

Dear Students,

We are pleased to inform you that the Babeş-Bolyai University, via its STAR-UBB Institute (<http://starubb.institute.ubbcluj.ro/>), is launching its annual competition for Special Scholarships for Scientific Activity (SSSA) for the 2020-2021 academic year.

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

All students that are enrolled at Babeş-Bolyai University that are Romanian citizens or citizens of the member states of the European Union or of the countries belonging to the European Economic Area and Switzerland, are eligible for SSSA.

The competition is open to undergraduate students (starting with year II) and master students (starting with year I). The scholarship is awarded only once during the course of a study cycle, for one academic year, except for students in their final year of study (the scholarship is awarded 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 assumption regarding the mentorship
- d) The candidate's prior relevant scientific publications and presentations at conferences (if any), *in extenso*
- e) Certificate from the Dean's office, showing the average of the grades for all the years of study (in the case of master students the grades taken into consideration will be the average from the Bachelor exam and the Master admission grade)

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 7th to 20th, 2020: Submission of the applications (<https://inscrieri.ubbcluj.ro/burse/>)

October 30th, 2020: 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 the Evaluation Committee.

November 2nd to 13th, 2020: the UBB Research Council evaluates the submitted files.

November 13th, 2020: publication of the results of the evaluation

November 27th, 2020: signing the scholarship contracts

The beneficiaries of the scholarships will have the following obligations:

- to present the results of the research by publishing at least one article in a scientific journal indexed in international databases (Web of Science, SCOPUS or ERIH Plus) and published in an university center other than Cluj-Napoca, under the guidance of the scientific coordinator (proof of sending of a manuscript for publication - with editorial receipt - is also acceptable as a deliverable).
- to present the results of the research at at least one scientific conference held during the period of scholarship (proof of enrollment at a scientific conference held after the scholarship period ended is also acceptable).
- to deliver at least a presentation of the research results within the Virtual Next Generation College meetings, at STAR-UBB.
- to submit a final report approved by the scientific coordinator (and to be evaluated by the Faculty's Evaluation Committee).