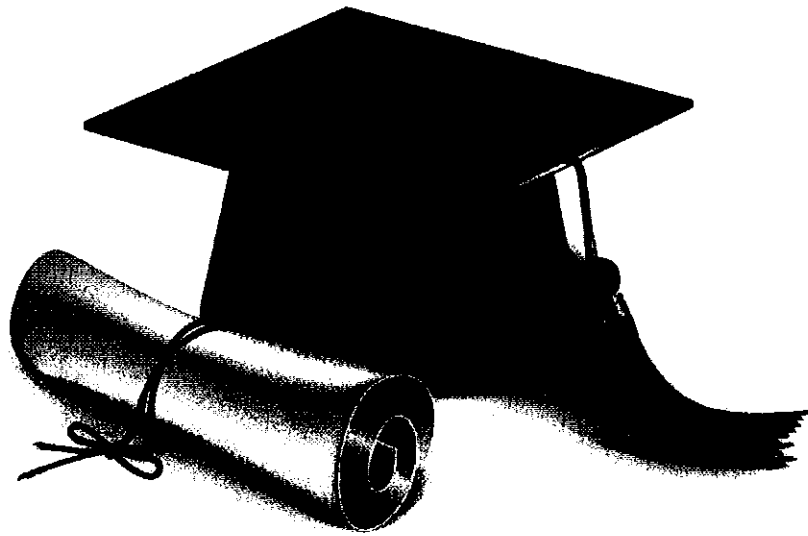




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GCET SCHOLARSHIPS AND DISCOUNT POLICY



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1. PURPOSE

One of GCET key Strategic Intents is to build critical mass. Furthermore, GCET is committed to providing engaged and diverse learning experience, equity of access and inclusiveness. To achieve these, GCET provides a range of scholarships and discounts to encourage students from disadvantaged communities, international students, working students and distinguished students to enrol on GCET programmes.

The main purpose of this policy is to provide clear and fair procedure for offering scholarships and discounts.

2. SCOPE

- This Policy covers all scholarships and discounts offered to students which will lead to reduction of tuition fee below the stated and approved amounts.
- The Policy does not cover students who receive external scholarships including the scholarships offered by the Ministry of Higher Education.
- The Policy covers new students only.
- The Policy covers only the programme stated in the offer letter.
- The Policy covers only the tuition fees unless otherwise stated in the offer letter.
- The term for scholarships covers the full study period of the UG programme.
- The term for discounts covers is as stated in the offer letter.

3. DEFINITIONS

S/N	Term	Definition
	Scholarship	A scholarship is an award of financial aid for a student to further their education.
	Discount	A percentage that indicates the amount to be deducted from the normal tuition fee.
	Term	The period for which the Scholarship or Discount is valid.
	Residents	None Omanis who are residing in the Sultanate of Oman.
	Students with Special Needs	
	Students with Low Income	Typically low income is defined as the bottom quintile by family income , such as families with incomes below 200% of the poverty line/ (normally below OMR 625/month).
	First Degree Relatives	A first degree relative is a family member who shares about 50 percent of their genes with a particular individual in a family. First degree relatives include parents, offspring, and siblings.

4. POLICY STATEMENT

- Decisions regarding the award of scholarships and discounts are taken by a committee chaired by the Dean and includes:
 - The Head of relevant department.

- The Head of Admissions and Registration Office.
- The Finance Officer.
- The decisions of the above committee shall be based on the criteria outlined in sections 5 and 6 respectively.
- Normally, the term of discount covers the full study period of the programme unless otherwise stated in the offer letter.
- Extension of the discount term for students with high academic achievements (sections 6.1), may be considered if the awarded student demonstrates same or higher level of academic achievement.
- Students who are awarded scholarships or discounts based on academic achievements are expected to participate proactively in the Students Peer Learning Scheme and in the College promotional activities.
- Students are only allowed to apply for one category of Scholarships/discounts.

5. SCHOLARSHIPS

5.1 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVERS

Condition	Maximum Number of Scholarship per Semester to Omani Students	Maximum Number of Scholarship per Semester to International Students
Minimum academic achievement of 95% overall average in the General Diploma or equivalent	3	3
Minimum academic achievement of 90% overall average in the General Foundation Studies or equivalent	3	3
Distinction in Diploma/Advanced Diploma or equivalent	5	5

5.2 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FIRST DEGREE RELATIVES OF THE MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYEES (OMANIS ONLY)

Maximum Number Per Semester: 2

Condition: A minimum overall average of 80% in the General Diploma or equivalent

5.3 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FIRST DEGREE RELATIVES OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION EMPLOYEES (OMANIS ONLY)

Maximum Number Per Semester: 2

Condition: A minimum overall average of 80% in the General Diploma or equivalent

6. DISCOUNTS

6.2 DISCOUNT FOR OMANIS HIGH ACHIEVERS

Minimum Performance	Amount of Discount	Maximum Number
90 – 94% in High School	70%	10
85 – 89% in High School	50%	10
80 – 84% in High School	30%	10
85 – 89% in GFP	70%	5
80 – 84% in GFP	50%	5
2:1 or equivalent in Diploma/Advanced Diploma	30%	20

6.2 DISCOUNT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Minimum Performance	Amount of Discount	Maximum Number
60% in High School	Up to 23%	NA

6.3 DISCOUNT FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

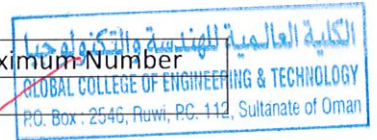
Minimum Performance	Amount of Discount	Maximum Number
60% in High School	Up to 23%	20

6.4 DISCOUNT FOR STUDENTS WITH LOW INCOME

Minimum Performance	Amount of Discount	Maximum Number
60% in High School	Up to 23%	20

6.5 DISCOUNT FOR UNEMPLOYED STUDENTS

Minimum Performance	Amount of Discount	Maximum Number
60% in High School	Up to 23%	20



6.6 DISCOUNT FOR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Minimum Performance	Amount of Discount	Maximum Number
60% in High School	10%	NA

6.7 DISCOUNT FOR GCET ALUMNI

GCET alumni who have successfully completed an undergraduate degree at GCET are offered a tuition fee discount of 10% on taught postgraduate programmes.

6.8 OTHER DISCOUNTS

Depending on the business and financial status of the College, special discounts may be offered to:

- Private flexible students.
- Companies and organisations that have business links with the College.

In all cases, special discounts will not exceed 23%.

7. REVIEW OF THE POLICY

- The policy shall be reviewed at the end of each semester.
- Modifications to the policy will not normally be backdated unless otherwise stated.