University of Groningen Student Support Fund Regulations 2026–2027

Part B Financial support for student members of consultative/administrative bodies, committee/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 Student Support Fund and contains regulations concerning financial support for students who incur study delay due to extraordinary circumstances. (Stb.2010, 119).

Article 7.51d of the WHW offers institutions the opportunity to make provisions for the financial support of students who do not meet the nationality requirement as referred to in Article 2.2 of the Student Finance Act 2000 and are therefore not entitled to financial support.

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 25 June 2026.

These Regulations apply to applications for the academic year 2026–2027. Applications 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 committee year fall.

Appendix 1 to these Regulations sets out the procedure for inclusion in the Student Support 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 Student Support Fund.

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

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Chapter 1. General provisions

Article 1 Definitions

BA:	The nominal duration of a Bachelor's degree programme.
Committee grant:	Financial support for carrying out duties relating to membership of a University administrative body or recognized student organization
CLRS:	Central Portal for the Legal Protection of Student Rights.
Board of the University:	The Board of the University of Groningen.
Exemption from payment of statutory tuition fees for student committee/board 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 serving full-time committee/board membership as referred to in Article 7:47a WHW
CUOS:	Central Implementation Body for Student Societies; Body set up by the Board of the University to facilitate student organizations
DUO:	*Dienst Uitvoering Onderwijs* [Education Executive Agency]
First year of the Degree programme:	The first period in the Bachelor's degree programme with a student workload of 60 ECTS credit points
FOS committee:	Student Financial Support committee — an official committee appointed by the Executive Board of the Hanze University of Applied Sciences Groningen
Joint organization:	An organization for students registered at the Hanze University of Applied Sciences and students registered at the University of Groningen
Hanze UAS organization:	An organization for students registered at the Hanze University of Applied Sciences
Higher education:	Education provided at research universities (WO) and universities of applied sciences (HBO).
Consultative body grant:	Financial support for consultative body membership 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.
Degree programme:	A Bachelor's or Master's degree programme.
Performance-related grant:	Article 5.1 WSF 2000: basic grant and 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
The UG:	University of Groningen

UG organization:	An organization for students registered at the University of Groningen
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 Article 7.34 of the Higher Education and Research Act (WHW).
Academic year:	A period of time that starts on 1 September and ends on 31 August of the following year.
Top-level sports grant:	Financial support for top-level 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.
Act:	Higher Education and Research Act (WHW: *Wet op het Hoger Onderwijs en Wetenschappelijk onderzoek*).
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.
WSF 2000:	Student Finance Act 2000 (*Wet studiefinanciering*).

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 Student Support Fund and in accordance with articles 7.51c and 7.51d of the Act, 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 throughout the academic year as a full-time student in a Bachelor's degree programme at the University of Groningen and who have not yet completed a Bachelor's degree, or who are enrolled throughout the academic year as a full-time student in a Master's degree programme at the University of Groningen and who have not yet completed a Master's degree,
     and
   - who have paid the relevant statutory or institutional tuition fees to the University of Groningen.
2. The University of Groningen will grant exemption from payment of statutory tuition fees as referred to in Article 12.10 of the University of Groningen Regulations for Registration and Tuition Fees 2026-2027 to board or committee members who satisfy the conditions listed in Chapter 4 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 a provisional or definitive positive study advice has been obtained in the first year of the degree programme.

Article 4 Scope and amount of the 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 2026-2027 academic year, the amount of the grant is:
   a. Faculty Board advisory member €879.61 per grant month,
   b. Student assessor of the BoU €879.61 per grant month,
   c. University Council member €1042.39 per grant month,
   d. Faculty Council member €1563.59 per grant month,
   e. CUOS member €768.86 per grant month.
3. The amounts referred to in the previous paragraph will be indexed annually by the same percentage as the statutory tuition fees, provided that the UG is also compensated for structural price developments in that year. In the event of partial compensation, indexing takes place on a pro rata basis.

Article 5. Provisional and definitive grant

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

Article 6. Application period for a provisional grant

1. Students may apply for 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. Application period for a definitive grant

1. Definitive grants must be applied for 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 10.2 has been submitted.
3. Applications 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 application within the meaning of Articles 7.2 and 7.3 by 31 January.

