- a. 25% of the graduate (undergraduate for integrated Ph.D. programs) graduation GPA,
- b. 30% of the relevant score obtained from the ALES exam (or an equivalent score from the GRE, GMAT exams, or the Scientific Evaluation Exam score for international candidates who do not have GRE or GMAT scores),

- c. 25% of the YDS, E-YDS, YÖKDİL exams, or equivalent scores obtained from exams such as TOEFL-IBT, which have international validity and recognition by the Turkish Council of Higher Education (YÖK),
- d. 20% of the average scores obtained from the Scientific Evaluation Exams' interviews and/or written exams on a 100-point system.
- e. In addition to clauses (a), (b), (c), and (d) of the third paragraph, the student is required to obtain 85 points out of 100 in the interview in the Scientific Evaluation Exam.

(4) The Program Coordinators may additionally suggest adding or raising scholarship criteria for the students who apply to the graduate programs they run, provided they uphold the minimum standards specified in this directive.

Scholarship Conditions in Ph.D. Programs (Article 8)						
Scholarship Type	Weight Ratio				Min. weighted score	Min. interview score
	BA / BS or MA graduate GPA	ALES or equivalent exam	Foreign language exam	Interview and/or written exam		
Full Exemption from Tuition Fees Scholarship (OGB)	25%	30%	25%	20%	75	75
Merit or special budget scholarship (BAB / OBB)	25%	30%	25%	20%	75	80
Outstanding achievement scholarship (UBB)	25%	30%	25%	20%	80	85

Evaluation and Admission of Applications

ARTICLE 9 - (1) Admission of the scholarship applicants to graduate programs is subject to provisions of Ibn Haldun University Regulation on Graduate Education. It shall be realized in accordance with quotas determined by the University.

CHAPTER THREE

Change in Scholarship Statuses During Education

Decrease in Scholarship Status

ARTICLE 10 - (1) The status of scholarship students can be reduced or canceled by the opinion of the Program Coordinators, the decision of the Graduate School Board of Directors, and the approval of the Presidency in the following cases.

a) Students who start working at a different institution while studying with a Full Scholarship or Ibn Haldun Merit Based Scholarship or declare that they cannot fulfill the obligations stated in Article 14 of this directive while living education contributions and housing support outstanding achievement scholarship or full scholarship status is cut off from the date.

b) The scholarships of the Staff Scholarship students who quit their positions at the university are terminated at the end of the semester in which they left, and they are considered to have paid status from the beginning of the following semester.

c) Partner Institution and Project Scholarship students whose scholarships ended due to the termination of agreements made by the university and the partner institutions or the completion of the outsourced project carried out at the university will be considered to have paid status from the beginning of the following semester. These students have the right to apply for other scholarship statuses.

d) The status of scholarship students is reduced or canceled if the semester grade point average is less than 3.00/4.00 for two consecutive semesters or the semester GPA falls below 2.50/4.00 in any semester. Ibn Haldun Merit Based Scholarship status is reduced to Full Scholarship if the student's semester grade point average is below 3.20/4.00 for two consecutive semesters or the GPA falls below 3.00/4.00 in any semester. Still, they continue to stay above the limits for Full Scholarship status.

e) Full Scholarship and Ibn Haldun Merit Based Scholarship students are transferred to a paid status in the following semester if the performance evaluation score stated in the third item of Article 14 of this directive is 60 points or lower out of 100 points for two consecutive semesters.

f) Scholarship status is reduced or converted to paid status if scholarship students receive IA grades from at least two courses in any semester.

g) Students who transfer from scholarship status to paid status may continue their education by paying fees from the beginning of the following semester in accordance with the normal remaining period based on the education fees for that year.

Decrease in Scholarship Status (Article 10)
For Tuition Waiver or Full Scholarship
The status of scholarship students is reduced or canceled if the semester grade point average is less than 3.00/4.00 for two consecutive semesters or the semester GPA falls below 2.50/4.00 in any semester.
Ibn Haldun Merit-Based Scholarship
The status is reduced to Full Scholarship if the student's semester grade point average is below 3.20/4.00 for two consecutive semesters or the GPA falls below 3.00/4.00 in any semester. Still, they continue to stay above the limits for Full Scholarship status.

Increase in Scholarship Status

ARTICLE 11 - (1) Students with paid and other scholarship statuses may be granted full scholarship status within the quotas by the recommendation of the department and the approval of the Graduate School Board of Directors if they meet the scholarship student application conditions stated in the 7th article during the education period.

(2) In addition to the standard scholarship requirements at the time of admission, for students to apply for Full Scholarship or Tuition Waiver statuses, having taken at least three courses, students must have a GPA of 3.50/4.00 for a Full Scholarship in Master's, 3.50/4.00 in PhD programs and 3.30/4.00 for Tuition Waiver in Master's and 3.30/4.00 for PhD programs.

(3) To transfer to Ibn Haldun Merit Based Scholarship Status, in addition to the standard

scholarship requirements at the time of admission, having taken at least three courses, students must have a GPA of 3.65/4.00 in Master and 3.65/4.00 in Ph.D. programs.

(4) Students who do not meet the requirements of the second and third paragraphs of Article 11 of this directive but who have an article published or accepted by the name of this university for publication in the journals scanned in the Web of Science may apply for the scholarship.

(5) Students with a scholarship or paid status can transfer to the Staff Scholarship status if they initiate as a university staff member.

