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BNU Scholarship Award and Retention Criteria

As a leading university committed to its non-profit ethos, BNU is dedicated to ensuring that qualified students have access to education regardless of their financial circumstances.

Scholarship Philosophy

- **Equitable Access:** BNU believes that deserving students should not be denied education due to financial constraints.
- **Institutional Commitment:** Increasing both the amount and number of scholarships will remain a priority for BNU as NPO.
- **Cumulative Support:** Students may receive up to 100% in cumulative scholarship assistance or waivers on tuition fees.

Eligibility

- **Workload Requirements:** Students must adhere to the prescribed workload set by their department for each semester. (1) If a student opts to take an increased workload beyond the prescribed credit hours or above 18 credit hours per semester for undergraduate and 12 credit hours for graduate), they will be liable to pay for the extra credit hours unless notified otherwise. (2) Conversely, if a student chooses to take a lesser workload than prescribed on his/her own, it may compromise their eligibility for any scholarship. This will not apply if the reduced workload has been mandated by the school due to academic reasons (see 'Probation Policy' for relevant details). (3) If a course is repeated in any semester, the student will be required to pay the 1.5 times per credit hour fee for that course.

- **Summer:** No scholarship award(s) apply for summer semester courses unless notified otherwise for specific programs/courses.
- **Duration of Eligibility:** Scholarships are available only for the prescribed duration of a student's course of study. Students extending their studies beyond the stipulated timeframe will not be eligible for scholarships during those additional semesters.
- **Outstanding Dues from Previous Sessions:** In cases where fee bills from previous academic sessions, falling under closed financial years, are reissued (issued first time) in the current financial year (e.g., for the purpose of degree issuance or clearance of outstanding dues), no scholarship or financial aid shall be applied, regardless of the student's prior eligibility or award status during that period.
- **Students on Exchange Programs:** Students proceeding for authorized exchange programs will be evaluated for BNU's merit-based scholarship based on the CGPA they had before the semester they proceeded on the exchange. If a student is required to pay BNU fees during the exchange semester, the merit and need based scholarships he/she may be on will continue to apply. Any fees or other expenses the student is required to pay to the host university will not be covered by BNU scholarship under any circumstances.
- The VC and Dean's scholarships are applicable to undergraduate students only. Externally supported scholarships also typically only for undergraduate students unless otherwise specified in case of any particular scholarship.
- Students from the School of Education are not eligible for MBS given their differentiated fee structure.

Note: This policy is contingent upon the availability of funds and may be subject to change at any time.

Scholarships

BNU offers following types of scholarships (External scholarships such as UMISSA are not included in this list):

VC Scholarship

The VC Scholarship is awarded to students who achieve exceptional academic performance, specifically those who have obtained 3 A* grades in A-levels or a minimum of 90% in their Intermediate or equivalent qualifications. Applicants must also submit a

personal statement. To retain the scholarship, students must maintain a cumulative GPA (CGPA) of 3.2 or above throughout their studies. This scholarship provides 100% coverage of tuition fees for four years and is awarded to one student in each freshman class.

Dean's Scholarship

The Dean's Scholarship is designed for students who demonstrate both academic excellence and financial need. Eligibility at the time of admission is based on a weighted assessment: 35% for Matric/O-level results, 35% for Intermediate/A-level results, and 30% for the BNU Admissions Test/Interview and portfolio, or as otherwise advertised each year by the university. To qualify, applicants must achieve an aggregate score exceeding 80%. This scholarship also offers 100% coverage of tuition fees. To retain:

- Maintain your CGPA at a level that entitles you to receive 50% merit-based scholarship (MBS) in your department at BNU. Please refer to BNU MBS policy (below) for more details.
- Continued demonstration of need according to BNU Need-based Scholarship criteria.

Need-Based Scholarship

The Need-Based Scholarship (NBS) is aimed at students from low-income families. This scholarship provides financial assistance, typically ranging from 25% to 50% of tuition fees, contingent upon verification of financial hardship. To remain eligible, students must maintain a minimum CGPA of 2.65 (classes admitted from Fall 2024 onward) and 2.50 (classes admitted prior to Fall 2024).

1. Applications/documents for NBS must be submitted online during the admission process (new students) to the Admission Office and for annual appraisal/renewal (for the existing students) to the Registrar Office .
2. A University Scholarship Committee shall review all applications with due diligence and reserves the right to endorse or decline the recommendations for the award.
3. NBS is renewable annually, contingent on maintaining CGPA and other eligibility criteria.
4. Students experiencing financial hardship may apply for NBS at the beginning of an academic year.

Merit-Based Scholarship

At the Time of Admission

The MBS rewards students based on their academic achievements. Undergraduate applicants who score 90% or above in their FA/FSc examinations or achieve 3 A's in A-levels at the time of admission are eligible for a 75% (of tuition fee) scholarship. Those with 80% or above in FA/FSc or 2 A's in A-levels can qualify for a 50% scholarship.

For Graduate programs, applicants with a CGPA of 3.9 or above will be eligible for a 75% merit scholarship, while those with a CGPA of 3.8 or above will be eligible for a 50% merit scholarship.