Article 8. Application procedure

1. When applying for financial support, students must use the digital application system referenced on the following website: rug.nl/studievertraging.
2 When applying for provisional allocation of financial support, students must upload the documentary evidence specified in Articles 10.1 and 10.2 of these Regulations using the digital application system.
3. When applying for definitive allocation of financial support, students must also upload the documentary evidence specified in Article 10.2 through the digital application system.
4. Students can check the progress of their applications through the digital application system.
5. If the application is incomplete, the student will be granted four weeks to complete the application. If the application 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 application 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 application. The decision will be:
   a. either non-consideration of the application because it was submitted after the deadline, or
   b. non-consideration of the application because the application 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 application.
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 concerns the following:

1. An appointment decree.
2. 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 10.2 reflects the premature termination of the student's committee membership, the committee grant will be recovered pro rata.

Chapter 3. Membership of student organization committees

Article 12. 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 12.1:
   a) Bachelor's students must have obtained a provisional or definitive positive study advice in the first year of the degree programme, or
   b) students who began the first year 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 13. Amount of committee grant

1. An amount is made available to committee/board 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 €768.86 per grant month.
   The amount available for committee/board members of other student organizations named in Appendix 2a is €491.96 per grant month.
3. The amounts referred to in the previous paragraph will be indexed annually by the same percentage as the statutory tuition fees, provided that the UG is also compensated for structural price developments in that year. In the event of partial compensation, indexing takes place on a pro rata basis.
4. The student organizations decide how the amounts specified in Appendix 2a will be allocated among their appointed committee/board members. An overview of these allocations must be signed by the organization's full committee/board and submitted through the application system upon applying for a committee grant.
5. The minimum number of committee-grant months that a student organization can award a committee/board member is 1.
6. 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 14. Application procedure for a provisional committee grant

1. Students may submit applications for the provisional allocation of financial support after the start of their committee year by using the digital application system referenced on the following website: rug.nl/studievertraging.
2 Students must upload the necessary documentary evidence, as referred to in Article 17 of these Regulations, through the digital application system.
3. Students can check the progress of their applications through the digital application system.
4. If the application is incomplete, the student will be granted four weeks to complete the application. If the application 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 an application for a definitive committee grant, as set out in Article 15 of these Regulations.

Article 15. Application procedure for a definitive committee grant

1. Students must apply for definitive financial support within three months of the end of the relevant committee year by submitting the digital application form through the application system.
2. Applications must be accompanied by confirmation of the membership period as referred to in Article 17.2 Students who have not applied for a provisional committee

grant must enclose all documentary evidence listed in Article 17 with the application for definitive allocation of financial support.

3. Students can check the progress of their applications through the digital application system.
4. If the application is incomplete, the student will be granted four weeks to complete the application. If the application is not completed within this period, it will not be processed further. The student will be notified of this.

Article 16. Decision

1. The Board of the University will make a decision with regard to a application 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 application. The decision will be:
   a. either non-consideration of the application because it was submitted after the deadline, or
   b. non-consideration of the application because the application was incomplete and was not completed before the deadline, or
   c. granting of the committee grant, or
   d. rejection of the application.
2. The decision, and the reasons for it, will be communicated to the student in writing.

Article 17.documentary evidence

The documentary evidence referred to in Articles 14 and 15 concerns the following:

1. A document signed by the organization's full committee/board, in accordance with the format available on the UG website, indicating the allocation of the number of committee-grant months of the organization of which the student is a committee/board member.
2. Confirmation of the period of committee/board membership, provided by the committee/board succeeding that of which the student was a member.

Article 18. 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 17.2 reflects the premature termination of the student's committee/board membership, the committee grant will be recovered pro rata.

Chapter 4. Exemption from statutory tuition fees for student committee/board members

Article 19. Conditions

1. The University of Groningen will grant exemption from payment of statutory tuition fees, as referred to in Article 12.10 of the Regulations for Registration and Tuition Fees 2026-2027, to committee/board members of the student organizations listed in Appendix 2a or 2b of these Regulations who are registered as Bachelor's students at the University of Groningen if:
   a. – The student is a Bachelor's student at the time of exemption from payment of statutory tuition fees for student committee/board members, calculated from initial registration for any Bachelor's degree programmes, in the academic year preceding the academic year to which the application for exemption from payment of statutory tuition fees for student committee/board members applies, and has earned at least 60 ECTS credit points in no more than two degree programmes at the University of Groningen;
   - The student is a third-year or fourth-year Bachelor's student at the time of exemption from payment of statutory tuition fees for student committee/board members, calculated from initial registration for any Bachelor's degree programme, in the academic years preceding the academic year to which the application for exemption from payment of statutory tuition fees for student committee/board members applies, and has earned at least 120 ECTS credit points in a single degree programme at the University of Groningen.
   b. Bachelor's students who have not completed their Bachelor's degrees within four academic years, calculated from initial registration for any Bachelor's degree programme, are not eligible for exemption from payment of statutory tuition fees for student committee/board members.
2. The University of Groningen will grant exemption from payment of statutory tuition fees, as referred to in Article 12.10 of the Regulations for Registration and Tuition Fees 2026-2027, to committee/board members of the student organizations listed in Appendix 2a or 2b of these Regulations who are registered as Master's students at the University of Groningen, if the students have completed their Bachelor's degrees within four academic years, calculated from initial registration for any Bachelor's degree programme.
3. Only students who are eligible for at least six committee-grant months are eligible for exemption from payment of statutory tuition fees. This requirement does not apply to student assessors for the Board of the University and the Faculty Boards, who may be eligible for exemption from payment of statutory tuition fees for student committee/board members when allocated five committee-grant months.

