

# GRADUATE SCHOOL



**I.6. The institution provides access to scholarship and financial assistance.**

**Master of Science in  
Animal Science**

# **THE USM CODE**



**2005 EDITION**

**CHAPTER 54**  
**SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANT-IN-AID,**  
**AND SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PRIVILEGES**

**Article 193. Scholarship Program**

**Sec. 1.** The University shall provide an academic scholarship program for deserving students, subject to the availability of funds. The scholarship awards under the program may be classified as follows: (a) entrance scholarship; and (b) institutional scholarship.

**Sec. 2.** Entrance scholarship. This scholarship award shall be enjoyed by: (a) "valedictorians" and "salutatorians" of recognized public and private secondary schools; and (2) USM-ULS graduates who obtained a grade point average (GPA) of 87.50 % or better, categorized as follows:

1. Full entrance scholarship - awarded to a student who graduated "valedictorian" in a class of, at least, 30 high school students and to a USM-ULS graduate who obtained a grade point average (GPA) of 90% or better. The scholarship award entitles the holder to an exemption from payment of all school fees.
2. Half entrance scholarship - awarded to a student who graduated "salutatorian" in a class of, at least, 30 high school students and to a USM-ULS graduate who obtained a grade point average (GPA) of 87.50% - 89.99%. The award entitles the holder to an exemption for payment of one-half of all school fees.

**Sec. 3.** Honorific scholarship. This scholarship award may be categorized as follows:

1. University Scholarship - awarded to an undergraduate student who obtained a grade point average (GPA) of "1.50", or better, with no grade below "3.00", at the end of the semester. This scholarship category entitles the holder to an exemption from the payment of all school fees in the following semester.
2. College Scholarship - awarded to an undergraduate student who obtained a grade point average (GPA) of "1.75" to "1.51," with no grade below "3.00", at the end of the semester. This scholarship category entitles the holder to an exemption from the payment of one-half of all school fees.

**Sec. 4.** To qualify to any of the scholarships, the student must carry the normal load prescribed in his curricular program for the semester.

**Sec. 5.** The scholar must be up-to-date with all the academic and non-academic requirements and must have no grade of "INC" or below "3.00" in any academic or non-academic subject.

**Sec. 6.** The academic scholarship shall only be for a period of one semester and shall continue in succeeding semesters; Provided, that the student satisfies the prescribed grade point average and other requirements.

**Sec. 7.** If a student is a recipient of two (2) or more scholarships, he shall be required to choose only one, unless otherwise provided.

#### **Article 194. Grant-In-Aid and Other Enrollment Privileges**

**Sec. 1.** The University shall provide grants-in-aid to deserving college students belonging to the Cultural Communities. This privilege is renewable every semester. Provided, that the grantee has passed all his subjects in the immediately preceding semester. Recipients of the grant-in-aid are exempted from the payment of all school fees.

**Sec. 2.** The following students shall be granted special enrollment privileges, as approved by the Board of Regents:

1. Members of the USM Band, Combo, and Dance Troupe;
2. Dependent children of USM personnel who are, at least, on contractual status of employment;
3. Legitimate children of USM employees who died while in the service of the University;
4. Members of the USM varsity or athletes who have participated in, at least, the MSCUAA or its equivalent;
5. Holders of educational benefits under the AFP-PD 557, BP 337, etc.;
6. President of the University Student Government (USG) during his term of office as such; and
7. Other scholarship privileges, like the President Asinas Scholarship Award (PASA), to be established by the University.

### **CHAPTER 55 RULES ON SCHOLASTIC DELIQUENCY AND MAXIMUM RESIDENCE**

#### **Article 195. General Provision**

**Sec. 1.** The University shall promulgate suitable and effective provisions governing rules on scholastic delinquency and maximum residence for all levels in accordance with the rules hereinafter set forth.

#### **Article 196. Rules on Scholastic Delinquency**

**Sec. 1.** Scholastic delinquencies shall be dealt with in accordance with the following policy standards:

1. **Warning.** Any student who, at the end of the semester, obtains final grades below "3" in 25 percent to 49 percent of the total number of academic units for which he is registered shall receive a warning from the Dean to improve his work. He shall be allowed to enroll a load of not more than 18 units in the succeeding semester.
2. **Probation.** Any student who, at the end of the semester, obtains final grades below "3" in 50 percent to 75 percent of the total number of academic units in which he has final grades shall be placed on probation for the succeeding semester and his load shall be limited only to 12 units. Probation may be removed by passing with grades of "3" or better in more than 50 percent of the units in which he has final grades in the succeeding semester.

