



University of Groningen Graduation Fund Regulations 2020-2021

Part C **Financial support for student members of consultative/administrative bodies, Board members of student organizations and top-level athletes (7.51)**

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Introduction

Article 2a of the Higher Education and Research Act (WHW) relates to the Graduation Fund (*Profileringsfonds*) and contains regulations concerning financial support for students who incur study delay due to extraordinary circumstances. (Stb.2010, 119).

The Board of the University approved the regulations set out below concerning the granting of financial support on the basis of these legal regulations after approval by the University Council on 2 July 2020.

These Regulations apply to requests for the 2020-2021 academic year. Requests submitted by students whose committee year does not coincide with the academic year are subject to the regulations of the academic year in which the majority of the months of the board year fall.

Appendix 1 to these Regulations sets out the procedure for inclusion in the Graduation Fund for student organizations with University of Groningen students as members and student organizations with students of both the University of Groningen and the Hanze University of Applied Sciences Groningen as members.

The Board of the University can issue a ‘certificate of participation’ as proof of participation to students who have been granted a committee or consultative body grant from the Graduation Fund.

See also: www.rug.nl/studievertraging. This page provides more information about these regulations, as well as a link to the request form.

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Chapter 1. General provisions

Article 1. Definitions

Act:	Higher Education and Research Act (WHW: <i>Wet op het Hoger Onderwijs en Wetenschappelijk onderzoek</i>).
BA:	The nominal duration of a Bachelor's degree programme.
Board of the University:	The Board of the University of Groningen.
CLRS:	Central Portal for the Legal Protection of Student Rights.
Committee grant:	Financial support for carrying out duties relating to membership of a University administrative body or recognized student organization.
Consultative body grant:	Financial support for consultative body membership at the University of Groningen.
CUOS (Central Executive Board for Student Organizations):	Body set up by the Board of the University to facilitate student organizations.
Degree programme:	A Bachelor's or Master's degree programme.
DUO:	<i>Dienst Uitvoering Onderwijs</i> (Education Executive Agency).
Waiving of tuition fees for student members:	A situation where a student is registered at the University of Groningen but, contrary to the provisions of Article 7.34 WHW, has been exempted from payment of statutory tuition fees because they will be fulfilling a full-time board membership or a membership of consultative body as referred to in Article 7:47a WHW.
FOS committee:	Student Financial Support committee; An official committee appointed by the Executive Board of the Hanze University of Applied Sciences Groningen.
Hanze UAS organization:	An organization for students registered at the Hanze University of Applied Sciences Groningen.
Higher education:	Education provided at research universities (WO) and universities of applied sciences (HBO).
Joint organization:	An organization for students registered at the Hanze University of Applied Sciences and students registered at the University of

Groningen.

- Nominal student workload: In accordance with Article 7.4 of the Higher Education and Research Act (WHW), the nominal student workload is 60 ECTS credit points per academic year.
- Performance-related grant: Article 5.1 WSF 2000: a travel allowance, possibly with the addition of a supplementary grant and bonus for a single-parent family. The performance-related grant is awarded by DUO for the combined nominal duration of the Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes. The travel allowance is awarded for the combined nominal duration of the Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes, plus one extra year.
- PhD scholarship student: A student who has been admitted to a PhD scholarship programme at the University of Groningen.
- Statutory tuition fees: The tuition fees as referred to in Article 7.45 of the Higher Education and Research Act (WHW) for registration as a student, set by the Minister.
- Student finance: A performance-related grant that students receive during the nominal duration of their degree programme, followed by a three-year loan period, in accordance with the WSF 2000.
- Student: A person who has paid tuition fees and is registered at the University of Groningen, with all the rights connected to registration as set out in WHW Article 7.34.
A person enrolled as a student in a degree programme at the University of Groningen.
- The UG: University of Groningen.
- Top-level sports grant: Financial support for top athletes.
- UFC (University Funds Committee): An official committee installed by the Board of the University which advises the Board with regard to decisions made on the basis of these Regulations.
- UG organization: An organization for students registered at the University of Groningen.
- WSF 2000: Student Finance Act 2000 (*Wet studiefinanciering*).
- Year: A period of time that starts on 1 September and ends on 31 August of the following year.

All other terms used in these Regulations will have the meaning that the Act ascribes to them.

Article 2. Conditions for financial support

1. Through the Graduation Fund, the University of Groningen provides financial support to student members of consultative bodies, committees and boards, to committee members of student organizations and to top-level athletes who
 - are enrolled as full-time students in a degree programme for the entire academic year and have not yet gained their degree
 - have paid the relevant statutory tuition fees to the University of Groningen
 - are or were entitled to a performance-related grant for the degree programme on the basis of the WSF 2000.
2. The University of Groningen provides financial support to PhD scholarship students who satisfy the conditions set out in Chapter 3 of these Regulations.

3. The University of Groningen will grant exemption from payment of statutory tuition fees as referred to in Article 12.8 of the University of Groningen Regulations for Registration and Tuition Fees 2019-2020 to board or committee members who satisfy the conditions listed in Chapter 5 of these Regulations.

