

CHALMERS

DECISION

made by the President

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Present:	Alf-Erik Almstedt	
Presenter:	Inge Svensson	

Case Remuneration level to doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows with scholarship

Background

Description of the case

Remuneration to doctoral students with a scholarship from Chalmers shall reflect the net remuneration paid to employed doctoral students. Based on the levels in the doctoral student agreement dated 1 June 2009, the remuneration levels to scholarship recipients have been adjusted. The same principle should apply to postdoctoral fellows with scholarship. The levels are indicated in Appendix 1 and apply to all.

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Content of the decision

Decision made in accordance with Appendix 1.

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Special terms and conditions for international doctoral student scholarships

Date: 09/06/2009

The following document applies to the attendance of international doctoral students at Chalmers. In this context, international refers to persons who hold a undergraduate degree from a foreign university and are temporarily in Sweden for the purpose of graduate studies or obtaining further qualifications.

Chalmers has adopted a policy for increased globalisation of graduate education which provides guidance in relation to doctoral students admitted to Chalmers.

International doctoral students who are studying at any department at Chalmers can be awarded a scholarship.

Scholarships to international doctoral students can be paid out for a total of 4 years maximum.

1. The scholarship amount for a newly admitted international doctoral student shall be minimum **SEK 18,300/month** as of 1 June 2009. The base scholarship shall be increased as specified in points 2 and 3. The scholarship may be reduced by rental expenses for housing or similar expenditures for the scholarship recipient that Chalmers pays directly to the landlord or other provider.
2. Upon taking of a Licentiate degree, the scholarship is increased by **SEK 2,300/month** as of 1 June 2009. If a Licentiate degree is not obligatory, the increase can be implemented once 50% of the doctoral degree requirements have been met. The respective department determines which requirements apply.
3. *Alt 1* Once the date of doctoral defence has been set, the scholarship is increased by **SEK 635/month** as of 1 June 2009 and is paid retroactively 1 year from the doctoral defence date.
Alt 2 Once 80% of the doctoral degree requirements have been met, the scholarship is increased by **SEK 635/month** as of 1 June 2009.

Upgrading to step 2 and step 3 shall take place the calendar month after the condition is met.

For international scholarship recipients who are admitted to a programme at Chalmers and receive scholarships from a grant provider other than Chalmers, there shall be a funding plan and financial guarantees which as a minimum are equivalent to the scholarship amount for a newly admitted student as per point 1 with upgrading as per points 2 and 3. The head of department, deputy head of department or vice head of department who is responsible for graduate education at the department shall approve the funding plan.

If a scholarship that is equal to or exceed the minimum amount as per points 1, 2 and 3 above is decided for the entire scholarship period, that amount can apply for the entire period without adjustment at the time points specified in points 2 and 3. The agreement on the amount and any adjustments shall be approved in connection with admission and shall be noted in the application form.

International doctoral students who do not intend to take a degree at Chalmers shall normally not be admitted to the graduate education programme.

Special terms and conditions for postdoctoral scholarships

The following document applies to the attendance of postdoctoral fellows at Chalmers. In this context, international refers to persons who hold a doctoral degree from a foreign university and are temporarily in Sweden for the purpose of graduate studies or obtaining further qualifications after taking a doctoral degree (postdoctoral work).

International postdoctoral fellows who are studying at any department at Chalmers can be awarded a scholarship.

A postdoctoral scholarship can be paid out for minimum two months and maximum two years.

The scholarship can be awarded to a person who has taken a doctoral degree within no more than two years from the date of application. However, the two-year period can fall anywhere within a four-year period from the date of taking the doctoral degree if the scholarship recipient was on parental leave, sick, or performing military service during the time period after taking the doctoral degree. After this two-year period, it is no longer possible to receive a tax exemption for the postdoctoral scholarship as the educational activity is no longer considered to be evident.

Chalmers recommends that postdoctoral scholarships fall within a range of SEK 22,500 to 26,000 per month (as of 1 June 2009).