

2025 - 2026

# Conditions for scholarships for elite and promising young athletes

CEU Merit 100 Scholarships for Athletes  
CEU Merit 65 Scholarships for Athletes  
CEU Athlete Support Scholarships

All bachelor's degrees except Medicine



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## Aim

The CEU Merit 100 Scholarships for Athletes, CEU Merit 65 Scholarships for Athletes and CEU Athlete Support Scholarships have been established in order to facilitate access to the University for elite and promising athletes. These scholarships can be complemented with the CEU Athlete Support Programme, which aims to facilitate the successful combination of academic and sporting endeavours, enhancing student employability.

## How to apply and conditions of the scholarships

### 1. Closing dates and decision dates

#### Rounds for applications

- **First round:**
  - Closing date: **18th February** 2025.
  - Decision date: **4th March** 2025.
- **Second round:**
  - Closing date: **28th May** 2025.
  - Decision date: **11th June** 2025.

These scholarships are open to all applicants who have undertaken, or are undertaking, pre-university studies (known as *Bachillerato* in Spain) **and have been admitted** to one of the CEU Cardenal Herrera University's bachelor's degree programmes (except the Bachelor's Degree in Medicine, for which there are specific CEU Merit Scholarship conditions), in accordance with the "**General Regulations for Enrolment on Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programmes at the CEU Cardenal Herrera University for 2025-26**".

Once you have been admitted to the University and you have reserved your place, applications for a scholarship can be made via the admissions portal before the closing date.

## 2. Requirements and assessment of merit

The requirements and the way in which merit is determined varies according to the scholarship concerned.

### **CEU Merit 100 Scholarships for Athletes**

Athletes (i.e., sportspeople) who achieve an average grade of 7 or higher in the first year of *Bachillerato* (the standard two-year pre-university programme of studies in the Spanish educational system), or the equivalent in an international education system, are eligible for this scholarship.

For award decisions, the Scholarship Award Committee will take the following into account when assessing applicants:

- Evidence of status as an elite or promising athlete, in accordance with section 3 of this document.
- Those with a superior academic record, or those who participate in the CEU Athlete Support Programme and are rated as excellent, will be looked on favourably by the Commission, in comparison with other applicants for the same degree.
- The ability to speak one or more foreign languages. Certificates submitted to this effect will be judged according to the standards of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).
- Social and extracurricular activities undertaken by the applicant. For this, the student may present records of the activities undertaken and/or letters of recommendation from those responsible for the activities undertaken.

### **CEU Merit 65 Scholarships for Athletes**

Athletes (i.e., sportspeople) who achieve an average grade of 7 or higher in the first year of *Bachillerato* (the standard two-year pre-university programme of studies in the Spanish educational system), or the equivalent in an international education system, are eligible for this scholarship.

For award decisions, the Scholarship Award Committee will take the following into account when assessing applicants:

- Evidence of status as an elite or promising athlete, in accordance with section 3 of this document.
- Those with a superior academic record, or those who participate in the CEU Athlete Support Programme and are rated as excellent, will be looked on favourably by the Scholarship Award Committee, in comparison with other applicants for the same degree.



- The ability to speak one or more foreign languages. Certificates submitted to this effect will be judged according to the standards of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).
- Social and extracurricular activities undertaken by the applicant. For this, the student may present records of the activities undertaken or letters of recommendation from those responsible for the activities undertaken.

### **CEU Athlete Support Scholarships**

Athletes who fulfil the requirements to be considered an elite or promising athlete and who have not been awarded a CEU Merit 100 Scholarships for Athletes Scholarship or a CEU Merit 65 Scholarship for Athletes Scholarship are eligible for these scholarships.

For award decisions, the Scholarship Award Committee will take the following into account when assessing applicants:

- Evidence of status as an elite or promising athlete, in accordance with section 3 of this document.
- To have passed the EvAU (Spanish university entrance exam).
- The ability to speak one or more foreign languages. Certificates submitted to this effect will be judged according to the standards of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).
- Social and extracurricular activities undertaken by the applicant. For this, the student may present records of the activities undertaken or letters of recommendation from those responsible for the activities undertaken.

## **3. Required documents and submission of applications**

Once you have been admitted to the University and you have reserved your place, applications for a scholarship can be made via the admissions portal.

