



Further Terms and Conditions: Scholarships for Students Specializing in Distributed Ledger Technologies (Scholarships)

This document is in addition to the requirements and other criteria contained in the Scholarship information sheet which was distributed to prospective applicants and which can be found at: um.edu.mt/dlt/scholarships. This document is, thus, meant to be read in conjunction with the information sheet. In fact, certain terms (whether capitalized or not) used here below shall have the same meaning as those used in the information sheet. In case of inconsistency between these two documents, the present document shall prevail.

This document is to be downloaded and signed by prospective applicants and handed in with the relative application form and other supporting documents.

Further Terms and Conditions:

- I. The University of Malta (University) has sole discretion in awarding scholarships for students specialising in Distributed Ledger Technologies (DLTs) based on the application and selection criteria established for such Scholarships.
- II. The University reserves the right to review and revoke any one or more of the Scholarships, in whole or in part if:
 - a. it is discovered that the awardee was selected for the Scholarship based on untrue or misleading information; or
 - b. he/she fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the Scholarship, including but not limited to the requirement to successfully complete the Course as outlined in Clause IV of these Terms and Conditions; or
 - c. is found guilty of academic or disciplinary misconduct.

In such instances, the awardee shall reimburse the funds awarded under the Scholarship, the amount of which will depend on whether the Scholarship was revoked in whole or in part.

- III. Reimbursement as aforesaid shall be effected not later than three (3) months from the date on which the awardee is found to have given untrue or misleading information, breached the terms and conditions of the Scholarship or is found guilty of academic or disciplinary misconduct as aforesaid.
- IV. Awardees must, apart from duly-justified cases such as unforeseen health problems or demise of the awardee, successfully complete and pass the Course;

- V. Where the awardee cannot pursue the Course further or fails the Course as a direct result of unforeseen health problems or other exceptional circumstance, the amount awarded under the Scholarship may be waived, provided that the possibility of such waiver shall be subject to the following cumulative terms and conditions:
- a) The awardee shall be required to provide justifiable reasons as to why he/she failed or discontinued his/her participation in the Course;
 - b) The awardee shall be required to present documented evidence, medical certificates and testimonials together with any such claim;
 - c) The University is in no way bound to waive the amount awarded under the Scholarship based on any claim put forward and, if it does decide to waive, the amount to be waived shall be at the University's discretion;
 - d) The University reserves the right to appoint its own expert/s, whether medical or otherwise, to advise and assess the case of the awardee claiming such unforeseen health problems or exceptional circumstances; and
 - e) The University's decision in this regard shall be final and binding on both the University and the awardee.
- VI. The awardee shall ensure that throughout the Course they obtain, in the case of a taught-based postgraduate degree programme, at least a minimum of thirty (30) ECTS credits (whether in the form of a dissertation/project consisting of a minimum of 30 ECTS credits or in the form of individual study-units that together make up a minimum of 30 ECTS credits) directly related to DLTs or, in the case of a research-based postgraduate degree programme, the awardee shall ensure that the focus of such a programme is directly related to DLTs.
- VII. In the case of a taught-based postgraduate degree where the minimum of thirty (30) ECTS credits are in the form of a dissertation/project directly related to DLTs, the Scholarship becomes due when the student's chosen title of dissertation is duly approved by the Faculty Board. Any fees paid by the student prior to this date will be reimbursed in full by the University. If for any reason whatsoever, a change in the approved title of dissertation is submitted by the student, he / she is duty bound to inform the Scholarship Board of the change in title. Should the change in title be accepted by the Faculty Board but is not deemed to be directly related to DLTs, then any tuition and bench fees financed through the Scholarship will have to be reimbursed by the student within three (3) months from the date on which new title is approved.
- VIII. Tuition and bench fees relating to any extension/s granted beyond the maximum Scholarship term as outlined in the information sheet shall be borne by the awardee. Moreover, the maximum scholarship term does not cover any suspension or repetition of studies that are provided for by and in accordance with University regulations. Thus, the period of time during which the suspension or repetition subsists will not be covered by the Scholarship.