Chapter 2. Membership of consultative bodies and the committees/boards of University bodies

Article 3. Conditions

In addition to the provisions of Article 2 of these Regulations, Bachelor's students who, during an academic year, are members of a consultative body, committee or board as set out in Appendix 2b to these Regulations are entitled to financial support if they obtained a provisional or definitive positive study advice in the propaedeutic phase.

Article 4. Scope and amount of the consultative body grant

1. The number of committee grant months for each membership of a consultative body, board or committee is specified in Appendix 2b.
2. For the 2020-2021 academic year, the amount of the grant is:

a. Faculty Board advisory member	€ 794.20	per grant month
b. Student assessor on the Board of the University	€ 794.20	per grant month
c. University Council member	€ 694.20	per grant month
d. Faculty Council member	€ 694.20	per grant month
e. CUOS member	€ 694.20	per grant month

Article 5. Provisional and definitive grant

Financial support is awarded in the form of a committee grant; a provisional grant can be requested in anticipation of this.

Article 6. Request period for a provisional grant

1. The student may request a provisional grant at the start of their consultative body or committee/board membership period.
2. Students who have received a provisional grant must submit written confirmation of the membership period as set out in Article 10.3 of these Regulations after their membership has ended and before 31 January of the following year. The written confirmation must be issued by the new consultative body or committee/board.

Article 7. Request period for a definitive grant

1. Definitive grants must be requested between 1 September and 31 January of the academic year following the academic year in which the applicant was a member of the consultative body or committee.
2. A provisional consultative body or committee grant as referred to in Article 6 will be converted into a definitive grant after the written confirmation within the meaning of Article 10.3 has been submitted.
3. Requests submitted after 31 January of the year after the academic year in which the consultative body or committee activities took place will not be processed.
4. The provisional grant must be repaid if the UFC has not received the confirmation and/or request within the meaning of Articles 7.2 and 7.3 by 31 January.

Article 8. Request procedure

1. When requesting financial support, students must use the digital request form on the website rug.nl/studievertraging.

2. When requesting provisional allocation of financial support, students must upload the documentary evidence specified in Articles 10.1 and 10.2 of these Regulations via the website, and then fill in the digital request form in accordance with Article 8.1.
3. When requesting definitive allocation of financial support, students must also upload the documentary evidence specified in Article 10.3 via the website.
4. Students can check the progress of their request via the website referred to in Article 8.1.
5. If the request is incomplete, the student will be granted four weeks to complete the request. If the request is not completed within this period, it will not be processed further. The student will be notified of this.

Article 9. Decision

1. The Board of the University will make a decision with regard to a request after consultation with the UFC. This will take place as soon as possible and within a maximum of eight weeks of receipt of the completed request. The decision will be:
 - a. either non-consideration of the request because it was submitted after the deadline, or
 - b. non-consideration of the request because the request was incomplete and was not completed before the deadline, or
 - c. the granting of the consultative body or committee grant, or
 - d. rejection of the request.
2. The decision, and the reasons for it, will be communicated to the student in writing.

Article 10. Documentary evidence

Documentary evidence as referred to in Article 8 comprises:

1. A notification from DUO stating that the student is or was entitled to a performance-related grant.
2. An appointment decree.
3. A confirmation of the period of membership of the consultative body or committee/board, provided by the consultative body or committee/board succeeding that of which the student was a member.

Article 11. Payment and repayment of financial support

1. Payment will be made to the student's bank account number within a reasonable period of time after the financial support has been provisionally or definitively approved.
2. If a student who is awarded support under these regulations prematurely deregisters, the consultative body or committee grant will be terminated on the date of deregistration, after which the grant will be recovered on a pro rata basis.
3. If the declaration referred to in Article 10.3 shows that the committee member has ended their committee membership prematurely, the committee grant will be recovered pro rata.

Chapter 3. Membership of a consultative body or committee (PhD scholarship students)

Article 12. Conditions

A PhD scholarship student must be registered as such with the University of Groningen at the time the consultative body or committee/board duties are performed in order to qualify for this type of consultative body or committee grant.

Article 13. Scope and amount of the consultative body grant

A PhD scholarship student who is a member of a Faculty Council or the University Council is eligible for financial support for two or three months respectively in the form of an extension of the PhD programme. The request will be processed by the Graduate School of the PhD student.

Article 14. Scope and amount of committee grants for GOPHER and GRIN

1. A maximum of four grant months per year are available for board members of the GOPHER and GRIN student societies (see Appendix 2c).
2. PhD scholarship students who have been board members of GOPHER or GRIN for a full year are eligible for remuneration to the amount of two PhD grant months.

Article 15. Request procedure GOPHER and GRIN PhD committee grant

1. PhD scholarship students must submit their request for a committee grant to the University Funds Committee (UFC) between 1 September and 31 January of the year following the academic year in which they were members of the committee, by completing the digital request form on the website: www.rug.nl/studievertraging
2. At the start of each committee year, the current GOPHER and GRIN boards must indicate which board members (no more than two) are eligible for a committee grant. This indication will be regarded as a request for provisional allocation of financial support.
3. At the end of each academic year, and in any case before 31 January, the new board must state that the board member who is requesting a grant was a member of the board during the entire committee year. This declaration must be enclosed with the request for definitive allocation of financial support.
4. Articles 9 and 11 apply mutatis mutandis to the request procedure for financial support.