Applicants **must upload the following documents to the admissions portal** in support of their application:

### **Compulsory supporting documents:**

1. Academic records: a certificate detailing the individual grades and overall average grade for the first and second years of *Bachillerato* (the standard two-year pre-university programme of studies in Spain) or its international equivalent.
2. Certificate establishing the applicant's status as an athlete, regardless of their nationality:
  - High-level athletes (*deportista de alto nivel*, DAN)
  - High-performance athletes (*deportista de alto rendimiento*, DAR)
  - Plan ADO and Plan ADOP athletes (athletes participating in national development plans)



- Athletes who have been selected for regional or national teams
- Athletes who have participated in European Universities Championships, World University Championships or Universiades.
- Active coaches and trainers with professional links with high-level athletes (DAN) or other professional sportspeople.
- Professional athletes.
- Retired elite athletes.

**Additional optional evidence:**

1. Foreign language certificates, if applicable. Certificates submitted to this effect will be judged according to the standards of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).
2. Social and cultural activities: records of the activities undertaken.

**PLEASE NOTE:** applications without all of the required documents will not be accepted. If an athlete is awarded a scholarship, he or she may be asked to present the hard copies of any supporting documents, which may be either the originals or certified copies.

Compulsory requirements: to have passed the EVAU/PAU university entrance exam or to present grades from other university study programmes.

## **4. Rights and duties of award-holders of CEU Merit 100 Scholarships for Athletes, CEU Merit 65 Scholarships for Athletes and CEU Athlete Support Scholarships**

1. Those granted a scholarship must notify the Sports Service, personal tutor and degree coordinator of any change in circumstances after making an application for a scholarship.
2. While aiming not to interfere with training and competition schedules, the University may require the award-holder to participate in regional, national or international university sporting events and to assist with any sporting activity organized by the University in relation with the athlete's chosen sport, such as internal sporting competitions, awards ceremonies, etc.
3. The University may use images of its student-athletes taken during their participation in events, for the purposes of the promotion of its own public, social and sporting image, unless this would constitute a breach of commercial image rights agreements or agreements of a similar nature that the athlete has signed. The student-athlete must inform the University of the existence of any such agreements. In any case, student-athletes will receive prior notification of any such use of their image and may refuse to consent to its use due to the above or similar reasons.

4. With regard to any matters not specifically provided for in these conditions, elite or promising athletes who are students at the CEU Cardenal Herrera University will be subject to all the other University rules and regulations and will possess whichever rights and duties are specified in them, especially with regard to the University's Student Regulations.

## 5. Value of the scholarships

This varies according to the scholarship concerned.

### **CEU Merit 100 Scholarships for Athletes**

In this case, award-holders will be exempt from the payment of the tuition fees for the chosen degree, for the 2025-2026 academic year only. This exemption does not apply to the record creation fee (for new students at the University), nor to fees with regard to issues such as credit recognition, transfers, requests for academic records or the issuing of official certificates, amongst others.

In the case of those studying a dual degree programme (i.e., two degrees simultaneously), the benefits of the CEU Merit 100 Scholarships for Athletes will apply exclusively to the tuition fees corresponding to the first of the two degrees, in accordance with the list of dual degree programmes which can be undertaken at the CEU Cardenal Herrera University (<https://www.uchceu.com/en/studies/degree>). While the student-athlete remains enrolled on both degree programmes, he or she will be liable for all tuition fees in respect of the ECTS credits corresponding to the second degree. These conditions apply to the first degree so long as the student is enrolled on both degree programmes and will cease to apply if the student transfers to a single degree programme.

### **CEU Merit 65 Scholarships for Athletes**

In this case, award-holders will benefit from a 65% discount on the tuition fees for the chosen degree, for the 2025-2026 academic year only. This discount does not apply to the record creation fee (for new students at the University), nor to fees with regard to issues such as credit recognition, transfers, requests for academic records or the issuing of official certificates, amongst others.

In the case of those studying a dual degree programme (i.e., two degrees simultaneously), the benefits of the CEU Merit 65 Scholarships for Athletes will apply exclusively to the tuition fees corresponding to the first of the two degrees, in accordance with the list of dual degree programmes which can be undertaken at the CEU Cardenal Herrera University (<https://www.uchceu.com/en/studies/degree>). While the student-athlete remains enrolled on both degree programmes, he or she will be liable for all tuition fees in respect of the ECTS credits corresponding to the second degree. These conditions apply to the first degree so long as the student is enrolled on both degree programmes and will cease to apply if the student transfers to a single degree programme.