- IX. The Scholarships do not include accommodation and/or living expenses, examination fees (if applicable), travel as well as ancillary items including, but not limited to, books, all of which shall be borne by the awardees directly.
- X. A Scholarship cannot be awarded to the same individual more than once for courses at the same MQF Level.
- XI. Awardees may be asked to:
- Deliver up to two (2) sessions / presentations on the research conducted by them during the Course for which the Scholarship was awarded;
 - Focus their dissertation / projects on areas of interest to MITA.
- XII. Awardees shall be bound to acknowledge MITA and the CDLT (University of Malta) in the respective dissertation and/or any publication arising from the research/studies undertaken by the awardees as a result of the Courses for which the Scholarships are granted.
- XIII. Any intellectual property rights arising out of the Course shall be governed by the University's policy on Intellectual Property as may be amended from time to time.
- XIV. Applicants for the Scholarships shall not, at the time of application, have applied for or be in receipt of a full scholarship for the same Course which covers tuition and bench fees. However, an applicant who is to be awarded or has been awarded a partial scholarship or grant for the same Course, which covers tuition and bench fees, may still be considered for the Scholarship, in which case the amount awarded under the Scholarship shall be reduced accordingly. Such other partial scholarship or grant should be disclosed to the Selection Board when applying.
- XV. In the eventuality that the awardee is granted in future any partial scholarship or grant, covering tuition fees and bench fees for the same Course, the awardee shall be required to make a declaration in writing to such effect and present it to the University before formally accepting such other award. All such declarations require approval from the University.
- XVI. The scholarship is only awarded for study at the University of Malta and is not transferable to other Universities or educational institutions regardless if the course followed at such other University or institution is related to DLT.
- XVII. Should the Scholarship awardee resign from his / her Course and enrol into another Course also eligible under this Scholarship Scheme, he / she may be allowed, at the discretion of the University, to transfer the awarded Scholarship to the new Course provided that:
- a. the student reimburses the University in full for the tuition and bench fees applicable on the original Course from the date of commencement of the Course till the date of resignation; and
 - b. the new Scholarship amount shall be the lower of the applicable fees on the new Course and the Scholarship amount originally awarded.
- XVIII. The awardee accepts, agrees and understands that he/she will be supervised by the University in order to evaluate and ensure that he/she progresses successfully throughout the stages of the Course and obtains passing grades in each assessed module and the final dissertation.

- XIX. The awardee shall be a student ambassador and promote the good name of the University. In addition, the awardee is required to comply with all the University terms and conditions of admittance, all regulations, bye-laws and policies from time to time in force.
- XX. Should awardees accept to participate in interviews, advertisement, photography or other publicity activities for the purpose of promoting the University and MITA, they accept, understand and agree that they shall have no claim to any intellectual property or other rights that are created from or as part of this promotional activity. Such intellectual property or other rights shall belong exclusively to the University and/or MITA as the case may be.
- XXI. The University reserves the right to make any amendment to these terms and conditions and inform the applicants accordingly;
- XXII. The awardee must immediately and at any time inform the University of any circumstance which affects or might affect his/her eligibility for the Scholarship.
- XXIII. Prospective awardees of the Scholarships shall be required to sign an agreement with the University that regulates the relationship between the parties thereto in relation to the Scholarships and which would incorporate the terms and conditions contained herein. If a prospective awardee fails or refuses to sign the scholarship agreement, the Scholarship may be awarded to another successful applicant according to the respective rankings following the selection.
- XXIV. The student is to submit both a soft and hard copy of their dissertation to CDLT (soft copy to be sent to dlt@um.edu.mt)

By signing here below you are hereby agreeing to the above Terms and Conditions of the Scholarship and you agree to be bound by them for the entire duration of the Scholarship.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

ID Card/Passport No.: _____