INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP (IUSS)

TERMS OF AWARD

Purpose: The IUSS encourages the recruitment and retention of high-achieving international undergraduate degree-seeking students at UH Mānoa and serves the strategic and diversity goals of the university.

Award: $10,000 per academic year ($5,000 per semester, fall and spring), renewable based on continuing eligibility. Applied directly toward UH Mānoa tuition and fees only. Cannot be applied to enrollment in non-Mānoa campus courses. No cash awards.

Eligibility: Open to any new and continuing UH MĀNOA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS who hold or will hold F-1 or J-1 visa status during the award period. See table:

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<th>Student Classification</th>
<th>Cumulative GPA Required</th>
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<td>Continuing or Transfer Students</td>
<td>3.0</td>
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<td>Freshman Students</td>
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***New transfer/freshmen must submit an admission application to UH Mānoa prior to applying for this scholarship. Second bachelor’s degree applicants and non-degree students are NOT eligible (for example, students from other schools here on exchange programs).

Annual Renewal: This scholarship is renewable annually based on the recipient’s meeting the minimum Cumulative GPA of 3.5 at the end of spring semester. Your class standing at the start of the initial award semester will determine the length of renewal possible. See table below.

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Maintaining Eligibility: In addition to the general requirements, the scholarship recipient must be
1. enrolled full-time as a UH Mānoa student in bachelor’s degree program; and
2. at least 12 credits must be in UH Mānoa courses

It is suggested you do the following to help with accounting:
Set up “UH eRefund” between your UH account and your U.S. bank account for refunds. Go to MyUH portal for more information (https://myuh.hawaii.edu).

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Q: When is the scholarship paid out?
A: As with all financial awards at UH Mānoa, the scholarship will pay into your account 10 days before the start of each semester.

Q: Continuing students have to pay their tuition before the start of each semester. Do I have to pay by this deadline even though my scholarship is paid out after the deadline?
A: Continuing students who receive any financial aid award do not have to pay tuition by the regular deadline. Your classes will not be cancelled for non-payment. Because you have a scholarship, your payment deadline is the final payment deadline, usually after the first week of each semester.

Q: Do I have to apply for admission to UH Mānoa before I can apply for the IUSS?
A: Yes. Scholarship applications will not be reviewed without admission data that verifies eligibility.

Q: Do I have to be admitted to UH Mānoa before I can apply for the IUSS?
A: No. You only have to apply for admission. You do not have to be admitted to apply. In some cases, recipients of the IUSS may receive notification before an Admission decision. An application for or receipt of the IUSS does not influence or affect admission decisions in any way, and vice versa.

Q: If I am notified that I have received the scholarship, what should I do?
A: You should respond to the email notification to accept the scholarship and the terms of the award.

Q: Do I get an official award letter?
A: Your email will be your official award notice. However, award letters on UH stationery may be provided upon request.

Q: How does the scholarship pay out?
A: The scholarship will be paid to your UH account and applied towards your tuition and fees balance. You do not receive money directly.

Q: Can I enroll in courses that are not at UH Mānoa?
A: You are required to enroll in at least 12 credits of UH Mānoa courses. If you have met that requirement, additional credits may be taken from other UH campuses. However, the IUSS cannot be applied to tuition charged by other UH campuses.

Q: Do Extension courses through Outreach College count as UH Mānoa courses?
A: Yes, but the cost and administration of Extension course credits are different from regular UH Mānoa courses. The scholarship will not apply to tuition for Extension courses.

Q: Can I combine both semester awards into only one semester?
A: No. The scholarship is granted for an academic year, but divided into $5,000 per semester. You cannot combine for a total of $10,000 in one semester.

Q: Do I have to enroll full-time even if I have Reduced Course Load (RCL) authorization from ISS?
A: Yes. You must enroll full-time at UH Mānoa in order to receive the IUSS. The exception is that if you receive RCL for last semester, then you will not need to enroll full time in order to receive the IUSS.

Q: What happens if I get the scholarship but I only have one semester left and it’s my first semester of the scholarship?
A: You may still receive the $5,000 for that semester.

Q: If I take an approved leave of absence, can I return and still get the scholarship?
A: If it is the first semester of the scholarship, you may not defer it to another semester or year. Therefore, you cannot take a leave during the first semester of the scholarship. Leaves in the second semester or beyond may
be considered on a case-by-case basis, but not guaranteed. You must contact the scholarship coordinator before taking a leave of absence to get approval to continue your IUSS when you return.

Q: If my GPA drops below 3.0 at the end of fall semester, will I lose the scholarship?
A: No. The scholarship is awarded for the academic year, and GPA is only checked for renewal purposes at the end of spring semester.

Q: If I apply for admission for spring, can I still apply for the IUSS for spring?
A: The IUSS is given at the start of each academic year. It does not award for spring semester admissions.

Q: If I lose the scholarship, may I apply again?
A: Yes, if you are eligible.

Q: Do you round up the GPA? For example, if I have a 2.97, does not that round up to 3.0?
A: No. GPA is not rounded. Any GPA below 3.0 will be considered ineligible.

Q: How will I know if I lose the scholarship?
A: A notification will be sent to your UH email address.

Q: How will I know when my scholarship is renewed?
A: You will not receive any notification of renewal. You will only receive a notification to your UH email address if you lose the scholarship.

Q: Is someone keeping track of the length of my scholarship and renewals?
A: Yes. Once you reach the last year of your scholarship and there is no more possibility of renewal, then you shall receive an email notifying you of this in your final semester of the scholarship.

Q: What happens to the scholarship if I lose my visa status?
A: You will lose the scholarship.

Q: Is it possible to lose the scholarship in the middle of a semester?
A: Yes. Your record will be checked to see if you comply with the terms of the scholarship. If you do not meet these terms at any time during the semester, you will lose the scholarship. For example, if you withdraw from a course late in the semester, and that drops your enrollment below full-time, then you will lose the scholarship, even if there is only 3 weeks before the end of the semester. Because the scholarship has already been applied, you will receive a negative balance in your UH account that you must pay.

Q: Do you have a wait-list for the scholarship?
A: Yes. All eligible applicants who did not receive the scholarship are put on a wait-list, and a rank will be determined. If a scholarship becomes available, the highest ranked applicant will be awarded the scholarship.

Q: If I am on the wait-list, can you tell me how high I am ranked?
A: No.

Q: If I am on the wait-list, when can I find out if I have received an available scholarship?
A: Notifications may happen at any time from January 31 through the start of the academic year. However, in general, you might expect such notifications to be sent in April, July or late August.