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Students' Scholarship and Financial Aid Policy

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The American University of Iraq – Baghdad (AUIB) is committed to supporting student access to higher education and recognizing academic excellence through scholarships and financial aid.
- 1.2 This policy establishes the framework for awarding, administering, and managing scholarships and financial assistance offered by the University.
- 1.3 The policy aims to ensure that scholarship and financial aid programs are administered in a transparent, fair, and accountable manner.

2.0 Scope

This policy applies to all scholarships and financial aid programs administered or facilitated by AUIB.

The policy applies to:

- undergraduate and graduate students receiving scholarships
- university-funded scholarship programs
- externally funded scholarship programs administered by AUIB
- scholarships linked to specific academic programs.

3.0 Definitions

- 3.1 **Scholarship**
A financial award provided to a student to support tuition or educational expenses based on merit, need, sponsorship, or program participation.
- 3.2 **Financial Aid**
Any form of financial assistance provided to support a student's educational costs.
- 3.3 **External Scholarship**
Financial support provided by a government, organization, donor, or grant and administered through the University.
- 3.4 **Scholarship Program Guidelines**
The specific eligibility criteria, requirements, and administrative conditions governing an individual scholarship program.
- 3.5 **Scholarship Funding Sources**
AUIB may provide scholarships and financial assistance through a variety of funding sources in order to support access to higher education, reward academic excellence, and promote student success.
Scholarship funding sources may include, but are not limited to:



- 3.6 University-Funded Scholarships
Scholarships funded directly by AUIB to support students based on academic merit, leadership, talent, or financial need.
- 3.7 Government-Sponsored Scholarships
Scholarships provided by governmental bodies, including the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MoHESR) or other government entities.
- 3.8 Externally Funded Scholarships
Scholarships funded through external organizations, foundations, international partners, or grant programs administered in collaboration with AUIB.
- 3.9 Donor-Funded Scholarships
Scholarships provided by individuals, corporations, alumni, or philanthropic organizations to support students in specific academic fields or backgrounds.
- 3.10 Program-Specific Scholarships
Scholarships linked to specific academic programs, departments, or institutional initiatives offered by the University
Where scholarships are funded through external grants, development programs, or donor agreements, the terms of the relevant funding agreement may apply.
- 3.11 Scholarship Program Guidelines
Each scholarship program offered by the University shall operate under its own Scholarship Program Guidelines or Award Terms, which define the specific requirements and conditions associated with that scholarship.
Scholarship Program Guidelines may include:
- eligibility criteria
 - selection procedures
 - award amount and duration
 - academic performance requirements for renewal
 - participation or reporting obligations
 - compliance with donor or grant conditions.

Students receiving scholarships must comply with both:

- the provisions of this Scholarship and Financial Aid Policy, and
- the specific guidelines of the scholarship program under which the award is granted.

Where external funding agreements apply, the terms of the funding agreement shall govern the administration of the scholarship.

- 3.12 Eligibility
Eligibility for scholarships or financial aid may depend on one or more of the following factors:
- academic achievement
 - demonstrated financial need
 - leadership or extracurricular involvement
 - program participation requirements
 - compliance with institutional policies.
- Additional eligibility criteria may be specified in the guidelines of individual scholarship programs.
- 3.13 Renewal and Continuation
Scholarships may be renewable provided that the student:
- maintains satisfactory academic performance
 - remains enrolled as a full-time student where required
 - complies with university policies and scholarship program conditions.



Specific renewal requirements will be defined in the relevant scholarship program guidelines.

3.14 Adjustment or Withdrawal of Scholarships

The University reserves the right to adjust, suspend, or withdraw scholarship support if:

- eligibility requirements are no longer met
- academic performance falls below required standards
- inaccurate or misleading information was provided
- the student violates university policies.

Where scholarships are funded by external organizations or donors, changes may also occur in accordance with the terms of the funding agreement.

3.15 Administration

Scholarship and financial aid programs are administered by Student Awards and Financial Aid office in coordination with relevant university offices, which may include:

- Office of Student Affairs
- Academic Colleges
- Enrollment Services Office
- Finance Office.

The University may establish internal procedures to ensure proper administration, documentation, and reporting of scholarship awards.

Related Policies

Student Conduct and Community Standards Policy

Student Support Services Policy

Career Development and Experiential Learning Policy

Student International Mobility Policy