(Unofficial translation)

Pursuant to the Higher Education Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 32/12-UPB7; 40/12- ZUJF, 57/12-ZPCP-2D, 109/12, 85/14, 75/16, 61/17- ZUPŠ, 65/17, 175/20 – ZIUOPDVE in 57/21 – odl.US), Decree for the co-funding of doctoral studies (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 22 as of 28 April 2017 and No.105 as of 23 July 2020) and Article 38 of the Statute of the University of Primorska (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 51/15 - UPB2, 63/16, 2/17, 31/17, 77/18, 75/19, 28/21 and 115/21), the UP Senate at its 27th session held on 20th April 2022 adopted the following

Criteria for the selection of candidates for co-funding tuition fees in doctoral studies at the University of Primorska

Article 1

This document specifies the Criteria and conditions for the selection of students of the University of Primorska for co-funding tuition fees in doctoral studies (hereinafter: Criteria).

Article 2

Conditions for selection of students for co-funding tuition fees in doctoral studies:

Pursuant to the Decree for the co-funding of doctoral studies (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 22 as of 28 April 2017 and No.105 as of 23 July 2020),

Tuition fees for co-funding of doctoral studies may be granted to students meeting the following requirements:

they are enrolled in the 1^{st} , 2^{nd} 3^{rd} or 4^{th} year of doctoral studies and regularly advanced to the 2^{nd} 3^{rd} and 4^{th} year of doctoral studies;

they have not yet obtained the level of education matching the level of education obtained under third-cycle doctoral study programmes;

their studies under doctoral degree programmes to obtain a PhD, regardless whether they have been completed, are not or have not been co-funded from public funds.

Criteria for the selection of candidates for co-funding tuition fees in doctoral studies:

- a.) Doctoral students that have received co-funding fees following the Call for enrolment in the previous two academic years and that have regularly advanced to the 2nd, 3rd or 4th year of doctoral studies <u>are</u>, when they complete and sign the *Statement on the fulfillment of the conditions for co-funding tuition fees in doctoral studies*, automatically entitled to the co-funding tuition fees in the current academic year. Regular advancement to the higher year of doctoral studies is also considered in cases when the student has an extension of status for justified reasons in accordance with the Higher Education Act, the Statute of UP and in accordance with Article 49 of the Act on Intervention Measures to Contain the COVID-19 Epidemic and Mitigate its Consequences for Citizens and the Economy.
- b.) Doctoral students applying for the first time to the Call for enrolment into the Doctoral degree programmes will be co-funded when they complete and sign the Statement on the fulfillment of the conditions for co-funding tuition fees in doctoral studies if the average grade of exams at the previous level of study is 8 or if they have a scientific publication. The relevance of the publication has to beapproved by the Commission for Scientific Research and Development of the UP.

Article 3

Co-funding will be provided for all students meeting the requirements. Doctoral students who are interested in co-funding of tuition fees of PhD programmes must complete and sign the Statement on the fulfillment of the condtions for co-funding tuition fees in doctoral studies for students of the University of Primorska.

Doctoral students who do not complete and sign the Statement on the fulfillment of the condtions for co-funding tuition fees in doctoral studies for students of the University of Primorska and submit it upon the Call for enrollment into the Doctoral degree programmes at the University of Primorska will not be considered in the procedure for obtaining the right to cofunding tuition fees in doctoral studies.

The co-financing share is the same for all doctoral students and depends on the number of enrolled students meeting the Criteria and the funds received from the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport.

Cross enrolment is not co - funded and, furthermore, students enrolled in an extra year are not entitled to co-funding.

Article 4

With the implementation of these criteria, the Criteria for the selection of candidates for cofunding tuition fees in doctoral studies at the University of Primorska No. 4270-2/20, that were adopted at UP Senate 2nd correspondence session held on 17th April 2020, will cease to apply.

Article 5

This Criteria shall enter into force on the day following its publication on the website of the University of Primorska.

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