For Fall 2024 Intake Onwards.

The following MBS criteria will be applied to students admitted in Fall 2024 and will be applicable after their first year (after first semester for Spring entrants) has been completed.

1. MBS awards are for one year.
2. Three slabs of MBS: 75%, 50%, and 25%.
3. Top 18% of students by CGPA in each class within their degree program will receive MBS, competing only within their cohort.
4. Distribution of MBS:
 - Top 15% (of the 18%): 75% MBS
 - Next 25% (of the 18%): 50% MBS
 - Next 60% (of the 18%): 25% MBS
5. Minimum CGPA of 3.0 is required for eligibility.
6. Only top 7% students from each degree program will be included in the Dean's Honor List each semester.

For Students Admitted before Fall 2024

1. MBS awards are for one semester. They are revised based on results of each semester.
- 3.5-3.64 CGPA: 25% MBS
- 3.65-3.79 CGP: 35% MBS

3.8-3.89 CGPA: 50% MBS

3.9-4.0 CGPA: 75% MBS

Transgender Inclusion Scholarship

The Transgender Inclusion Scholarship is specifically for applicants who possess a valid CNIC with the X category. This scholarship offers a 50% tuition fee reduction throughout their four years. Additionally, out-of-station (not residing or domiciled in Lahore) students will receive a hostel stipend equivalent to the BNU hostel fee.

Sports Scholarship

The Sports Scholarship is available to students who have achieved notable success in sports, especially those who have won medals at national or provincial levels. To qualify, students must maintain a minimum CGPA of 2.5 and actively participate in BNU's training and tournaments. They must also be active members of the B.Fit. This scholarship provides 50% of tuition fee. The Sports Scholarship holder is required to participate in at least eight(08) events annually as a representative of BNU Sports Team and will adhere to the mandatory gym training schedules.

BNU Institutional Support

BNU offers institutional support in the form of discounts for students coming from partner non-profit and public sector schools with whom BNU has formal MOUs. To be eligible for this support, students must have achieved a minimum of 75% in both their Secondary and Higher Secondary School examinations. This scholarship provides a 25% tuition fee waiver.

Externally Funded NBS

1. BNU seeks external donor support for NBS.
2. Students may need to meet additional eligibility criteria set by external donors, which may be more stringent/different than BNU's internal criteria. At any time, the criteria of the external scholarship will supersede BNU criteria unless otherwise specified.
3. Donors may specify funding for disciplines or schools.
4. Externally funded scholarships requiring matching amounts from BNU may typically be treated as need-cum-merit based opportunities unless otherwise specified.

Maximum Scholarship

1. While some of the scholarships can be combined to determine the cumulative award of a student, typically no student can avail scholarship beyond 100 percent of the tuition fee.
2. Where external donors are willing to provide additional support, it will be decided on a case-to-case basis and students will be specifically and duly notified.
3. Hostels and other non-tuition fees are not included in BNU scholarships unless otherwise specified on a case-to-case basis.

Scholarship Agreement

Each new scholarship award will be accompanied by a university letter detailing the criteria for the student's scholarship. Where a letter is not issued, this policy's rules and regulations will still apply. In case of any error in the letter issued, the letter will be revised but this policy's rules and regulations will hold, superseding the letter if it was issued in error.

Other Non-Scholarship Facilitation by BNU

In addition to scholarships, BNU has implemented several initiatives to support students in alignment with its non-profit ethos.

Ease of Fee Payment

Since Fall 2023, all students are permitted to pay their fees in three instalments per semester.

Student Fund Loan

Students can access loans from the BNU Student Fund, covering up to one semester's worth of fees, to be repaid as outlined in the Student Fund Loan policy. BNU reserves the right to withhold degrees and academic certificates until the loan is repaid.

External Student Loan Financing

BNU has established a partnership with an external service provider to facilitate student loans. While students will apply directly to the service provider, who will make the final determination, the partnership agreement allows students to secure loans through the provider's established process. BNU is required to withhold degrees and academic certificates if a student breaches the loan repayment agreement with the service provider.

Hardship Committee

A Hardship Committee has been formed to address exceptional cases arising from unforeseen circumstances where students do not qualify for other forms of support and are in urgent need.

Students Responsibility Towards BNU

Work Study

BNU aims to instil a sense of responsibility and community service among its students. Starting Fall 2025, all current and new students receiving a 75% scholarship or more may be required to contribute 8 hours per month (two hours per week) to BNU. This time may be utilized for various roles, including mentoring struggling students, assisting faculty with research, or fulfilling administrative duties. The university will establish a process to manage student contributions under this framework.

This 'work study' scheme is a global standard that benefits students by providing valuable experience and fostering a professional work ethic while supporting fellow students and broader university functions.

Knowing Policies and Procedures

It is essential for students to be aware of the policies, criteria, and procedures. Please visit the SharePoint Portal on CMS for policies. Failure to meet any requirements may result in ineligibility for scholarships.

Collectively, BNU's scholarship philosophy represents a comprehensive effort to ensure that every student has the opportunity to receive a quality education. Together, we will continue to strive to make BNU as affordable as possible for the youth of our country and for international students wishing to study at our prestigious institution.

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