Article 16. Documentary evidence

The following documentary evidence must be included with each request:

- a. A statement to prove that the PhD scholarship student has been appointed a board member.
- b. When requesting a definitive grant or conversion of a provisional grant to a definitive grant: a declaration of membership period, confirming the period of committee membership.

Chapter 4. Membership of student organization committees

Article 17. Conditions

1. Students who, during an academic year, are members of a committee or board of a student organization listed in Appendix 2a of these Regulations are eligible for financial support if they meet the criteria set out in Article 2 of these Regulations.
2. In addition to the provisions of Article 17.1:
 - a) Bachelor's students must have obtained a provisional or definitive positive study advice during the propaedeutic phase
 - b) students who began the propaedeutic phase of a Bachelor's degree programme at the University of Groningen must meet the requirements regarding a provisional or definitive positive study advice within two months of the start of the consultative body or committee/body membership.

Article 18. Amount of committee grant

1. An amount is made available to board/committee members of student organizations for the number of committee grant months determined by the Board of the University on the recommendation of CUOS, in accordance with Appendix 1 of these Regulations.

2. The amount available for committee/board members of student facilities is € 694.20 per grant month.
The amount available for committee/board members of other student organizations named in Appendix 2a is € 444.20 per grant month.
3. The student organizations decide how the amounts specified in Appendix 2a will be allocated among their appointed committee/board members. No later than two months after the beginning of the committee year, the committee/board must submit an overview of the grant allocations to the UFC via the website rug.nl/studievertraging and to the FOS-cie of the Hanze University of Applied Sciences Groningen via the e-mail address profleringsfonds@org.hanze.nl.
4. The minimum number of committee grant months that a student organization can award a committee/board member is 1.
5. The maximum number of committee grant months that can be awarded to a committee/board member of a student facility or other student organization listed in Appendix 2a is 6.

Article 19. Request procedure for a provisional committee grant

1. Students may submit a request for provisional allocation of financial support after the start of their committee membership year by completing the digital request form on the website rug.nl/studievertraging.
2. Students must upload the documentary evidence, as specified in Articles 22.1 and 22.2 of these Regulations, via the website, and must then fill in the digital request form in accordance with Article 19.1.
3. Students can check the progress of their request via the application system on the website referred to in Article 19.1.
4. If the request is incomplete, the student will be granted four weeks to complete the request. If the request is not completed within this period, it will not be processed further. The student will be notified of this. Once the committee year has ended, the student can submit a request for a definitive committee grant, as set out in Article 20 of these Regulations.

Article 20. Request procedure for a definitive committee grant

1. Students must request definitive financial support **within three months** of the end of the relevant committee year by submitting the digital request form on the website rug.nl/studievertraging.
2. Confirmation of the membership period as referred to in Article 22.3 must be submitted with the request. Students who have not applied for a provisional committee grant must enclose all documentary evidence listed in Article 22 with the request for definitive allocation of financial support.
3. Students can check the progress of their request via the application system on the website referred to in Article 20.1.
4. If the request is incomplete, the student will be granted four weeks to complete the request. If the request is not completed within this period, it will not be processed further. The student will be notified of this.

Article 21. Decision

1. The Board of the University will make a decision with regard to a request after consultation with the UFC. This will take place as soon as possible and within a maximum of 8 weeks of receipt of the completed request. The decision will be:
 - a. either non-consideration of the request because it was submitted after the deadline, or
 - b. non-consideration of the request because the request was incomplete and was not completed before the deadline, or
 - c. the granting of the committee grant, or
 - d. rejection of the request.

2. The decision, and the reasons for it, will be communicated to the student in writing.

Article 22. Documentary evidence

Documentary evidence as referred to in Articles 19 and 20 comprises:

1. A notification from DUO stating that the student is or was entitled to a performance-related grant.
2. A document detailing the allocation of committee grant months within the organization of which the student is a board/committee member.
3. Confirmation of the period of committee/board membership, provided by the committee/board succeeding that of which the student was a member.

Article 23. Payment of financial support

1. Payment will be made to the student's bank account number within a reasonable period of time after the financial support has been provisionally or definitively approved.
2. Committee grants are awarded according to the allocation amounts specified by the organization. If the confirmation referred to in Article 22.3 shows that the committee member ended their committee membership prematurely, the committee grant will be recovered pro rata.

Chapter 5. Waiving of tuition fees for student members¹

Article 24. Conditions for waiving of tuition fees (new 2020-2021)

1. The University of Groningen will grant exemption from payment of statutory tuition fees as referred to in Article 12.8 of the University of Groningen Regulations for Registration and Tuition Fees 2019-2020 to board/committee members of the student organizations listed in Appendix 2a of these Regulations, on condition that:
 - a. they were registered as students at the University of Groningen in academic year 2019-2020 and;
 - b. - a second-year bachelor student, counting from the first enrolment in a bachelor program at the time of application, has obtained at least 60 ECTS in one programme at the UG.;
 - a third- or fourth-year bachelor student, counting from the first enrolment in a bachelor programme, has obtained at least 120 ECTS in one programme at the UG.
2. Fifth-year bachelor students, counting from the first enrollment in a bachelor program, are not eligible for waiving of statutory tuition fees.
3. Only students who are eligible for at least 6 committee grant months are eligible for exemption from payment of statutory tuition fees. This condition does not apply to the student assessor on the Board of the University and the Faculty board advisory member. They are eligible for waiving of tuition fees when they are eligible for at least 5 committee grant months.
4. Exemption will apply once, for one academic year, from 1 September 2020 until 1 September 2021.
5. In order to qualify for exemption from payment of statutory tuition fees, at least 9 months of the student's committee year must fall within the academic year for which exemption is being requested.

