Scholarship regulations

Business Data Science (BDS) offers full or partial scholarships (covering the tuition fee, monthly installments and a contribution to health insurance costs) and tuition fee waivers (tuition fee and contribution to health insurance costs) to selected students. Scholarships and tuition waivers are granted by BDS's Admission Board. Students who accept a BDS scholarship or tuition waiver are obliged to sign a statement in which they declare to agree with the scholarship regulations. BDS applies a top-up policy regarding scholarships: any external (institutional) funding that you may have (i.e. not from private funds) will be topped up to the level of the BDS scholarship that has been awarded to you.

Initially, a scholarship is granted for the program's first year (12 months) only.

Scholarships are paid to the student as long as the student actively participates 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 will be discontinued. In case students withdraw from the program before the end of the academic year, students are required to cancel their registration with the university and to apply to the university for a (partial) refund of the tuition fees. Refunded fees will be repaid to BDS.

In order to continue the scholarship in the second year of the program, students should fulfil the following requirements:

1. The student's weighted GPA for the core courses is 7.5 or up at the end of course block IV of the first year of the program, and
2. The failed course(s) 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*).

Also in the second year, the scholarship is 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.

* Compensation rule: see BDS Academic and Examination Regulations.