3a. Student organizations classified within the allocation model for sports associations or University of Groningen study associations, as listed in Appendix 1 to these Regulations (Regulations governing the Recognition and Re-evaluation of UG and Hanze UAS Student Organizations) may nominate two additional board members to the Board of the University to qualify for exemption from payment of statutory tuition fees for student committee/board members if:
   a. the organization is included in Appendix 2a to these Regulations for the maximum number of committee-grant months (40) for the relevant allocation model, and
   b. at least two committee-grant months have been allocated to the student concerned, as evidenced by the documentary evidence, as included in Article 27.2.

4. The exemption will apply once, for one academic year, from 1 September 2026 until 1 September 2027.

5. In order to qualify for exemption from payment of statutory tuition fees, at least nine 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. It is also not possible to complete any courses during this academic year.

Article 20. Application procedure for exemption from payment of statutory tuition fees for student committee/board members

1. In order to qualify for waiving of tuition fees, students must submit the digital application form to the UFC before 1 September (2025), together with the application for a provisional committee grant as referred to in Article 14 of these Regulations through the digital application system referenced on the following website: www.rug.nl/studievertraging. To be taken into consideration, applications must be complete. In other words, they must be accompanied by all the required documentary evidence and submitted before 1 September.
2. In the event that the student is prevented from submitting their application on time due to extraordinary circumstances, they must report this to the UFC as soon as possible, but no later than 1 October, via ufc@rug.nl. If the UFC concludes that the student was affected by extraordinary circumstances, then the application for exemption from payment of statutory tuition fees for student committee/board members will still be assessed in terms of content.
3. The student must submit the documentary evidence as referred to in Article 21 along with the application.
4. Students must satisfy the payment obligation in order to be registered or re-registered as of 1 September. If the application for exemption from payment of statutory tuition fees for student committee/board members is approved and the student has already paid some or all of the tuition fees, the amount paid will be reimbursed.

Article 21. documentary evidence

The documentary evidence as referred to in Article 20 concerns the following:

1. An appointment decree that proves that the student is eligible for six committee-grant months and that states the start and end dates of the student's committee/board membership.

Chapter 5. Programme committees

Article 22. 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 23. Amount of financial support

The financial support consists of a remuneration of €40.56 per meeting for a maximum of 12 meetings. Extraordinary circumstances may lead to compensation for more than 12 meetings. The amount will be indexed annually by the same percentage as the statutory tuition fees, provided that the UG is also compensated for structural price developments in that year. In the event of partial compensation, indexing takes place on a pro rata basis.

Article 24. Application procedure

1. Applications 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. Applications 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 application can prove that the application was delayed due to extraordinary circumstances.

Article 25. 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 application pertains.

Article 26. Payment of financial support

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

Chapter 6. Top-level sports

Article 27. Conditions

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

a. have been granted top-level-athlete status based on 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 during a registration as a student at the University of Groningen. If a top-level sports grant was previously awarded and is reapplied for, a multiple (120, 180) of 60 ECTS credit points must have been earned.

Article 28. 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 €2215.59 For the purposes of Article 33 (concurrence) this is considered six months of financial support. The amount will be indexed annually by the same percentage as the statutory tuition fees, provided that the UG is also compensated for structural price developments in that year. In the event of partial compensation, indexing takes place on a pro rata basis.

Article 29. Application procedure

1. Students who wish to be considered for a top-level sport grant must report to the top-level sport coordinator before 1 November. 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 sport 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 sport grants must be applied for using the digital application system referenced on the following website: rug.nl/studievertraging.
4. Students can check the progress of their applications through the digital application system.
5. The Board of the University will make a decision with regard to the application 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 application.
6. The decision will be:
   a. either the granting of financial support, or
   b. rejection of the application, or
   c. non-consideration of the application because it was submitted after the deadline.
7. The decision and the reasons on which it is based will be communicated to the student in writing.