¹ Transitional regulations: student members who meet the conditions of the 2019-2020 regulations (article 24a) are eligible for waiving of statutory tuition fees as well as student members who meet the conditions that apply in accordance with the new regulations (article 24). This transitional provision only applies to the academic year 2020-2021; for the academic years thereafter, only the new regulation applies (article 24).

6. The student may not follow course units, sit examinations or take the final assessment during the academic year for which exemption is being requested.

Article 24a. Conditions for waiving of tuition fees (old 2019-2020)

1. The University of Groningen will grant exemption from payment of statutory tuition fees as referred to in Article 12.8 of the University of Groningen Regulations for Registration and Tuition Fees 2020-2021 to board/committee members of the student organizations listed in Appendix 2a of these Regulations, on condition that:
 - a. they were registered as students at the University of Groningen in academic year 2019-2020 and, up until the request date, starting from the first occasion they were enrolled in a degree programme as a student, they achieved an average of 60 ECTS a year (study progress), or
 - b. gained their Bachelor's degree at the University of Groningen within four years of their first enrolment in a bachelor's degree programme.
2. For students enrolled at the University of Groningen in more than one degree programme, the study progress as described in Article 24.1.a is subject to an average of 80 ECTS per year or they must have obtained their Bachelor's degree at the University of Groningen within five years of their first enrolment in a Bachelor's degree programme.
3. Only students who are eligible for at least 5 committee grant months are eligible for exemption from payment of statutory tuition fees.
4. Exemption will apply once, for one academic year, from 1 September 2020 until 1 September 2021.
5. In order to qualify for exemption from payment of statutory tuition fees, at least 9 months of the student's committee year must fall within the academic year for which exemption is being requested.
6. The student may not follow course units, sit examinations or take the final assessment during the academic year for which exemption is being requested.

Article 25. Request procedure for waiving of tuition fees

1. In order to qualify for waiving of tuition fees, students must submit the digital request form to the UFC before 1 September (2020), together with the application for a provisional committee grant as referred to in Article 19 of these Regulations. The form can be found on the website: www.rug.nl/studievertraging. To be taken into consideration, requests must be complete, i.e. accompanied by all the required documentary evidence, and submitted before 1 September.
2. In the event that the student is prevented from submitting their request on time due to force majeure, they must report this to the UFC as soon as possible, but no later than 1 October, via ufc@rug.nl. If the UFC comes to the conclusion that the student was affected by force majeure, then the request for the waiving of tuition fees will still be assessed in terms of content.
3. The documentary evidence listed in Article 26 must be enclosed with the request.
4. Students must satisfy the payment obligation in order to be registered or reregistered as of 1 September. If the request for the waiving of tuition fees is approved and the student has already paid some or all of the tuition fees, the amount paid will be reimbursed.

Article 26. Documentary evidence

Documentary evidence as referred to in Article 25 comprises:

1. A notification from DUO stating that the student is or was entitled to a performance-related grant.
2. An appointment decree that proves that the student is eligible for five committee grant months and states the start and end dates of the student's board/committee

- membership.
3. The most recent printout of the student's study results in chronological order, showing that they have earned the required number of ECTS credit points in the degree programme for which they are registered or that they have completed a University of Groningen Bachelor's degree programme within four years. This must be a certified printout from the Student Administration Office (i.e. not the student's own printout from Progress WWW).
 4. Clear documentary evidence that the student was registered at the University of Groningen in the academic year preceding the committee membership year.

Chapter 6. Programme committees

Article 27. Conditions

Students who are members of a Programme Committee during a given academic year are eligible for financial support if they meet the criteria set out in Article 2 of these Regulations.

Article 28. Amount of financial support

The financial support consists of a remuneration of €37 per meeting for a maximum of twelve meetings. Extraordinary circumstances may lead to compensation for more than twelve meetings.

Article 29. Request procedure

1. Requests for financial support for activities performed within the scope of Programme Committee membership must be submitted in writing to the relevant Faculty Board between 1 September and 1 February of the academic year following that in which the activities were performed.
2. Requests submitted after 1 February of the academic year following the year in which the activities were performed will not be processed unless the individual submitting the request can prove that the request was delayed due to force majeure.

Article 30. Documentary evidence

Students must submit to their Faculty a declaration from the Chair of the Programme Committee, stating that they were a member of the committee during the academic year to which the request pertains.

Article 31. Payment of financial support

Payment will take place once the academic year in which the membership occurred has ended.

