



MERIT-UPC Enrollment Expenses Scholarship Agreement 2024-2025

The Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC) with registered office in Barcelona, Carrer de Jordi Girona 31, called hereafter UPC, and represented for the purposes of signature of this contract by the Rector **Daniel Crespo Artiaga**, of the one part,

and

_____ with
address _____
and (DNI, NIE, Passport) number _____, named hereafter “the beneficiary”, of
the other part, have agreed as follows:

Art. 1: Acceptance

1.1 The beneficiary has been admitted to begin studying during fall semester of 2024 the Master's degree in Machine Learning and Cybersecurity for Internet Connected Systems taught at UPC (in what follows named MERIT Master's degree).

1.2 Based on official documents and information provided by the student, the beneficiary is eligible to receive the MERIT scholarship.

1.3 The beneficiary accepts this scholarship.

1.3 Both the beneficiary and UPC are fully committed to observe the conditions settled in this agreement.

Art. 2: Purpose of the scholarship

2.1 This scholarship is granted to the beneficiary with the sole purpose of pursuing the MERIT Master's degree.

2.2. The scholarship supports the following expenses:

1. The tuition costs for the first time and other fees and rates charged by UPC for a master full semester (30 ECTS) during three consecutive semesters.
2. The cost of issuance of the official title.

Art. 3 : Beneficiary commitments

3.1 The beneficiary undertakes to study for three semesters at the above-mentioned university as a full-time degree seeking student of the MERIT Master's degree. They undertake to follow the courses they are registered for on a regular basis and to take part in all foreseen forms of evaluation for these courses.



3.2 The beneficiary will actively participate in all mandatory activities of the MERIT Master's degree programme to validate at least 30 ECTS in each semester.

3.3 At the end of each semester, the beneficiary undertakes to write a report on the results of their academic progress and recommendations for program improvements and successful actions. This report should be submitted to the administrative desk of UPC at Manresa.

3.4 The beneficiary must provide any personal data required for the performance of this Agreement. They must notify the administrative desk of UPC at Manresa of any amendments to be made to their personal data.

Art. 4: Duration

4.1 The present agreement comes into force on the date of the last signature.

4.2 The Master's program lasts for three semesters.

Art. 5: Payment arrangements

5.1 Funds will be disbursed directly to the scholarship recipients upon verification that all eligibility conditions have been met.

5.2 Financial support will be provided after each semester based on the eligible expenses actually incurred by the recipient during that semester.

5.3 The maximum amount that will be paid to each scholarship recipient is 3.500€. Financial support is calculated based on the current costs for pursuing a 90 ECTS master degree at UPC following the current rules and regulations.

5.4 Supporting documentation for the incurred costs will be required. Eligible costs are those of section 2.2 and must fulfill the general eligibility conditions established for the EU Funding Programmes 2021-2027.

5.5 In the following cases, the beneficiary undertakes to immediately inform the MERIT Master's administrative desk of UPC at Manresa:

- In case they withdraw from the study programme;
- In case they do not validate the required number of ECTS of the academic semester at UPC;
- In case they do not complete at least one full semester of study at the university;
- In case their study period at the university ends earlier than expected or in case of any other change in their dates.

In these cases, no further financial support will be provided. .

Art. 6: Ethics and Values

The beneficiary actions must be in line with the highest ethical standards and the applicable EU, international and national law on ethical principles.

The beneficiary must commit to and ensure the respect of basic EU values (such as respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and human rights, including the rights of minorities).

Art. 7: Communication, Dissemination and Visibility

Before engaging in a communication or dissemination activity expected to have a major media impact, the beneficiary must inform the granting authority.

Unless otherwise agreed with the granting authority, communication activities of the beneficiary related to the scholarship (including media relations, conferences, seminars, information material, such as brochures, leaflets, posters, presentations, etc., in electronic form, via traditional or social media, etc.), dissemination activities and any infrastructure, equipment, vehicles, supplies or major result funded by the grant must acknowledge EU support and display the European flag (emblem) and funding statement (translated into local languages, where appropriate):



The emblem must remain distinct and separate and cannot be modified by adding other visual marks, brands or text. Apart from the emblem, no other visual identity or logo may be used to highlight the EU support. When displayed in association with other logos (e.g. of beneficiaries or sponsors), the emblem must be displayed at least as prominently and visibly as the other logos.

For the purposes of their obligations under this Article, the beneficiaries may use the emblem without first obtaining approval from the granting authority. This does not, however, give them the right to exclusive use. Moreover, they may not appropriate the emblem or any similar trademark or logo, either by registration or by any other means.

Any communication or dissemination activity related to the action must use factually accurate information.

Moreover, it must indicate the following disclaimer (translated into local languages where appropriate):

“Funded by the European Union. Views and opinions expressed are however those of the author(s) only and do not necessarily reflect those of the European Union or [name of the granting authority]. Neither the European Union nor the granting authority can be held responsible for them.”

Art. 8: Record keeping

The beneficiary must — at least for 7 years — keep records and other supporting documents to prove the proper implementation of the scholarship in line with the accepted standards in the respective field (if any).



Art. 9: Personal data protection

The beneficiary acknowledges and accepts that UPC processes the personal data related to them at any time before, during, or after being enrolled in the master programme for paying and managing the scholarship.

The categories of personal data processed are the following:

- Contact details (name, surname, physical address phone number, email address).
- Date of birth, nationality and gender.
- Academic career (academic year, study cycle, study field).
- Number of months of the financial support, amount of the financial support, amount per month.

This information could be sent to the following organisations

- MERIT Master awarding universities and partners
- Digital Europe Programme, in connection with the funding provided by this organisation.

The beneficiary personal data is kept throughout the duration of the programme and for as long as is needed to draw up reports on projects related to the programme. The data will be kept for five years after the final report is published to keep a record of your participation in the event of subsequent problems, evaluations or audits requested by the aforementioned organisations.

The beneficiary may, on written request, gain access to their data and correct any information that is inaccurate or incomplete. They should address any questions regarding the processing of their personal data to UPC. Complete information is provided in Data Protection pages of UPC web site. The beneficiary may exercise these rights by following the procedure described on these web pages or they should go to the following contact

Delegate for Data Protection (Legal Services and Risk Assessment Area),
Plaça de Eusebi Güell 6, Vèrtex Building, Floor 0, 08034, Barcelona. E-mail:
proteccio.dades@upc.edu.

Art. 10: Law Applicable

This agreement is governed by the terms of the contract and, on a subsidiary basis, by the law of Spain with the possibility for the beneficiary to bring legal proceedings before the court in accordance with the applicable national law.



Done in two originals.

Signatures:

For the beneficiary

Done at _____

Date: _____

For UPC,

Prof. Daniel Crespo Artiaga

Done at Barcelona

Date: _____