Article 30. Payment of top-level sports grant

Payment is made to the student's account number in the academic year following the academic year in which the conditions for the award are met.

Article 31. 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 27 of these Regulations is still eligible for top-level sports facilities if this student is expected to meet the criteria in the near future.

Chapter 7. Transitional and final provisions

Article 32. 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 33. Concurrence
In the event that a situation of extraordinary circumstances 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 12.

Article 34. Hardship clause
In some cases, an application for financial support may be granted if rejection would result in a situation of unfairness of overriding nature.

Article 35. Deviation from the regulations
In exceptional circumstances the Board of the University may deviate from the provisions of these Regulations.

Article 36. Date of commencement and validity
These Regulations enter into force on 1 September 2024 and are valid until 1 September 2025.

Article 37. Citation and publication of these regulations
1. These regulations may be cited as: 'University of Groningen Student Support Fund Regulations 2026-2027 Part B', 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 Student Charter.

Groningen, 26 May 2026

the Board of the University

Appendix 1 Regulations on the Recognition and Reassessment 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	800 months
Social student organizations	315 months
Sports organizations	450 months
Cultural organizations	60 months
Other organizations	150 months

2. The student facilities ACLO, ESN, KEI and Usva are allocated a fixed number of committee-grant months.
3. ACLO, ESN and KEI are allocated 45 months each. For the Usva, three to a maximum of five board members are eligible for six months of board grants 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:
1. The organization has legal personality and full legal competence, which is demonstrated by
a) Articles of Association certified by a notary, and
b) a current registration with the Chamber of Commerce.
The organization works on a non-profit basis.
2. The Articles of Association of the organization set out at least:
a) the objective of the organization,
b) the activities of the organization,
c) the organizational structure,
d) those who can sit on the board, how board members are elected or appointed, and the appointment term for board members,

e) for associations: those who can become members.
3. The Articles of Association show the following:
a) The organization focuses on (part of) the students enrolled at an educational institution in the municipality of Groningen or on (part of) the student community in the municipality of Groningen.
b) The organization's executive board consists of full-time or part-time students. For the purposes of this condition, a 'student' is defined as someone who is enrolled as a student at an MBO, HBO, or WO institution in the municipality of Groningen, or who is actively enrolled as a student at another educational institution but is actually studying in the municipality of Groningen. A 'student' is also defined as someone who, during a period of up to twelve consecutive months after their most recent enrolment as a student, is no longer enrolled as a student.
c) 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 University of Applied Sciences, unless this cannot be reasonably required of the organization. Decisions on the above-mentioned matters are at the discretion of CUOS.
4. 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 (no more than 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.
5. The organization offers a diverse and extensive range of activities, requiring board work throughout the year.
6. The organization and the range of activities related to its purposes involve a significant amount of management and administration.
7. 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 Boards of Student Organizations of the UG and Hanze.

Article 5 Application for accreditation

1. Applications for accreditation and inclusion in the regulations must be submitted to the Board of the University of Groningen.
2. Applications 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 application 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 applications 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 applied for.
3. The decision concerning the accreditation, and the reasons for it, will be communicated to the relevant organization in writing.

Article 7 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 8 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 9 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.	Cultural organizations	academic year 2026-2027
b.	Other associations	academic year 2026-2027
c.	Social organizations	academic year 2026-2028
d.	Sports associations	academic year 2027-2028
e.	Study associations	academic year 2028-2029

and subsequently once every three years.
4. Withdrawal of an organization's accreditation based on the re-evaluation will take effect on 1 September after the decision for withdrawal is 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 10. 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 organization 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 organization or foundation must obtain at least five points to be included in the Student Support Fund Part B.

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 11 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. The reference date for the submitted list of members is 15 November of the year in which the application is made.
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	**Bonus**
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 12 Specific assessment of student associations

1. The organization may be awarded a maximum of 1.5 points for the exploitation of its premises.
2. The organization has at least 75 members. The reference date for the submitted list of members is 15 November of the year in which the application is made.
3. The organization 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

4. A bonus based on the number of members will be determined according to the following formula:

$P \cdot (N - 74)^k$

Where:

P = the remuneration rate of 2.5%
N = the total verified number of members of the organization
k = the positive constant controlling the rate of increase. This k-value has been set at 0.37.
The minimum number of members is 75, such that the shift factor is -74.
The result is rounded to a whole number, based on one place after the decimal point.

