

Scholarship regulations 2024 for incoming students

Funding for first year students

Scholarships and tuition fee waivers are granted by the Admission Boards. Students are informed in their admission letter about the details of their individual arrangement. Students who accept an admission offer with funding are required to sign a statement in which they declare to agree with the present regulations.

Scholarships

For selected students, the Tinbergen Institute (TI)/ Business Data Science (BDS) research master program offers full, partial, or basic scholarships. Specifically, TI/BDS may offer one of the following scholarships:

- Full scholarship: a monthly stipend of 1710 euros and a monthly contribution to health care insurance of 40 euros; total 1750 euros;
- Partial scholarship: a monthly stipend of 910 euros and a monthly contribution to health care insurance of 40 euros; total 950 euros;
- Basic scholarship: a monthly stipend of 210 euros and a monthly contribution to health care insurance of 40 euros; total 250 euros.

Tuition Fee:

All students have to pay the annual tuition fee to Erasmus University and it is the student's responsibility to make the payment before the beginning of the academic year.

For *selected* students TI/BDS offers a waiver for part or the totality of the additional fee students holding a Dutch master and non-EEA citizens have to pay on top of the statutory fee (17000-2530=14470 euros in 2024-25). It is important to note that in some instances, the admission letter from TI/BDS may include a guarantee to cover such a higher tuition fee waiver in the second year. Then, the student is ineligible for any second year scholarship.

TI/BDS applies a top-up policy regarding external funding: any external (institutional) funding a student may have secured will be topped up to the level of the TI/BDS funding that has been awarded by the TI/BDS Admission Board. Such top-up policy does not apply to private funds.

The above funding is granted for the program's full first year, that is 12 months, from September of year 2024 to end of August of year 2025.

Funding is 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 advised to cancel their registration with the university and to apply to the university for a (partial) refund of the tuition fees.

Funding for second year students

Scholarships:

TI/BDS offers *one* of the following scholarships to *all* students who 1) have followed the full year 1 curriculum of the Research Master as stipulated in section 4 of the TI and BDS AERs; and 2) are allowed to pass to year 2 of the program (see sections 4 and 5 of the TI and BDS AERs):

- Full scholarship: a monthly stipend of 1585 euros and a monthly contribution to health care insurance of 40 euros; total 1625 euros. Such a scholarship is awarded to students 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;
- Partial scholarship: a monthly stipend of 860 euros and a monthly contribution to health care insurance of 40 euros; total 900 euros. Such a scholarship is awarded to students 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;
- Basic scholarship: a monthly stipend of 210 euros a month and a monthly contribution to health care insurance of 40 euros; total 250 euros. Such a scholarship is awarded to students for whom the weighted GPA* is below 7.0, at the end of block IV of the first year of the program.

Tuition Fee:

All students have to pay the annual statutory fee to Erasmus University and it is the student's responsibility to make the payment before the beginning of the academic year.

Unless stated otherwise and explicitly in a student's admission offer letter, TI/BDS waives the part or the totality of the additional fee students holding a Dutch master and non-EEA citizens have to pay on top of the statutory fee for *all* students who are allowed to pass to year 2 of the program*.

Also in the second year, all scholarships and non-EEA high fee waivers 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 advised to cancel their registration with the university and to apply to the university for a (partial) refund of the tuition fees.

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*).

* The weighted GPA is computed based on results for core courses in blocks I-IV, taking into account insufficient grades (also any 5 that is subject to the compensation rule), and a one (1) for exams missed without explicit consent of the Examination Board. Furthermore, for TI/BDS students taking some or all the courses listed in the Advanced sequence, the year two scholarship thresholds are lowered by 0.05 per course taken (but not necessarily passed).

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