

Dear Students,

We are pleased to inform you that Babeş-Bolyai University is launching through its STAR-UBB Institute the annual competition for Special Scholarships for Scientific Activity (SSSA) for the 2024-2025 academic year.

The SSSA are granted to students with outstanding academic activity, who have a good track of academic achievements in their research field.

The competition is open to undergraduate students (starting with year II) and graduate (Master's) students (starting with year I). The scholarship is awarded only once per cycle of study, for the duration of one academic year, with the exception of students in their final year of study who receive the scholarship until the graduation exam.

**Application and evaluation procedure:**

Candidates will submit a file containing the following documents:

- a) Application form;
- b) Description of the proposed research project;
- c) Letter of recommendation from the scientific coordinator of the research project including a statement of responsibility and commitment to provide mentorship;
- d) The candidate's prior relevant scientific publications and presentations at conferences (if any), *in extenso*.

**The submitted applications will be assessed by the Evaluation Committee of the Faculty; please contact your Dean's office for further information.**

Competition calendar:

**October 4<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> (4 pm), 2024:** Submission of the applications (<https://inscrieri.ubbcluj.ro/burse/>);

**November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024:** Deadline for the submission of the applications to the Rectorate by the faculties. The application files must be accompanied by a priority list/ranking proposed by the Evaluation Committee;

**November 11<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>st</sup>, 2024:** the UBB Research Council evaluates the submitted files;

**November 27<sup>nd</sup>, 2024:** publication of the results of the evaluation;

**November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024:** signing of the scholarship contracts.

Recipients of the scholarship will have the following obligations:

- to disseminate the results of their research by publishing at least one article in a scientific journal with a classification level at least equal to that of journals published by UBB, indexed in international databases (Web of Science, SCOPUS or ERIH Plus) and published in a university center other than Cluj-Napoca, under the guidance of the scientific coordinator (editorial confirmation certifying that the manuscript has been submitted and accepted for publication is also acceptable);
- to present the results of their research in at least one scientific conference during the duration of the scholarship (proof of registration at a scientific conference held after the scholarship period has ended is also acceptable);
- to present the results of their research at least once in the Next Generation Virtual College meetings at STAR-UBB;
- to present the final results of their research within their faculty, preferably in a pre-existing framework (e.g., local conference);
- to submit a final report approved by the scientific coordinator and by the Faculty's Evaluation Committee.