Example:

Months of membership bonus = $2.5 \cdot (N - 74)^{0.37}$
An organization has 1,800 members:
$2.5 \cdot (1800 - 74)^{0.37}$ = a= bonus of 39 committee-grant months

5. The maximum number of committee-grant months that can be allocated to a social student organization is 75.

Article 13 Specific assessment of sports clubs

1. The organization is registered with the ACLO.
2. The organization has at least 75 members. The reference date for the submitted list of members is 15 November of the year in which the application is made.
3. The organization may be awarded a maximum of 1 point for the exploitation of its premises.
4. The organization may be awarded six points according to the following scheme.

Element	Points
a) High-level competitive sports and top-level sports.	Max. 1
b) Various activities related to the associated sports and excursions.	Max. 3
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	Bonus
200-274	4 months
275-374	6 months
375-499	8 months
500 members or more	10 months

Article 14 Specific assessment of cultural organizations

1. The association or foundation aims at the cultural education of students.
2. The organization has at least 50 members. The reference date for the submitted list of members is 15 November of the year in which the application is made.
3. The association or foundation may be awarded a maximum of 1 point for the exploitation of its premises.
4. The association or foundation may be awarded 6 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. 3
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. 1.5

Article 15 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 organization has at least 75 members. The reference date for the submitted list of members is 15 November of the year in which the application is made.
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 based on 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

Section 4 Transitional and final provisions

Article 16 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

Student associations	*No. of committee-grant months*
A.S.V. Dizkartes	53
Cleopatra A.S.G.	30
C.S.V. Ichthus	13
F.F.J. Bernlef	9
G.S.V.	26
N.S.G.	41
R.K.S.V. Albertus Magnus	65
Unitas S.G.	16
Vindicat	65

Sports clubs	*No. of committee-grant months*
AGSR Gyas	38
G.C.H.C.	32
G.S.A.C.	10
G.S.B.V. De Groene Uilen-Moestasj	22
G.S.B.V. Tweeslag	17
G.S.F.V. Drs. Vijfje	22
G.S.K.V. Released	7
G.S.P.V. De Ramenlappers	8
G.S.R. Aegir	38
G.S.S.V. Tjas	16
G.S.T.C.	15
G.S.V.V. Donitas	16
G.S.V.V. The Knickerbockers	30
G.S.V.V. Veracles	17
G.S.W.V. SurfAce	4
G.S.W.V. Tandje Hoger	10
G.S.Z. Mayday	23
G.S.Z.V. De Golfbreker	10
T.A.M.	33
Veracket	27
Vitalis	16

Study associations	*No. of committee-grant months*
ASCI	12
Atmos	12
Caerus	6
Clio	29
Commotie	7
Cover	22
De Chemische Binding	26
Diephuis	4
EBF	40
ELSA Groningen	16
Esperia	13
FMF	26
FSG	31
GFE	15
GHD Ubbo Emmius	17
GLV Idun	24
G.T.D. Bernoulli	9
The S.G.O.R.	10

Ibn Battuta	22
J.B.S.V. Dorknoper	10
JFV	40
LISA	10
MARUG	24
M.F.V. Panacea	40
Nexus	10
Nobis Cura Futuri	4
ODIOM	29
Pharmaciae Sacrum	28
Simon van der Aa	7
Sirius A	18
Sociëtas	15
Studiosi Mobilae	31
Study Association IK	13
STUFF	10
SV NUTS	10
T.B.V. Lugus	21
T.M.F.V. Archigenes	26
T.F.V. Professor Francken	23
TeMa	29
VESTING	26
Vevonos	16
VIP	27
ZaZa	10

Student facilities	***No. of committee-grant months***
ACLO	45
ESN Groningen	45
KEI	45
Usva	18-30

Cultural organizations	***No. of committee-grant months***
GMSG Bragi	10
Groninger Studenten Toneel	10
GSCF	4
Flanor	13

Other organizations	***No. of committee-grant months***
AEGEE	25
AIESEC	19
Contractus	4
Enactus	13
HCSA	4
IFMSA	13
Integrand	4
Real Estate Club Groningen	10
GSb	7
SOG	7
SIB	25
SKLO	13
TEIMUN	10

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 3. Criteria for granting top-level-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 sport 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-level athletes by the Board of University, on the recommendation of the top-level sports coordinator, on a basis other than that specified above.