(6) Students who have a scholarship or paid status after having taken at least three courses in a graduate program of the university, if the GPA in the program they are studying is 3.00/4.00 in Master's and 3.30/4.00 in Ph. D, can apply for the Partner Institution and Project Scholarship statuses provided that they take paid part in the projects being carried out in the university.

Increase in Scholarship Status (Article 11)		
having taken at least three courses;		
Tuition Waiver	Full Scholarship	Ibn Haldun Merit-Based Scholarship
Students must have a GPA of 3.30/4.00 for Tuition Waiver in Master's and 3.30/4.00 for PhD programs.	Students must have a GPA of 3.50/4.00 for Tuition Waiver in Master's and 3.30/4.00 for Ph.D. programs.	Students must have a GPA of 3.65/4.00 in Master's and 3.65/4.00 in PhD programs.

Loss of Scholarship

ARTICLE 12 - (1) The student who receives a suspension from one week to one month is suspended from the scholarship during the education period, and all the scholarships of the student who receives a suspension from one or two semesters are canceled.

(2) The life contributions and/or accommodation support of the graduate students who are found to have not fulfilled the obligations stated in Article 14 of this directive for more than one month without excuse may be terminated upon the request of the Department's Board of Directors and the decision of the Board of Directors of the Graduate School. Students who fail to fulfill these obligations for more than one month with an excuse can be terminated at the request of the Head of the Department and the decision of the Board of Directors of the Graduate School during the period they cannot fulfill their obligations.

(3) Scholarships for graduate students may be cut by the proposal of the Scholarship Commission and the approval of the University Board of Directors, depending on the demands of the scholarship deduction to be made by the heads of the Department in case they are absent from the courses.

Approval Process for Transferring to Scholarship Status and Change

ARTICLE 13 - (1) The status of the students who would like to transfer to one of the scholarship statuses from the paid status or change the scholarship status is examined by the relevant graduate school within the current quotas—these students' requests regarding the transfer to.

a) The Graduate School Board of Directors determines Ibn Haldun Merit-Based Scholarship, Full Scholarship, and Tuition Waiver and requires the approval of the Presidency.

b) Requests of transferring to Staff Scholarship, Partner Institution and Project Scholarship

statuses are finalized by the recommendation of the Graduate School Board of Directors and the approval of the Presidency.

CHAPTER FOUR

Rights and Obligations of the Student and the University

Obligations of Students

ARTICLE 14 - (1) All scholarship students are obliged to perform all research, education, and training activities within the framework of the procedures to be announced by the relevant Program Coordinators.

(2) Whether or not the obligations stated in this article are fulfilled is checked with the performance evaluations made by the Program Coordinators and the Graduate School out of 5 points at the end of each academic year. At the end of an academic year, students whose performance evaluation score is 60 points or less out of 100 points can be reduced with the opinion of the related Program Coordinators, the decision of the Graduate School Board of Directors, and the Presidency's approval.

(3) Prep students are exempt from the obligations stated in the first paragraph of this article.

Participating in the University Projects

ARTICLE 15 - (1) Students with Ibn Haldun Merit Based Scholarship and Full Scholarship can participate in a maximum of one project in the university with the approval of the Graduate School Board of Directors.

(2) In the case that graduate students with a Full Scholarship or Ibn Haldun Merit Based Scholarship take part in the projects carried out in the university, one and a half times the living allowance paid to these students is regarded as the "ceiling amount." If the sum of the living allowance and the wage prescribed in the projects exceeds one and a half times the living allowance payment, the student will primarily be paid the prescribed fee in the project in which he/she is working. The projected wage is deducted from the ceiling amount, and the remaining part is paid as a living allowance.

(3) Tuition Waiver and Partner Institution and Project Scholarship students can work for a fee on more than one project in accordance with the decision of the Graduate School Board of Directors.

Duration and Amount of Scholarships

ARTICLE 16 - (1) Living allowance and housing support shall be provided for nine months in a year during the regular education periods foreseen for the Master's programs with thesis and Ph.D. programs stated in the related articles of the Regulation on Graduate Education and Training. Exceptions are determined with the approval of the Graduate School Board of Directors and the Presidency.

(2) The amount of living allowance is determined each year by the recommendation of the Presidency and the approval of the Board of Trustees.

(3) In the case that students are entitled to living allowances in the scope of more than one program from the university budget, the highest amount is paid to them.

Designation of an Office Space

ARTICLE 17 - (1) The university may provide office space for the students who have Ibn Haldun Merit Based Scholarship or Full Scholarship status to use during their studies within the capacity of the University.

Exemptions

ARTICLE 18 – (1) In the countries where the language of instruction of the program applied is spoken as the mother tongue if the candidates who have an undergraduate education in that language do not submit a language score certificate, the language score is accepted as 70 points out of 100 total points.

**CHAPTER FIVE
Other Provisions****Annulled Directive**

ARTICLE 19 - (1) Ibn Haldun University Directive for Graduate Scholarships under the date of 03.09.2018 that the Board had approved of Trustees is annulled.

Enforcement

ARTICLE 20 - (1) This directive shall enter into force on the approval date of the Board of Trustees.

Execution

ARTICLE 21 - (1) This directive shall be executed by the President.

“This text is a translation of the original Turkish Directive and is solely intended to provide information concerning that Directive. The terms, conditions and stipulations in the original Turkish-language Directive shall be legally binding if any disputes of meaning should arise.”