Chapter 7. Top-level sports

Article 32. Conditions

Students who practise top-level sports and satisfy the conditions in Article 2 of these Regulations are entitled to financial support in the form of a top-level sports grant, if they

- a. have been granted top-level-athlete status on the basis of the criteria in Appendix 3 of these Regulations, and
- b. have attained top-level sporting achievements in accordance with the qualification list for top-level athletes (*Kwalificatielijst Topsporters RUG en HG*) that is valid in that year, or have attained such an achievement in a later year following a previous award of a top-level sports grant, and
- c. have earned at least 60 ECTS credit points, or a multiple thereof in the case of previous awards of a top-level sports grant.

Article 33. Amount of top-level sports grant

1. The maximum number of times that a top-level sports grant can be awarded is equal to the number of years of the nominal duration of the student's degree programme.
2. The amount of the top-level sports grant is € 2,000.

Article 34. Request procedure

1. Students who wish to be considered for a top-level sports grant must report to the top-level sport coordinator before 1 November of the respective academic year. The top-level sport coordinator will assess whether the student meets the criteria for top-level-athlete status as specified in Appendix 3. The top-level sports coordinator will draw up a list of the students who have been granted top-level-athlete status in that academic year.
2. The top-level sports coordinator will also assess whether the student meets the requirements for top-level sporting achievements as set out in the *Kwalificatielijst Topsporters RUG en HG* for the relevant year. The top-level sports coordinator will draw up a list of the students who have met these requirements.
3. Top-level sports grants must be requested using the digital request form on the website rug.nl/studievertraging.
4. Students can check the progress of their request on the website referred to in Article 34.3.
5. If the request is incomplete, the student will be granted six weeks in which to complete the request. If the request is not completed within this period, it will not be processed further. The student will be notified of this.
6. The Board of the University will make a decision with regard to the request after consultation with the UFC. This will take place as soon as possible but within a maximum of eight weeks of receipt of the completed request.
7. The decision will be:
 - a. either the granting of financial support, or
 - b. rejection of the request, or
 - c. non-consideration of the request because it was submitted after the deadline, or
 - d. non-consideration of the request because the request was incomplete and the missing information was not provided before the deadline.
8. The decision, and the reasons for it, will be communicated to the student in writing.

Article 35. Documentary evidence

No later than seven days after submitting the request, students must upload a printout of their study results to the University website via the link rug.nl/studievertraging.

Article 36. Payment of top-level sports grant

Payment will be made on the date indicated by the student to the student's bank account. Payment must be made no later than one year after the student's enrolment ends, or after they have been awarded the degree.

Article 37. Top-level sports facilities

1. Students who have been granted the status of top-level athlete in accordance with Appendix 3 of these Regulations can apply to the top-level sports coordinator for the following top-level sports facilities during the entire year in which top-level sports is practised:
 - a. an adapted study programme
 - b. a free ACLO sports card and gym membership
2. The top-level sports coordinator may decide that an athlete who does not yet meet the criteria in Article 32 of these Regulations is still eligible for top-level sports facilities if this student is expected to meet the criteria in the near future.

Article 38. Transitional arrangements

Students who received a top-level sports grant in academic year 2014-2015 or before may apply for a top-level sports grant under the conditions that applied in that year.

Chapter 8. Transitional and final provisions

Article 39. Lodging an objection

Students may lodge an appeal against a decision taken by or on behalf of the Board of the University on the grounds of these Regulations within six weeks of the date of the decision with the Central Portal for the Legal Protection of Student Rights (CLRS) via the website www.rug.nl/clrs or P.O. Box 72, 9700 AB Groningen.

Article 40. Concurrence

In the event that a situation of force majeure as referred to in Part A of these Regulations is combined with membership of a committee or consultative body or top-level sports activities, the fixed term for these activities will be taken into consideration when determining the extent of the study delay. The maximum number of months of financial support per academic year is twelve.

Article 41. Hardship clause

In some cases a request for financial support may be granted if rejection would result in a situation of unfairness of overriding nature.

Article 42. Deviation from the regulations

In exceptional circumstances the Board of the University may deviate from the provisions of these Regulations.

Article 43. Date of commencement and validity

These regulations will take effect on 01 September 2020 and will remain in force until 01 September 2021.

Article 44. Citation and publication of these regulations

1. These regulations may be cited as: 'University of Groningen Graduation Fund Regulations 2020-2021', possibly supplemented by 'Part C: Financial support for student members of consultative/administrative bodies, committee members of student organizations and top-level athletes.'
2. These regulations have been sent to the Faculty Boards for reference, published on the internet and included as an appendix in the Students' Charter.

Groningen, 14 July 2020

the Board of the University

Appendix 1 Regulations governing the Recognition and Re-evaluation of UG and Hanze UAS Student Organizations

Introduction

These Regulations concern the allocation of committee grant months to student organizations that have students of the University of Groningen or both the University of Groningen and the Hanze University of Applied Sciences Groningen as members.

Section 1 Categories and allocation models

Article 1 Categories

There are six categories of student organizations: student facilities, study associations, student associations, sports associations, cultural organizations, and other organizations.

