## Rules for awarding "Santander Scholarship for Erasmus" 2024 at the University of Lodz

The present rules define the way of awarding scholarships for students of the University of Lodz in the academic year 2024/2025.

## **Definitions**

Programme – Santander Scholarship for Erasmus 2024,

Scholarship - the amount paid to students within the Programme,

**Committee** – employees of the University of Lodz appointed to review applications and decide on the award of the Scholarship,

**Platform** – the Santander Scholarships website (becas-santander.com) where students can apply for a Scholarship.

- 1. A maximum of 20 students, selected by the Committee, will participate in the Programme.
- 2. Applications will be accepted until 19 April 2024.
- 3. Students receive PLN 2,500 (in words: two thousand five hundred) gross within the Programme.
- 4. Scholarships will be paid for the Erasmus+ mobility in the academic year 2024/2025.
- 5. To be able to apply for the Scholarship, students must meet all of the following conditions:
  - a) submit an application on the Platform in accordance with these Rules.
  - b) receive a letter of acceptance of the semester mobility within Erasmus+ at the home faculty of the University of Lodz,
  - c) sign an agreement to study within Erasmus+ in the countries of the programme (if the mobility takes place in the first semester of the academic year 2024/25).
  - d) sign an agreement on participation in the Programme.
- 6. The estimated number of places available for each Faculty is as follows:
  - a) Faculty of Philology 4 students
  - b) Faculty of Management 3 students
  - c) Faculty of Economics and Sociology 2 students
  - d) Faculty of International and Political Studies 2 students
  - e) Faculty of Law and Administration 2 students
  - f) Faculty of Biology and Environmental Protection 1 student
  - g) Faculty of Chemistry 1 student
  - h) Faculty of Philosophy and History 1 student
  - i) Faculty of Physics and Applied Informatics 1 student
  - j) Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science 1 student
  - k) Faculty of Geographical Sciences 1 student

I) Faculty of Educational Sciences – 1 student

The Committee may decide to transfer the places available in a given Unit to Units which have a bigger number of applicants who meet the requirements referred to in point 5.

- While making the decision to award the scholarship, the Committee considers the grade average calculated for the purpose of recruitment for the Erasmus+ 2024/2025 mobility. The minimum average for awarding the scholarship is 4.0.
- 8. The comparison of students' grades to the grade average calculated by the Dean's Office will be made separately for each Faculty.
- 9. The students with the highest average based on the grade average in the respective Faculty will be awarded Scholarship.
- 10. In the case of the same grade average, the student's additional achievements, indicated in the cover letter submitted with the application in the USOS system, will be decisive.
- 11. Results will be announced by 14 June 2024 on the Platform. The decision of the Committee is final.
- 12. The student is required to accept the awarded Scholarship on the Platform within 7 calendar days.
- 13. If the student does not accept the Scholarship on the Platform, it will be awarded to the next student with the highest grade average within the Unit.
- 14. The student is obliged to sign an Erasmus+ mobility agreement with the University of Lodz. The agreement includes provisions on the necessity to submit the confirmation of stay at the foreign university upon return from the mobility.
- 15. The scholarship constitutes income for the scholarship holder, from which the University of Lodz, pursuant to Art 35(1)(2) of the PIT Act, will collect an advance on personal income tax and remit it to the relevant Tax office.
- 16. The scholarship holder will provide the University of Lodz with the information necessary for tax purposes in order to issue the PIT.
- 17. In case of resignation from the semester mobility within the Erasmus+ programme before 12 July 2024 in the academic year 2024/2025, the scholarship will not be paid and will be transferred to the next student in the ranking list. In case of resignation from the trip after 12 July 2024, the University of Lodz will inform the Santander Bank Polska S.A. Foundation about the unused scholarship, which will be decided upon by the abovementioned Foundation.