

Procedures for Managing PhD Scholarships

- **Externally funded Scholarships:**
 - Stipend must be paid at the maximum permissible within the budget. This will be checked and enforced by RAO at set up stage.
 - Any shortfall in fees must be waived by the host College unless the student is in a position to fund the shortfall.
 - Student levy must be paid by the student unless stipulated by the external funder whereby it is waived using QA203.
 - Internal funding may not be used to cover overtime / write up fees.

- **Internally funded Scholarships:**
 - New and existing scholarship stipends will be paid at current national agreed rate of €18,500 p.a. where this can be accommodated within local budgets.
 - Each unit must plan to transition to stipends at the standard rate over the three year period (2021/22 – 2023/24) even if it means offering a reduced number of scholarships annually.
 - Fees must be waived by the host College for a maximum of four years for full-time students.
 - Student levy must be paid by the student.
 - PhD Scholarships should sit in the research ledger (RII internally funded research accounts). A new RII will be set up annually for each College/ Central funding source with annual transfers of internal income.
 - Internal funding may not be used to cover overtime / write up fees.

- **Implementation**
 - Version 1 of this policy came into effect on 1st September 2021.
 - Version 2, if approved, will come into effect on 1st September 2022.

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Version 1: Approved: Research Committee 4th June 2021, UMT 15th June 2021, FRC 17th June 2021, Údarás 24th June 2021

Version 2 – amendment of should to must, inclusion of maximum permission length of waiver of fees and inclusion of overtime / right up fees.

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