Article 2 Allocation models

1. The University of Groningen allocates the following numbers of committee grant months per year to University of Groningen and joint University and Hanze UAS student organizations:

Category	Maximum number of committee grant months
Student facilities	180 months
University of Groningen study associations	750 months
Student associations	315 months
Sports clubs	339 months
Cultural organizations	65 months
Other organizations	130 months

2. The student facilities ACLO, ESN, KEI and Usva are allocated a fixed number of committee grant months.

3. ACLO, ESN, KEI and Usva are allocated 45 months each.

Section 2 Accreditation of student organizations

Article 3 Accreditation

A UG or UG and Hanze UAS student organization can be accredited for inclusion in these regulations if the following conditions are satisfied:

- a) the general conditions that apply to all organizations
- b) the special conditions that apply to the categories of study associations, student associations, sports clubs, cultural organizations or other organizations.

Article 4 General provisions

The general conditions for accreditation are as follows:

- a) The organization has legal personality and full legal competence, which is demonstrated by
 1. Articles of Association certified by a civil-law notary, and
 2. a current registration with the Chamber of Commerce.

The organization works on a non-profit basis.

- b) the Articles of Association of the organization set out at least:

1. the objectives of the organization
2. the activities of the organization
- 3 the organizational structure
4. who can sit on the board, how board members are elected or appointed and the appointment term for board members
5. for associations: who can become members.

- c) In addition, the Articles of Association must state at least the following.

1. The organization focuses on the student body of the University of Groningen and/or Hanze UAS or a degree programme, school or faculty within the University of Groningen or Hanze UAS.
2. The organization's executive board consists of full-time or part-time students and/or PhD scholarship students.
3. The organization is in principle open to all students enrolled at the University of Groningen or all students enrolled at the University of Groningen or Hanze UAS, or to all students of a certain degree programme, school or faculty of the University of Groningen or Hanze UAS.
- d) The organization approves an annual budget, an annual report in accordance with Form J, an annual activity report in accordance with Form D and an annual financial statement. For associations: the organization has an up-to-date membership record (max. six months old) including the names and student numbers of University of Groningen or University of Groningen and Hanze UAS students. The membership record must be submitted in accordance with Form L. All documents must be provided in PDF or Excel format.
- e) The organization offers a diverse and extensive range of activities, requiring board work throughout the year.
- f) The organization and the range of activities related to its purposes involve a significant amount of management and administration.
- g) The organization contributes to a positive image of the UG or both the UG and Hanze UAS and of Groningen as a student city and has signed the Code of Conduct for Student Associations and Organizations in Groningen.
- h) The organization complies with the agreements made in the University of Groningen and Hanze University of Applied Sciences Introduction Period Regulations.

Article 5 Requesting accreditation

1. Requests for accreditation and inclusion in the regulations must be submitted to the Board of the University of Groningen.
2. Requests can be submitted annually until 15 November of the academic year during which the organization wishes to be included in the regulations.
3. The CUOS will determine the procedural rules for the request procedure. The rules will be published in good time and will not contradict these regulations.
4. Any changes in the organization that may affect the accreditation must be reported to the Board of the University.

Article 6 Accreditation of the organization

1. The Board of the University of Groningen will make a decision concerning requests for accreditation of University of Groningen or joint organizations, bearing in mind the advice issued by the CUOS.
2. Accreditation will take place as of 1 September of the academic year during which it was requested.
3. The decision concerning the accreditation, and the reasons for it, will be communicated to the relevant organization in writing.

Article 8 Accreditation period

Accreditation is in principle granted for the period until the results of re-evaluation of the relevant category are implemented.

An organization will be included in the regulations for the period of one year:

- a. if the organization has already been included but has been granted the opportunity to meet a certain requirement
- b. if significant changes are to be expected in the circumstances of an organization.

Article 9 Allocation of number of committee grant months

Upon accreditation of an organization, the Board also determines the number of months for committee grants, bearing in mind the advice issued by the CUOS or the SSA.

Article 10 Re-evaluation of accredited organizations

The organizations included in these regulations will be re-evaluated at least once every three years on the basis of the regulations as they apply in the year of re-evaluation.

1. The CUOS and the SSA will determine the procedural rules for the re-evaluation procedure. The rules will be published in good time and will not contradict these regulations.
2. The CUOS and the SSA are responsible for informing the student organizations about the re-evaluation procedure.
3. The organizations will be re-evaluated in:

a.	Study associations	Academic year 2020-2021
b.	Cultural organizations	Academic year 2020-2021
c.	Other organizations	Academic year 2020-2021
d.	Student associations	Academic year 2021-2022
e.	Sports clubs	Academic year 2021- 2022

and subsequently once every three years.

4. Withdrawal of accreditation of an organization on the basis of the re-evaluation will take effect on 1 September after the decision for withdrawal was made.
5. Allocation of a different number of committee grant months on the basis of a re-evaluation will take effect at the time of the first change of committee members on or after 1 September following the re-evaluation.

Section 3 Categories of organizations

Article 11. General assessment

1. The association or foundation organizes activities related to its category.
2. A foundation may be granted a maximum of 30 committee grant months.
3. The association or foundation approves an annual report in accordance with Form J, for which a maximum of **three points** may be awarded.
4. The association or foundation that meets the general and specific assessment will be granted months on the basis of the following points scheme.
5. A maximum of 10 points may be gained, both in the general and the specific assessment. In addition, extra committee grant months may be granted per category as described in the specific assessment.
6. The association or foundation must obtain at least five points to be included in the Graduation Fund part C.