### **CEU Athlete Support Scholarships**

In this case, award-holders will benefit from a 30% discount on the tuition fees for the chosen degree, for the 2025-2026 academic year only. This discount does not apply to the record creation fee (for new students at the University), nor to fees with regard to issues such as credit recognition, transfers, requests for academic records or the issuing of official certificates, amongst others.

In the case of those studying a dual degree programme (i.e., two degrees simultaneously), the benefits of the CEU Athlete Support Scholarships will apply exclusively to the tuition fees corresponding to the first of the two degrees, in accordance with the list of dual degree programmes which can be undertaken at the CEU Cardenal Herrera University (<https://www.uchceu.com/en/studies/degree>). While the student-athlete remains enrolled on both degree programmes, he or she will be liable for all tuition fees in respect of the ECTS credits corresponding to the second degree. These conditions apply to the first degree so long as the student is enrolled on both degree programmes and will cease to apply if the student transfers to a single degree programme.

## **6. Announcement of award decisions**

Given the special recognition of hard work and talent which awards of CEU Merit 100 Scholarships for Athletes, CEU Merit 65 Scholarships for Athletes and CEU Merit Athlete Support Scholarships for 2025-2026 represent, the decisions of the Scholarship Award Committee may be announced via a public event, either of an in-person nature or online. Successful applicants will also be notified on an individual basis.

Award-holders must expressly give their consent to provide their image rights to the Fundación Universitaria San Pablo-CEU, the parent organization of the CEU Cardenal Herrera University, with regard to any photographs or video footage taken during the award ceremony for the CEU Merit 100 Scholarships for Athletes, CEU Merit 65 Scholarships for Athletes and the CEU Merit Athlete Support Scholarships. This includes the right to reproduce, totally or partially, such images, while respecting our students' rights to dignity, honour and self-image, in accordance with the provisions of Organic Law 1/1982, of 5th May, regarding the right to freedom from injury to reputation, honour, personal and family privacy and self-image.

This authorization and consequent assignment of image rights to CEU UCH is provided free of any charge and without any time or geographical limitations. Such images will be used by the Fundación Universitaria San Pablo-CEU, the parent organization of the CEU Cardenal Herrera University, via its communication channels, websites and social network accounts solely for the purposes of disseminating and promoting the awards of CEU Merit 100 Scholarships for Athletes, CEU Merit 65 Scholarships for Athletes and CEU Athlete Support Scholarships for 2025-2026.

The students' personal data provided by applying for a scholarship will be processed in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European



Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and with Organic Law 3/2018, of 5th December, on data protection and digital rights.

In particular, the personal data of award-holders of CEU Merit 100 Scholarships for Athletes, CEU Merit 65 Scholarships for Athletes and CEU Athlete Support Scholarships may be disseminated to promote these scholarships via the communication channels, websites and social network accounts of the Fundación Universitaria San Pablo-CEU and the CEU Cardenal Herrera University, in accordance with previous subsection.

## 7. Refusing a scholarship

Applicants are warned that, if one of these scholarships is awarded to them and they decide not to take up the award, then any payments made in respect of the record creation fee (for new students at the University) or others concerning admission to the CEU Cardenal Herrera University will not be refunded. This will remain the case even if the student is awarded a different grant or scholarship which might be applied for at a later date.

## 8. Renewal conditions

### **CEU Merit 100 Scholarships for Athletes**

The award of one of these scholarships will be automatically renewed if the following requirements are met:

- Achievement of an average grade above 7.5 out of 10 in the academic year following the application.

In the case of dual degrees: an average grade of 7 out of 10 for both degree programmes.

Achieving this average grade will enable the scholarship to be renewed for the following academic year. A student will be considered to be following a dual degree programme if he or she is enrolled on more than 60 ECTS credits and these correspond to two different degree programmes. If this requirement is not met in a particular academic year, then the student will not be considered to be following a dual degree programme for the purposes of determining the average grade the student must achieve for the renewal of the scholarship.

- Continuing to be an elite or promising athlete.

### **CEU Merit 65 Scholarships for Athletes**

The award of one of these scholarships will be automatically renewed if the following requirements are met:



- Achievement of an average grade above 7 out of 10 in the academic year following the application.

In the case of dual degrees: an average grade of 6.5 out of 10 for both degree programmes.

