

Tinbergen Institute scholarship regulations 2024 for incoming students

Year 1 scholarships

Most if not all first-year students receive a tuition fee waiver.

On top of such a waiver, Tinbergen Institute (TI) offers full or partial scholarships to selected students. Specifically:

- The full scholarship comprises a monthly stipend of 1200 euros and a monthly contribution to health care insurance of 40 euros;
- The partial scholarship comprises a monthly stipend of 600 euros and a monthly contribution to health care insurance of 40 euros;

Scholarships and waivers are granted by the Admission Board. Students who accept a scholarship and/or waiver are required to sign a statement in which they declare to agree with the scholarship regulations. TI applies a top-up policy regarding scholarships: any external (institutional) funding a student may have secured will be topped up to the level of the TI scholarship that has been awarded to you by the TI Admission Board. Such top up policy does not apply to private funds.

The above scholarships are granted for the program's full first year, that is 12 months, From September of year 2023 to August 31 of year 2024.

Scholarships are paid to the student as long as the student participates actively in the program and as long as there is a reasonable expectation that the student will successfully complete the program according to the program's Academic and Examination Regulations. If a student is temporarily or permanently unable or unwilling to participate in the research master program, or if the Director of Graduate Studies asks the student to withdraw from the program because of unsatisfactory performance or misconduct, payment of the monthly stipend and the compensation for the health insurance policy will be discontinued.

In case students withdraw from the program before the end of the academic year, students are required to cancel their registration with the university and to apply to the university for a (partial) refund of the tuition fees. Students who have a tuition fee waiver must repay the refunded fee to TI.

Year 2 scholarships in 2025-2026

Tinbergen Institute offers a tuition fee waiver to all students admitted to the second year, regardless of their GPA.

In the second year of the master, TI offers the following funding possibilities to selected students:

- A full scholarship, which comprises a monthly stipend of 1100 euros and a monthly contribution to health care insurance of 40 euros. Such a scholarship is awarded to students who: 1) have followed the full year 1 curriculum of the Research Master as stipulated in article 4.5.3 of the TI AER (unless article 5.1.7 of the TI AER applies to them); 2) are allowed to pass to the second year*; and 3) for whom the weighted GPA** is 7.5 or higher for core courses at the end of block IV of the first year of the program;
- A partial scholarship, which comprises a monthly stipend of 550 euros and a monthly contribution to health care insurance of 40 euros. Such a scholarship is awarded to students who 1) have followed the full year 1 curriculum of the Research Master as stipulated in article 4.5.3 of the TI AER (unless article 5.1.7 of the TI AER applies to them); 2) are allowed to pass to the second year*; and 3) for whom the weighted GPA** is between 7.0 and 7.5, 7.5 excluded, at the end of block IV of the first year of the program.

Furthermore, for students taking some or all the courses listed in the Econometrics track, the year two scholarship thresholds are lowered by 0.05 per course taken (but not necessarily passed). If a student takes the entire series of Advanced Econometrics courses, the thresholds for a scholarship and tuition fee waiver will therefore be 7.25 and 6.75 respectively.

In the second year, students can complement their incomes via teaching assistant positions for the first-year core courses. Other academic positions, such as research assistant ones, are another source of extra income for students.

Also in the second year, the scholarship and waiver are conditional upon active participation in the program, fulfilling assigned TA duties, and the likelihood of completing the research master program according to the program's Academic and Examination Regulations. If a student is temporarily or permanently unable or unwilling to participate in the research master program, or if the Director of Graduate Studies asks the student to withdraw from the program because of unsatisfactory performance or misconduct, payment of the monthly stipend and the compensation for the health insurance policy will be discontinued.

In case students withdraw from the program before the end of the academic year, students are required to cancel their registration with the university and to apply to the university for a (partial) refund of the tuition fees. Refunded fees will be repaid to the program.

Failed first year courses (core and field) should be re-taken in the second year of the program. The scholarship will be immediately terminated in case the student fails the retake(s) (a compensated 5 is considered as a sufficient result**).

*This decision is based on articles 4.5 and 5.5 of the AER, academic year 2024-25 version

** GPA computed including all grades, also any 5 that is subject to the compensation rule; see TI Academic and Examination Regulations Article 5.5.