



MERIT-UPC Enrollment Expenses Scholarship Agreement 2024-2025

The Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (hereinafter UPC) with registered office in Carrer Jordi Girona 31, 08034 Barcelona, VAT Number Q0818003F, 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:

DECLARE

- I. That in the framework of the project MERIT (GA 101083531) the UPC has budget available to offer scholarships according to the Grant Agreement of the above-mentioned project in its Master’s degree in Machine Learning and Cybersecurity for Internet-Connected Systems.
- II. That the UPC has announced these grants, which, once awarded, are governed by the following

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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 UPC 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 beneficiary has to start the Master's program in September 2024 and the 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. In the event of any breach of the conditions of eligibility by the beneficiary, the UPC shall pay only those amounts that are correctly justified. The beneficiary understands that the UPC may take any action necessary to recover any payment that is in breach of the conditions of eligibility or this agreement.

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.

5.6 The beneficiary assumes that according to the obligations established in the article 25.2 of the Grant Agreement the OLAF, Court of Auditors (ECA), etc. can exercise their rights also towards them.

Art. 6: Obligations of the beneficiary

The beneficiary understands that the acceptance of this scholarship involves knowledge and application of the art. 12, 13, 14 and 19 of the Grant Agreement, which are annexed to this agreement as Annex I. Articles 17.2, 18 and 20, which have been incorporated into the articles of this Agreement, are also applicable.

In any case, in the event of conflict between the content of this agreement and the aforementioned articles of the Grant Agreement, the latter shall prevail.

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.

According to the art. 17.2 of the Grant Agreement, 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

According to the Art. 20 of the Grant Agreement, 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.

And, in order to show their acceptance, both parties sign this present Agreement, in the city and on the date mentioned above, in duplicate and to one sole effect

Signatures:

For the beneficiary

Done at _____

Date: _____

For UPC,

Prof. Daniel Crespo Artiaga

Done at Barcelona

Date: _____





ANNEX I : ARTICLES OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT MANDATORY FOR THE BENEFICIARY

ARTICLE 12 — CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

12.1 Conflict of interests

The beneficiaries must take all measures to prevent any situation where the impartial and objective implementation of the Agreement could be compromised for reasons involving family, emotional life, political or national affinity, economic interest or any other direct or indirect interest ('conflict of interests').

They must formally notify the granting authority without delay of any situation constituting or likely to lead to a conflict of interests and immediately take all the necessary steps to rectify this situation.

The granting authority may verify that the measures taken are appropriate and may require additional measures to be taken by a specified deadline.

12.2 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28) and the grant or the beneficiary may be terminated (see Article 32).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 13 — CONFIDENTIALITY AND SECURITY

13.1 Sensitive information

The parties must keep confidential any data, documents or other material (in any form) that is identified as sensitive in writing ('sensitive information') — during the implementation of the action and for at least until the time-limit set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 6).

If a beneficiary requests, the granting authority may agree to keep such information confidential for a longer period.

Unless otherwise agreed between the parties, they may use sensitive information only to implement the Agreement.

The beneficiaries may disclose sensitive information to their personnel or other participants involved in the action only if they:

- (a) need to know it in order to implement the Agreement and
- (b) are bound by an obligation of confidentiality.

The granting authority may disclose sensitive information to its staff and to other EU institutions and bodies.





The confidentiality obligations no longer apply if:

- (a) the disclosing party agrees to release the other party
- (b) the information becomes publicly available, without breaching any confidentiality obligation
- (c) the disclosure of the sensitive information is required by EU, international or national law.

Specific confidentiality rules (if any) are set out in Annex 5.

13.2 Classified information

The parties must handle classified information in accordance with the applicable EU, international or national law on classified information (in particular, Decision 2015/444¹⁴ and its implementing rules).

Deliverables which contain classified information must be submitted according to special procedures agreed with the granting authority.

Action tasks involving classified information may be subcontracted only after explicit approval (in writing) from the granting authority.



Classified information may not be disclosed to any third party (including participants involved in the action implementation) without prior explicit written approval from the granting authority.

Specific security rules (if any) are set out in Annex 5.

13.3 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 14 — ETHICS AND VALUES

14.1 Ethics

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

Specific ethics rules (if any) are set out in Annex 5.

14.2 Values

The beneficiaries 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).

Specific rules on values (if any) are set out in Annex 5.

14.3 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.



ARTICLE 19 — GENERAL INFORMATION OBLIGATIONS

19.1 Information requests

The beneficiaries must provide — during the action or afterwards and in accordance with Article 7 — any information requested in order to verify eligibility of the costs or contributions declared, proper implementation of the action and compliance with the other obligations under the Agreement.

The information provided must be accurate, precise and complete and in the format requested, including electronic format.

19.2 Participant Register data updates

The beneficiaries must keep — at all times, during the action or afterwards — their information stored in the Portal Participant Register up to date, in particular, their name, address, legal representatives, legal form and organisation type.

19.3 Information about events and circumstances which impact the action

The beneficiaries must immediately inform the granting authority (and the other beneficiaries) of any of the following:

- (a) **events** which are likely to affect or delay the implementation of the action or affect the EU's financial interests, in particular:
 - (i) changes in their legal, financial, technical, organisational or ownership situation (including changes linked to one of the exclusion grounds listed in the declaration of honour signed before grant signature)
 - (ii) linked action information: not applicable
- (b) **circumstances** affecting:
 - (i) the decision to award the grant or
 - (ii) compliance with requirements under the Agreement.

19.4 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