Achieving this average grade will enable the scholarship to be renewed for the following academic year. A student will be considered to be following a dual degree programme if he or she is enrolled on more than 60 ECTS credits and these correspond to two different degree programmes. If this requirement is not met in a particular academic year, then the student will not be considered to be following a dual degree programme for the purposes of determining the average grade the student must achieve for the renewal of the scholarship.

- Continuing to be an elite or promising athlete.

### **CEU Athlete Support Scholarships**

The student will continue to enjoy the corresponding tuition fee discount for all years in which he or she continues with the degree, so long as he or she continues to meet the requirements to be considered to be an elite or promising athlete, as described in section 3 of these conditions and that he or she passes all courses and is awarded all the credits he or she enrolls on each year.

## **9. Reasons for losing a scholarship award**

An award of a CEU Merit 100 Scholarship for Athletes, CEU Merit 65 Scholarship for Athletes or a CEU Athlete Support Scholarship may cease in the following circumstances:

- An award-holder of a CEU Merit 100 Scholarship for Athletes, CEU Merit 65 Scholarship for Athletes or a CEU Athlete Support Scholarship during the previous academic year has not achieved the academic performance requirements laid out in section 8.
- An award-holder has had a sanction imposed on them as part of student disciplinary proceedings at the University.
- An award-holder has failed to meet their financial obligations to the University, after having been warned of this situation and having been given a period of fifteen days to resolve it.
- An award-holder ceases to fulfil the condition of being an elite or promising athlete in accordance with the description provided in section 3. In this case, the student may make an application for other grants and scholarships offered by the Fundación Universitaria San Pablo-CEU, the parent organization of the CEU Cardenal Herrera University. Such an application will be considered according to the same conditions as applications from other students, and the fact that the



applicant has previously received one of the scholarships described herein will have no bearing on any award decision.

In the case of an award-holder of a CEU Merit 100 Scholarship for Athletes, CEU Merit 65 Scholarship for Athletes or a CEU Athlete Support Scholarship who takes part in a study abroad programme and whose grades from this period do not meet the minimum described herein, a report regarding his or performance will be requested from the Office of the Vice-Rector for Internationalization and University Life, and/or his or her personal tutor. Due consideration will then be given to the issue of whether it is appropriate or not for the student to continue receiving a scholarship, with this being entirely at the University's discretion.

## 10. Incompatibility with other awards

An award of a CEU Merit 100 Scholarship for Athletes, CEU Merit 65 Scholarship for Athletes or a CEU Athlete Support Scholarship is incompatible with an award of any other grant or scholarship provided by Fundación Universitaria San Pablo-CEU: two such awards cannot be held simultaneously.

These scholarships are compatible with the standard grants (*Becas de carácter general*) offered every year by the Spanish Ministry of Education for students undertaking higher or further education. However, if a student achieves an award of such a *Beca de carácter general* and of a CEU Merit 100 Scholarship for Athletes, CEU Merit 65 Scholarship for Athletes or a CEU Athlete Support Scholarship, he or she must ensure that the two awards are compatible by informing the appropriate government agency (namely, the *Dirección General de Planificación y Gestión Educativa*, part of Spain's Ministry of Education).

If an incompatibility emerges after an award has been made, the Scholarship Award Committee may, entirely at its discretion, assign the scholarship to another student or not assign it at all.

## Scholarship Award Committee: members and powers

The Scholarship Award Committee of the Fundación Universitaria San Pablo-CEU, the parent organization of the CEU Cardenal Herrera University, is the body charged with awarding these scholarships to applicants, in accordance with these conditions.

The Committee's members include: the Rector, the General Manager, the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs and Digitalization, the Vice-Rector for Internationalization and University Life, the Head of the Sports Service and the Head of the Grants and Scholarships Service at the General Secretary's Office.

The decisions made by the Scholarship Award Committee will be final, made in accordance with these conditions, and communicated by the University, with the details of the decisions being provided to the General Manager's Office and the Grants and Scholarships Service.

The Scholarship Award Committee is the only body with the authority to interpret and apply these conditions and may, entirely at its discretion:

- Decide not to make the full number of awards after consideration of all the applications made.
- Decide that an award-holder of a CEU Merit 65 Scholarship for Athletes should receive a CEU Merit 100 Scholarship for Athletes, even if the student concerned does not meet all the requirements for the latter. Such a decision may be based on the student's academic or sporting record, or other meritorious skills or actions, such as knowledge of foreign languages or involvement in social, cultural or sporting activities.

