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Case

Scholarships for doctoral students participating in a contracted cooperation where dual enrolment and double degrees are possible.

Background

According to the President's decision from 2 February 2011 (C2011/110), Chalmers doctoral students as a rule shall be employed and in normal cases shall have a doctoral position or equivalent employment with conditions that are at least as good as those at another employer, e.g. a company, another university, or a government authority. On 8 October 2012, the Vice President of Graduate Studies decided (C2012/1066) to grant scholarships to guest doctoral students from another country if their stay exceeds 6 months. In such cases, the department shall compensate the student with a tax-free scholarship up to the net salary of an employed doctoral student (for the complete specifications, see decision C2012/1066). There are no corresponding rules for doctoral students who are part of a contracted cooperation (with a university in another country) where dual enrolment and double degrees are possible.

Decision

The Vice President decides the following in relation to scholarships as supplementary funding of doctoral students who are participating in contracted cooperation where dual enrolment and double degrees are possible. The proposal relates to doctoral students who were originally admitted to a doctoral programme at a university in another country. Attendance at Chalmers shall be regulated so that a substantial part of the doctoral programme takes place at the home university and at Chalmers under a study plan that clearly specifies the value the doctoral student obtains from attending both universities. The following indicates the scope, payment and any reservation:

- For the part of the doctoral programme that involves attendance at Chalmers, the department shall compensate with a tax-free scholarship up to the net salary of an employed doctoral student. The net amount is calculated based on the current tax table. An agreement or contract shall be signed for the attendance and the requisite insurance shall be taken out.
- Payment is always made for full months.
- According to the President's decision (C2006/480), government funds may not be used for scholarships.
- The scholarship is intended for education, and may not serve as remuneration for work.
- The recipient may not have been previously employed or had a remunerated assignment at Chalmers during any of the two preceding years.

- The scholarship cannot be combined with per diem, meal benefit, housing benefit, fee, or other salary benefit.
- A scholarship does not entitle the person to any benefits under Chalmers' collective agreement on salary and employment terms.
- The scholarship is not sickness benefit qualifying income. Health insurance must always be taken out through registration with Chalmers Business Visitor Försäkring.
- A decision shall be made by the Vice President of Graduate Education on a case-by-case basis. Documentation is required from the responsible supervisor, such as the head of department or the person delegated by the head of department to accept doctoral students. The document must clearly show how the above conditions are met. Extra financial commitments arising in cases where an exception is made and scholarship-funded employment is used shall be charged to the relevant research team or department.
- Preparations shall be made within the appropriate section of Administration and Service.

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