## b. Enrolment Trend

Term	Current Year (2022)	Previous Year (2021)	% Increase
2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	1219	1053	15.7%
1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	1377	1377	36.47%
Semester Average	1215	941	29.11%

## 1.2 Scholarship

Funding Agency	Number of Students
CHED-SIKAP	36
ATI	
DOST	2
DOLE	2
DA-BAR	2
LGU/PGU	5
SIDA	1
INSTITUTIONAL	4
Total	29



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26 July 2023

**DR. FRANCISCO GIL N. GARCIA**  
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Dear **Dr. Garcia**:

This is in connection the evaluation of the various graduate S&T degree programs of the University of Southern Mindanao for inclusion in our graduate program titled, "Science and Technology Regional Alliance of Universities for National Development (STRAND) for the Niche Centers in the Regions for R&D (NICER) Program (STRAND-N)".

Under the STRAND-N, a university assessed is placed in any of the two (2) categories:

**STRAND N1** – Granting of graduate scholarships to faculty and researchers of the universities hosting NICER provided that the degree to be pursued is aligned with the identified priorities of the NICER. A university under this category will not yet be recognized as delivering institution until such time that the faculty complement and criteria for eligibility are met.

**STRAND N2** – Recognition of a NICER university as a scholarship-delivering institution for a particular graduate degree program. The university will be provided with a certain number of scholarship slots per approved program.

On the recommendation of the Technical Working Group (TWG) and approval of the DOST Secretary, we are pleased to inform you that your university is considered as delivering institution (STRAND N2) for the following graduate S&T programs:

1. PhD in Education major in Mathematics*	6. MS in Horticulture
2. Master of Arts in Teaching major in Mathematics	7. MS in Animal Science
3. Master of Arts in Teaching major in Biology	8. MS in Agronomy
4. MS in Agricultural and Biosystems Eng'g	9. MS in Crop Protection
5. MS in Plant Breeding	10. MS in Biology

\*Conditional

Moreover, we are providing you with the detailed comments/suggestions, and recommendations of the TWG per graduate S&T degree program evaluated. We hope you will consider these to improve the implementation of the said degree programs.

In this regard, five (5) scholarship slots will be made available for each of the above-mentioned program effective the start of the First Semester of AY 2023-2024. Kindly endorse to SEI the short-listed names and application documents of the potential scholarship qualifiers on or before **31 August 2023**. The final list of qualifiers will be endorsed for approval of the DOST Secretary. Attached are the following documents in connection with the application to the scholarship program:

1. Project STRAND Application Form

2. Documentary Evaluation Form
3. Interview Scoresheets
4. STSD-203A Form Rev. 3/04-19-2023 – Registry of Potential Qualifiers
5. Annex A – Standard Procedure in the Selection of Potential Qualifiers
6. Recommendation Form

Furthermore, the faculty members and researchers involved in the NICER who wish to pursue graduate studies must seek admission from any of the member-universities of the DOST-SEI Graduate Scholarship Consortia, i.e., Accelerated Science and Technology Human Resource Development Program – National Science Consortium, Engineering Research and Development for Technology Consortium, Capacity Building Program in Science and Mathematics Education – National Consortium in Graduate Science and Mathematics Education, or foreign university with good track record or recognized higher education/research institution in the specialized S&T field to be pursued. Attached are the brochures of the said scholarship programs.

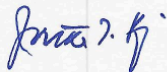
To ensure that we have a common understanding on the details of the program, selection of potential qualifiers, and endorsement to SEI, we will be conducting an Orientation on the Implementation of the Project STRAND to be held via Zoom on **11 August 2023**. May we invite you or your representative to attend the said activity. The attendee/s may register through this link: [https://sei-dost-gov-ph.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJclc-6grDMjHdQG53rYw6Rp2zefVqB\\_QiG1](https://sei-dost-gov-ph.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJclc-6grDMjHdQG53rYw6Rp2zefVqB_QiG1)

To formalize our collaboration, we wish to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with your university. Attached is the MOU for your review and approval. Should you be amenable with the terms and conditions, may we invite you to a ceremonial signing together with other member universities of Project STRAND-N on a date and venue to be announced later. Details of this event will be communicated to your Office soon.

For further inquiries and clarifications, please coordinate with Ms. Sharamae M. Torres, Science Research Specialist II of the S&T Scholarship Division through [strand@sei.dost.gov.ph](mailto:strand@sei.dost.gov.ph) or her mobile number: 0917-507-3276.

Thank you and we look forward to the successful collaboration and implementation of the program.

Very truly yours,



**JOSETTE T. BIYO, Ph.D.**  
Director

*Attachments: a/s*



