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## BNU's Scholarship Philosophy and Policy

As a leading university that truly cares about its non-profit ethos, it is incumbent upon us to strive to ensure that students who qualify to be educated at BNU based on their academic credentials are not deprived of the opportunity to do so solely because of affordability.

### Scholarship Philosophy

- Students who deserve to be educated at BNU (on merit) are not deprived of the opportunity to do so solely because of affordability.
- Increasing scholarship amounts and number of student recipients will remain an institutional priority for BNU.
- Students can avail up to 100 percent cumulative scholarship assistance/waivers.
- To ensure fairness across the board, students will only be eligible for scholarships for the assigned duration of their course of study at BNU. Any student taking extra semesters after the degree's stipulated time frame will not be eligible for scholarships during the extra semesters they take.

Note: This Memorandum and all its contents are subject at all times to the raising and the availability of funds. The university reserves the right to alter the policy at any time.

### Scholarships for Fall 2024 admissions

Table 1 lays out the types of BNU scholarships/waivers available and criteria for eligibility for the incoming class in Fall 2024 (UMISSA and other external scholarships are not listed in the table).

Table 1: BNU Scholarships Available to the Fall 2024 Intake and Beyond

Scholarship Program	Eligibility Criteria	Percentage Coverage
VC Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3A* (all three complete subjects in A-level) or 90% or above in Intermediate or an equivalent with a personal statement</li><li>• To maintain VC scholarship, the applicant's CGPA should not drop below 3.2 CGPA.</li></ul>	100% scholarship
Dean's Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 35% weightage to Matric/O level, 35% to Intermediate/A level, 30% BNU Admissions Test/Interview and portfolio</li><li>• To be eligible for the scholarship, aggregate score of the afore mentioned criteria should be more than 80%</li><li>• BNU will offer need/merit based scholarships to students who meet the set criteria of BNU selection process, ensuring they also maintain minimum qualifying CGPA to retain the scholarship</li><li>• Demonstrating need is a prerequisite to qualify for this scholarship</li><li>• Eligibility criteria will be assessed for determination</li><li>• Merit for the scholarship will be decided by the BNU scholarship committee</li></ul>	100% scholarship

Need Based Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This scholarship is for students who belong to a low-income family.</li> <li>• Scholarships equal to 25%-50% of tuition fee may be granted upon verification of financial hardship on the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee.</li> <li>• The BNU Scholarship Committee will conduct an annual review of the recipient's financial status to determine their ongoing eligibility for the need-based scholarship.</li> <li>• Student must maintain a minimum of 2.65 CGPA</li> </ul>	up to 50% scholarship
Merit Based Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants with 90% or above marks in their FA/FSc examination; or 3As in A level or equivalent will be eligible for 75% merit scholarship</li> <li>• Applicants with 80% or above marks in their FA/FSc examination; or 2As in A level or equivalent will be eligible for 50% merit scholarship</li> <li>• Applicants applying for this scholarship will be eligible for other scholarships</li> </ul>	up to 75% scholarship
Transgender Inclusion Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valid CNIC with marked X category</li> <li>• 50% scholarship will be awarded to two selected applicants</li> <li>• Out of station students will receive a hostel stipend equivalent to the BNU hostel fee)</li> <li>• Applicants applying for this scholarship must meet BNU minimum eligibility criteria</li> </ul>	50% scholarship
Sports Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students who have won single medals (Gold/Silver/Bronze) at national or provincial levels are eligible for consideration.</li> <li>• Applicants applying for this scholarship will be eligible for other scholarships.</li> <li>• Students must maintain a minimum CGPA of 2.5.</li> <li>• To continue receiving the scholarship, students must be part of BNU's training and tournaments. Performance will be evaluated annually.</li> </ul>	50% scholarship to 2 male & 2 female applicants
BNU Institutional Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BNU offers institutional discounts to students from non-profit and public sector schools that have a formal partnership or MOU with BNU. If your school or college is eligible for this discount, it will automatically be applied to your tuition fees upon admission to BNU.</li> <li>• Applicants from the aforementioned schools are encouraged to apply and complete the BNU admission process.</li> <li>• 75% or above percentage in Secondary School (Matric/O level or equivalent) and in Higher Secondary School (Intermediate/ A level or equivalent).</li> <li>• To retain this scholarship, applicants must maintain a minimum CGPA of 3.0</li> </ul>	25% scholarships

## Merit Based Scholarships

### Scholarships for Students Admitted in Fall 2024 and Spring 2025

The following MBS criteria will be applied to students admitted in Fall 2024 and will be applicable after their first year (after first semester for Spring entrants) has been completed. Please note that School of Education students are not eligible for MBS given their differentiated fee structure.