Points	Months granted
5 or 5.5 points	4 months
6 points	7 months
6.5 points	10 months
7 points	13 months
7.5 points	16 months
8 points	19 months
8.5 points	22 months
9 points	25 months

9.5 points	28 months
10 points	30 months

Article 12 Specific assessment of University of Groningen study associations

1. The association or foundation may be awarded 1.5 points for the organization of annual activities for maintaining and promoting the degree programme's teaching quality throughout the academic year and regular meetings with the programme director and/or the Faculty Board.

2. The association has 75 members or more. Study associations meet this specific requirement if 50% of the total number of students of the related faculty or faculties, or degree programme or degree programmes, are annually paying members.

3. The association or foundation may be awarded 5.5 points for the organization of activities on the basis of the following scheme.

Activity	Points
a) Organization of major events, such as an annual conference or symposium.	Max. 1.5
b) Excursions, office and work visits in the Netherlands, excursions abroad, organization of lectures and workshops related to the degree programme.	Max. 2
c) Exceptional participation. E.g. international policy, benefit activities or actively promoting inclusion.	Max. 1
d) A periodical with relevant content or a digital equivalent.	Max. 0.5
e) Activities aimed at promoting member loyalty.	Max. 0.5

3. Additional months on the basis of membership numbers are determined as follows.

Number of members	Additional months
50% of the degree programme or 200 members	2 months
450-699	4 months
700-949	6 months
950-1499	8 months
1500 or more	10 months

Article 13 Specific assessment of student associations

1. The association may be awarded a maximum of 1.5 points for the exploitation of its premises.

2. The association has at least 75 members.

3. The association may be awarded 5.5 points for the organization of activities on the basis of the following scheme.

Activity	Points
a) Day-to-day activities and committee activities.	Max. 3.5
c) Exceptional participation. E.g. international policy, benefit activities or actively promoting inclusion.	Max. 2

2. Additional months on the basis of membership numbers are determined as follows.

<p>2.5% x the number of members</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An association has 1,800 members - $0.025 \times 1,800 = 45$ additional committee grant months - An association has 200 members - $0.025 \times 200 = 5$ additional committee grant months

Article 14 Specific assessment of sports clubs

1. The association is registered with ACLO.
2. The association has at least 100 members.
3. The association may be awarded a maximum of 1.5 points for the exploitation of its premises.
4. The association may be awarded 5.5 points on the basis of the following scheme.

Component	Points
a) High-level competitive sports and top-level sports.	Max. 1.5
b) Various activities related to the associated sports and excursions.	Max. 2
c) Exceptional participation. E.g. international policy, benefit activities or actively promoting inclusion.	Max. 1.5
d) Activities aimed at promoting member loyalty.	Max. 0.5

3. Additional months on the basis of membership numbers are determined as follows.

Number of members	Additional months
200-274	4 months
275-374	6 months
375-499	8 months

500 members or more	10 months
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Article 15 Specific assessment of cultural organizations

1. The association or foundation aims at the cultural education of students.
2. The association has at least 50 members.
3. The association or foundation may be awarded a maximum of 1.5 points for the exploitation of its premises.
4. The association or foundation may be awarded 5.5 points on the basis of the following scheme.

Activity	Points
a) The association or foundation has a varied offer of activities related to its objectives.	Max. 2
b) The association or foundation organizes major activities, such as performances.	Max. 1
c) Activities aimed at promoting member loyalty.	Max. 0.5
d) Exceptional participation. E.g. international policy, benefit activities or actively promoting inclusion.	Max. 2

3. The maximum number of months that a cultural association may be awarded is limited by the number of members on the basis of the following scheme:

Number of members	Months
50-100	Max. 10
100-150	Max. 15
150-200	Max. 20
200 or more	Max. 30

Article 16 Specific assessment of other organizations

1. The association or foundation is involved in one of the following fields:
 - promotion of student interests
 - religion for students
 - promotion of international contact among students.
2. The association has at least 75 members.
3. The association or foundation may be awarded a maximum of 1.5 points for its office hours.
4. The association or foundation may be awarded 5.5 points on the basis of the following scheme.

Activity	Points
a) The association or foundation has a varied offer of activities related to its objectives.	Max. 2
b) Major events, such as conferences.	Max. 1
c) Activities aimed at promoting member loyalty or social cohesion.	Max. 0.5
c) Exceptional participation. E.g. international policy, benefit activities or actively promoting inclusion.	Max. 2

3. The maximum number of months that a cultural association may be awarded is limited by the number of members on the basis of the following scheme:

Number of members	Months
50-100	Max. 10
100-150	Max. 15
150-200	Max. 20
200 or more	Max. 30

Section 4 Transitional and final provisions

Article 17 Additional recommendation

If the total number of committee grant months based on the recommendation issued by CUOS exceeds the total number of months available for the relevant category, CUOS will issue an additional recommendation for the distribution of the total number of committee grant months in the available allocation model among the organizations within one category.

