

TDK Scholarship Regulations

1.) The Senate – with the agreement of the Maintainer Church, in the manner defined in these TDK Scholarship Regulations, and from the College's own revenue – establishes an additional scholarship [STBR 3.2.2.4] for the students of the College in order to encourage the creation of Student Scientific Circle (TDK) papers and participation in the National Scientific Students' Conference (OTDK), which can be applied for through a competitive process.

2.) The name of the scholarship: TDK Scholarship (hereinafter: the Scholarship).

3.) The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage the preparation of TDK papers with which their authors can participate in the OTDK.

4.) The call for applications for the Scholarship is announced by the Rector at the beginning of each autumn semester.

5.) Only enrolled students of the College may apply for the Scholarship.

6.) The amount of support available under the Scholarship is HUF 50,000 per student, which shall be paid to the successful student under a scholarship contract during the study period of the given semester.

7.) The number of supported applicants is typically 5 per year, i.e. the total annual framework for the Scholarship is HUF 250,000, but the Rector may deviate from this, on the recommendation of the College Student Scientific Circle Council (FTDT), either by awarding more or fewer scholarships. Support for more than 5 students may only be granted with the approval of the Senate, and only with regard to the fact that the total annual amount may not exceed HUF 500,000.

8.) Method of application.

8.1. At the beginning of each autumn semester, the FTDT announces the dates of the Dharma Gate Buddhist College's internal conference (hereinafter: internal conference), within which it also announces the deadline and conditions for submitting the current Scholarship application.

8.2. The deadline for submission of applications is typically the first week of November of the autumn semester.

8.3. The application must include the following elements of the planned TDK paper:

8.3.1 its title,

8.3.2 its outline,

8.3.3 a sample chapter or part thereof (4–6,000 characters),

8.3.4 a provisional bibliography, and

8.3.5 a recommendation from an instructor/supervisor.

8.4. Applications must be submitted by sending them to the e-mail address indicated in the call for applications.

9.) Evaluation of applications

9.1. The submitted papers are evaluated and ranked by the FTDT at a meeting convened specifically for this purpose by the secretary, in November, on the basis of the following criteria:

9.1.1. the professional relevance and novelty of the paper (50 points),

9.1.2. the representative value of the paper (50 points),

9.1.3. the applicant's academic performance (50 points).

9.2. For the evaluation of the criterion in 9.1.1, if the FTDT has members who are not instructors or researchers, the Rector appoints an ad hoc committee from among the instructors to evaluate the papers. In the course of the evaluation, the following must be taken into account:

9.2.1. the research topic (20 points),

9.2.2. the proposed bibliography (15 points),

9.2.3. the instructor/supervisor recommendation (15 points).

9.3. The representative value [9.1.2] indicates the extent to which the paper could represent the College at a national competition. In this respect, the following criteria are evaluated:

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9.3.1. the presence of Buddhist philosophical, historical-traditional, comparative (philosophy of religion), or linguistic-interpretative character (translations) in the planned paper (30 points),

9.3.2. the ability to argue independently and think critically (20 points).

9.4. For the evaluation of the criterion in 9.1.3, the chair or secretary of the FTDT shall request in advance from the Director of Academic Affairs the applicant's academic performance indicators. In the case of first-year students who do not yet have performance indicators, the committee shall proportionally adjust the scores for 9.1.1 and 9.1.2.

9.5. Scholarships may only be awarded to the authors of papers achieving at least 120 points.

9.5. If the student member and substitute member of the FTDT both submit an application, neither of them may participate in the evaluation as an interested party. For the FTDT to reach quorum, the Student Representation must immediately delegate an ad hoc student substitute member at the request of the FTDT secretary.

10.) Legal remedy

10.1. If a paper does not reach 120 points, its author may submit an appeal to the Student Appeals Committee (SAPC), requesting a re-evaluation of the paper.

10.2. The SAPC is entitled to re-evaluate the application in the framework of the appeal procedure.

10.3. The three-member appeal panel shall not include, as its two instructor members, anyone who is a member of the FTDT or who provided a recommendation for the given paper; its student member shall not be the student member or substitute of the FTDT (conflict of interest).

10.4. If, on the basis of the re-evaluation in the appeal procedure, it is justified, and the general conditions set out in the TDK Scholarship Regulations are met, the Rector may award a regular Scholarship.

11.) Scholarship contract

11.1. The College concludes a scholarship contract with the successful students, in which the student undertakes:

11.1.1. to complete the paper by the date specified in the internal conference announcement, to participate in the next internal conference (presenting the paper internally), and

11.1.2. in the case of a positive evaluation of the paper, to participate in the next OTDK; and

11.1.3. that if the conditions set out in 11.1.1 and 11.1.2 are not fulfilled, they will repay the full amount of the Scholarship received.

11.2. If the student's enrolment status terminates before the fulfilment of the Scholarship conditions (typically because the supported student graduates, while the OTDK is held biennially), the Rector may, on grounds of fairness, waive the requirement to participate in the OTDK if the paper is completed and presented at the internal conference.

11.3. If the successful student, independently of 11.2, is prevented from fulfilling their obligations due to circumstances beyond their control, the Rector may exercise discretion.

11.4. In all other cases, the successful student shall be required to repay the full amount of the Scholarship if they fail to fulfil their obligations.

12. These TDK Scholarship Regulations apply to Scholarship applications announced in the 2019/2020 academic year and thereafter.