It is possible that, due to academic and administrative reasons related to a particular degree, it may not be possible to communicate scholarship award decisions on the planned date. If this occurs, the scholarship applicants for that degree will be informed of the new date for the announcement of the decision before the initial planned decision date.

The University may decide that, after considering all the applications, waiting lists of up to three applicants should be established. These students, in strict order of priority, may then be awarded a scholarship if one becomes available in the fifteen days following the announcement of the award decisions.

## **Acceptance of these conditions**

As applicants freely choose to make an application for one of these scholarships, for which the selection process is regulated by these conditions, the Fundación Universitaria San Pablo-CEU, the parent organization of the CEU Cardenal Herrera University, assumes that applicants have read and accept these conditions and it accepts no liability for any loss deriving from participation in the process. The fact of submitting an application means that the applicant has accepted these conditions.

Any previous information which applicants may have seen regarding the CEU Merit 100 Scholarships for Athletes, CEU Merit 65 Scholarships for Athletes or the CEU Athlete Support Scholarships for 2025-26 is superseded by the content of this document.

## Data protection

<b>Data controller</b>	"Fundación Universitaria San Pablo-CEU", the parent organization of the CEU Cardenal Herrera University.
<b>Purpose</b>	To administer applications for the award of CEU Merit 100 Scholarships for Athletes, CEU Merit 65 Scholarships for Athletes or CEU Athlete Support Scholarships for 2025-26 by the CEU Cardenal Herrera University and any associated services. The personal data of the award-holders may be publicised in order to promote these scholarships via the communication channels, websites and social network accounts of the Fundación Universitaria San Pablo-CEU and the CEU Cardenal Herrera University.
<b>Lawful basis</b>	The applicant's consent.
<b>Disclosures</b>	Personal data may be provided to third parties. No international transfers of data are planned.
<b>Rights</b>	Access, rectification, restriction of processing, and to make a complaint to the supervising authority, amongst other rights. For more details, see the additional information.
<b>Additional information</b>	You can see more detailed information about data protection on our website. <a href="http://www.ceu.es/protecciondatosinscripcionactividades">http://www.ceu.es/protecciondatosinscripcionactividades</a>

In accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, repealing Directive 95/46/EC, and Organic Law 3/2018, of 5th December, on the protection of personal data and digital rights, we hereby inform you that the controller of the personal data you provide as part of your application for a CEU Merit 100 Scholarship for Athletes, a CEU Merit 65 Scholarship for Athletes, or a CEU Athlete Support Scholarship, offered by the CEU Cardenal Herrera University for 2025-26, will be the FUNDACIÓN UNIVERSITARIA SAN PABLO CEU (hereinafter FUSP-CEU), the University's parent organization. The purpose of the collation of this data is to administer your application. No data profiling is planned.

FUSP-CEU asserts that the legal basis for the processing of your personal data derives from the consent provided by you in making an application.

Furthermore, FUSP-CEU informs you that the personal data provided in this form will be stored for as long as there the legal relationship between you and FUSP-CEU exists.

By signing this form, you expressly consent to FUSP-CEU communicating your personal data to foundations and institutions which form part of, or are affiliated with, FUSP-CEU, for administrative purposes and to keep you informed of the activities and projects undertaken by them.



In the same way, you consent to your data being communicated to third parties who administer activities you have registered for. Your data will only be communicated when it is strictly necessary to do so for the activity to take place.

No international transfers of your data are planned.

You can also contact FUSP-CEU's Data Protection Officer (*Delegado de Protección de Datos*) in writing, either by post at C/ Tutor nº35 - 28008 Madrid or by email at [dpd@ceu.es](mailto:dpd@ceu.es).

In the exercise of your rights deriving from data protection legislation, you may contact the data protection authority regarding any concerns you may have and you may also exercise your rights of access, rectification, restriction of processing, erasure, data portability and to object to the processing of your data, and indeed to withdraw your consent for such processing, by writing to the Office of the Vice-Rector for Internationalization and University Life or the Vice-Rector for Quality and Students at C/ Ramón y Cajal s/n, 46115 Alfara del Patriarca (Valencia), or by sending an email to [sec.vint@uchceu.es](mailto:sec.vint@uchceu.es).