Appendix 2a. Recognized student organizations

<i>Student associations</i>	<i>No. of committee grant months</i>	<i>Amount</i>
A.S.V. Dizkartes	51	€ 22,654.20
Cleopatra A.S.G.	25	€ 11,105.00
G.S.V.	25	€ 11,105.00
N.S.G.	35	€ 15,547.00
R.K.S.V. Albertus Magnus	75	€ 33,315.00
Unitas S.G.	15	€ 6,663.00
<i>Sports clubs</i>	<i>No. of committee grant months</i>	<i>Amount</i>
AGSR Gyas	40	€ 17,768.00
G.C.H.C.	35	€ 15,547.00
G.S.A.C.	6	€ 2,665.20
G.S.A.V. Vitalis	10	€ 4,442.00
G.S.A.V.V. Forward	20	€ 8,884.00
G.S.B.V. De Groene Uilen-Moestasj	10	€ 4,442.00
G.S.B.V. Tweeslag	15	€ 6,663.00
G.S.F.V. Drs. Vijfje	20	€ 8,884.00
G.S.H.C. Forward	30	€ 13,326.00
G.S.R. Aegir	40	€ 17,768.00
G.S.T.C.	16	€ 7,107.20
G.S.V.V. Donitas	18	€ 7,995.60
G.S.V.V. The Knickerbockers	33	€ 14,658.60
G.S.Z. Mayday	23	€ 10,216.60
T.A.M.	35	€ 15,547.00
Veracket	30	€ 13,326.00
Veracles	15	€ 6,663.00
<i>Study associations</i>	<i>No. of committee grant months</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Archigenes	20	€ 8,884.00
ASCI	6	
Caerus	12	
Chemische Binding	28	€ 12,437.60
CLIO	28	€ 12,437.60
Commotie	20	€ 8,884.00
COVER	30	€ 13,326.00
EBF	40	€ 17,768.00
Esperia	6	€ 2,665.20
FMF	24	€ 10,660.80
GFE	6	€ 2,665.20
GLV Idun	36	€ 15,991.20
GTD Bernoulli	12	€ 5,330.40
Ibn Battuta	24	€ 10,660.80
IK	12	€ 5,330.40
JFV	38	€ 16,879.60
Lisa	12	€ 5,330.40
MARUG	26	€ 11,549.20
ODIOM	20	€ 8,884.00
Panacea	40	€ 17,768.00
Pharmaciae Sacrum	32	€ 14,214.40
Pro Memoriae	14	€ 6,218.80
Prof. T.F.V. Francken	24	€ 10,660.80
RISK	30	€ 13,326.00
SGOR	12	€ 5,330.40

Simon van der Aa	12	€ 5,330.40
Sociëtas	16	€ 7,107.20
Studiose Mobilae	24	€ 10,660.80
STUFF	12	€ 5,330.40
TeMa	18	€ 7,995.60
TBV Lugus	34	€ 15,102.80
Ubbo Emmius	24	€ 10,660.80
VESTING	32	€ 14,214.40
VIP	32	€ 14,214.40
ZaZa	6	€ 2,665.20

Student facilities	No. of committee grant months	Amount
ACLO	45	€ 31,239.00
ESN Groningen	45	€ 31,239.00
KEI	45	€ 31,239.00
Usva	45	€ 31,239.00

Cultural organizations	No. of committee grant months	Amount
GMSG Bragi	10	€ 4,442.00
Groninger Studenten Toneel	15	€ 6,663.00
GSCF	15	€ 6,663.00
Flanor	10	€ 4,442.00

Other organizations	No. of committee grant months	Amount
AEGEE	20	€ 8,884.00
AIESEC	15	€ 6,663.00
HCSA	10	€ 4,442.00
IFMSA	20	€ 8,884.00
Integrand	10	€ 4,442.00
Ganymedes	10	€ 4,442.00
GSb	10	€ 4,442.00
SIB	25	€ 11,105.00
SKLO	10	€ 4,442.00
TEIMUN	15	€ 6,663.00

Appendix 2b. Membership of consultative bodies and the committees/boards of University bodies

Body/position	Number of persons	Number of committee grant months
Board of the University / student assessor	1	5
Faculty Board / advisory member	10	5
MW Faculty Board / advisor	1	5
University Council / student member	12	6
Faculty Council / student member	65	2
O&O Council (UMCG) / student member	7	2
CUOS / member	5	4

Appendix 2c. Board positions PhD Students

Body/position	Number of persons	Number of committee grant months
GOPHER / board member	2	2
GRIN / board member	2	2

Appendix 3. Criteria for granting of top athlete status

Students can be recognized as top-level athletes if they meet the following criteria:

- a. they practise a sport at the level of recognized European and World Championship finals and/or Olympic Games, provided that the relevant sport is listed as a Category 1-4 top-level sports programme by the NOC*NSF
- b. they have NOC*NSF A, B or High Potential status
- c. they are part of the national youth selection of an NOC*NSF Category 1-4 top-level sports programme, with a top-level sport programme recognized and supported by NOC*NSF
- d. they do not fall into categories a, b or c but practise sports at least at a National Championships top level for seniors or participate in the highest national senior competition of top-level sports programmes that fall within Categories 1-4 of the NOC*NSF. The student must follow a top-level sports programme. The top-level sports coordinator will assess this. The criteria concerning the level and the top-level sports programme for this category are dependent on the relevant sports discipline and are available from the top-level sports coordinator.
- e. they are recognized as top athletes by the Board of University, on the recommendation of the top-level sports coordinator, on a basis other than that specified above.