1. MBS awards will be for one year.
2. MBS will have three slabs across BNU:
  - 75 percent
  - 50 percent
  - 25 percent
3. Top 18 percent of the student body (by CGPA) in each degree program across BNU will receive MBS. Students will compete for scholarships only among their cohort (their class year within their degree program) so in effect the to 18 percent students from each cohort will be on MBS.
4. In each degree program, the 18% student body eligible for MBS will avail the scholarship according to the following formula:
  - The top 15 percent eligible for MBS according to CGPA will receive 75 percent MBS

- Next 25 percent eligible for MBS according to CGPA will receive 50 percent MBS
  - Next 60 percent eligible for MBS according to CGPA will receive 25 percent MBS
5. No student with a CGPA below 3.0 will be eligible for MBS under any circumstances.
  6. Only students who maintain a full work load in both semesters of an academic year will be considered for MBS in the following year.
  7. Top 7 percent students in each degree program (**rounded up** in case 7 percent is a decimal number) in terms of their semester GPA will automatically be included in the Dean's Honor list of their school at the end of each semester. Dean's Honor list will be updated every semester.

#### Scholarships for Students Admitted Before Fall 2024

The previously implemented criteria for MBS will continue to apply for all students admitted prior to Fall 2024.

#### **Need Based Scholarships (NBS)**

This applies to all BNU students except School of Education who are not eligible due to their differentiated fee structure.

1. Students who wish to apply for NBS will submit their documents as part of their admissions process (for new students) or annual appraisal process (existing students).
2. A scholarship committee constituted at the university level will vet all NBS applications.
3. BNU will continue to keep its NBS uncapped, ensuring that every student who has genuine need and applies for NBS is considered.
4. NBS will be renewed annually provided the student continues to meet the CGPA and other (disciplinary, etc) eligibility criteria. Students must report any change in financial situation annually at the beginning of the academic year. BNU reserves the right to solicit financial (and other relevant) documents of any student availing NBS at any point to assess change of financial need. Students who do not comply may lose their scholarship immediately.
5. Students already enrolled at BNU who are not on NBS and undergo a negative change in their financial situation and therefore wish to apply for NBS will be able to do so at the beginning of any academic year.
6. BNU's minimum CGPA criteria for NBS is 2.65 for students admitted to the university in Fall 2024 (and beyond) and 2.5 for all students admitted previously.

All NBS selections at BNU must adhere to the above-laid guidelines at a minimum.

#### Externally Funded NBS

1. BNU continues to seek support for NBS from external donors.
2. In cases where external donors are sponsoring scholarships, their own eligibility criteria for need and academic merit may need to be adhered to for the students who will be selected to avail those particular scholarships. In such cases, the students selected by the BNU scholarship committee may have to go through a secondary interview process with

the representatives of the sponsoring organization. Students will not have the right to refuse being nominated for external sponsorships if the university chooses to do so and will be bound to fulfill all external donor application requirements. Students who do not comply may lose their scholarship immediately.

3. Some donors may also have a stated preference/condition to fund only a particular discipline or school, which will be honored as such.
4. BNU will treat externally funded scholarships that require matching/contributing scholarship amounts from the university as a need-cum-merit based scholarship opportunity. Ideally, all students selected for such scholarships will fulfill the entrance and CGPA (once admitted) criteria for 50 percent MBS in the student's department. These scholarships are referred to as 'Dean's Scholarship' in Table 1.

### *UMISSA*

- UMISSA will continue to be dedicated solely for SVAD students.
- UMISSA will be used as NBS, both as the principal source of need-based funding and to supplement awards made from BNU's own resources.
- All other procedural NBS rules will apply to UMISSA.

### **Other Non-Scholarship Facilitation by BNU**

In addition to scholarships, several other steps have been taken to facilitate students in line with BNU's non-profit ethos.

#### Ease of Fee Payment

Since Fall 2023, all students are allowed to pay fees in three installments per semester.

#### Student Fund Loan

Students can receive loans from the BNU Student Fund up to one semester worth of fees, to be returned as defined in the Student Fund Loan policy. BNU will withhold degree and academic certificates till repayment of the loan.

#### External Student Loan Financing

BNU has negotiated an agreement with an external service provider to partner with the university for student loans. While students will apply directly to the service provider for loans, who shall make the final determination, the service provider will have a partnership agreement with BNU and students will be allowed to secure loans through due process of the service provider. BNU will be liable to withhold degree and academic certificates if the student breaches the loan repayment agreement between him/her and the service provider.

### **Student Responsibility Towards BNU**

Inculcating a passion for a give back to society among its students is also part of BNU's educational approach. One aspect of that is student ownership and contribution to BNU's growth and improvement.

In this spirit, from Spring 2025, BNU will require all current and new students who are on 75 percent scholarship of any kind to give 8 hours per month (two hours per week) of their time back to BNU. This time can be utilized by the university for multiple roles including mentorship of weak students, research assistantship with faculty, or other administrative roles. The university will create a process to manage student time under this framework.

This 'work study' scheme is a global norm and benefits students in terms of gaining experience and developing professional work ethic while ensuring support to fellow students and broader university functions.

Cumulatively, BNU's scholarship philosophy amounts to a 360-degree holistic facilitation effort to ensure that every student has an opportunity to gain quality education.

Together, we will continue to strive to make BNU as affordable as possible for the youth of our country as well as the international students who wish to study at our prestigious institution.