

B. STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The program is designed to recruit and support primarily PhD students. However, talented undergraduate Emirati students at UAEU may be recruited to pursue graduate studies and can be awarded scholarships starting at the Masters level.

Applicants for Graduate Research Scholarships must meet the following criteria:

a) General requirements (for all):

- i. Student must enroll full-time in a minimum of 9 graduate credits per semester.
- ii. Student must not be financially sponsored by any other organization or hold any active employment.

b) At the Masters level (for UAE national students only):

- i. Student must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher in the Bachelors degree from UAEU.
- ii. Student must be admitted into a Masters program with a research thesis that leads to a PhD program at UAEU.
- iii. Student must commit to pursue both of the Masters and PhD degrees consecutively.
- iv. Student must maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher at the Masters level.

c) At the PhD level (for all):

- i. Student must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher in the Masters degree.
- ii. Student must maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher at the PhD level.

d) At the PhD level for international Students:

The following additional factors apply to the selection criteria:

- i. The ranking and research classification of the institution from which the applicant received his/her Masters degree.
- ii. Applicant's prior research experience and its relevance to UAEU research.
- iii. Applicant's publication record.

C. DURATION OF AWARDS

a) Scholarships are awarded for a maximum period of 4 years at the PhD level, and a maximum period of 2 years at the Masters level. Therefore, an award to sponsor a student through the Master and PhD degrees may be for a maximum period of 6 years.

b) A faculty member may request only one semester extension for a Scholarship with documented justification. The request must be made during the first month of the student's last semester of the award term.