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UNIVERSITY NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP

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## PREAMBLE

With a view to

- promoting and developing connections between the FIFA/CIES Programme in Sport Management (hereinafter «the Programme») and the FIFA Master;
- reinforcing the feeling of belonging of Programme alumni within the CIES community;
- reinforcing the visibility and appeal of the Programme;

CIES has decided, on the recommendation of the International University Network, to create a FIFA/CIES International University Network Scholarship (hereinafter «the Scholarship») for the purpose of financing participation of a Programme alumnus in the FIFA Master.

## ARTICLE 1 - FIFA/CIES INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP

- The Scholarship, to the amount of CHF 45,000.00 (forty-five thousand Swiss Francs), is intended to cover the registration costs for the FIFA Master as well as all or part of the living expenses (in particular accommodation, travel expenses, etc.) of the beneficiary linked to his/her participation in the FIFA Master.
- CIES decides on the terms of payment of the Scholarship.
- If necessary, CIES can ask the beneficiary for precise information on the use of the Scholarship.
- No additional amount will be granted to the beneficiary.
- In principle, the Scholarship cannot be broken down among several applicants and is fully granted to a single beneficiary.
- Should the Scholarship not be granted, the corresponding amount will not be carried forward and/or cumulated from one year to another.
- The beneficiary must attend the edition of the FIFA Master for which the Scholarship was granted (no postponement is possible).
- CIES may decide at any time to stop the annual award of the Scholarship.
- Because of the great interest shown in the Scholarship, CIES strongly recommends that applicants seek other sources of funding (public or private) so that their participation in the FIFA Master does not depend only on the present procedure.

## ARTICLE 2 - CRITERIA FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Students may apply for the Scholarship provided they comply with the following criteria:

- The student must have successfully completed the FIFA/CIES Programme in Sport Management and must have been awarded the corresponding diploma/certificate (regardless of the year in which the corresponding diploma/certificate was awarded).
- The student must have met all his/her financial obligations with respect to the University where he/she was awarded the diploma/certificate.
- The student must comply with the other criteria as defined in the rules concerning the FIFA Master (see <http://www.cies.ch/education/fifa-master/apply-to-the-fifa-master/criteria-for-applying/>). Among these rules: The student must have obtained a university degree, must have an excellent command of the English language (spoken, written and comprehension) as well as professional experience.

## ARTICLE 3 - PROCEDURE

Applicants are required to do the following:

- Follow the ordinary application procedure implemented by CIES for the FIFA Master (see <http://www.cies.ch/education/fifa-master/apply-to-the-fifa-master/application-instructions/>) and meet the stipulated deadlines.
- When they register, they must confirm their application for the Scholarship using the official FIFA Master application form (item 3 “Funding”, confirming that they do not have sufficient funds “I confirm that I do not have sufficient fund”), filling in all the required fields under the item “Funding”, and mentioning under item 5 (“Other information”) “I am an alumni of the FIFA/CIES Programme”, while specifying the university where they were awarded their diploma/certificate as well as the year of graduation.

## ARTICLE 4 - COMMITMENTS OF THE BENEFICIARY

The beneficiary undertakes to:

- Successfully complete the FIFA Master.
- Comply with the present regulations as well as with the rules and decisions of CIES and of the partner universities concerning the FIFA Master.
- Immediately inform CIES should he/she be awarded another scholarship to finance his/her participation in the FIFA Master.
- Undertakes to write at least two articles during each of the modules of the FIFA Master, concerning its leisure and academic activities. The articles can be published by CIES and by other entities chosen by CIES.

Should the beneficiary not complete the FIFA Master, use all or part of the Scholarship for purposes other than those defined herein, or fail to comply with the above-mentioned regulations and decisions, CIES may suspend payment of the Scholarship, require the beneficiary to refund the amount received and/or possibly take other measures.

## **ARTICLE 5 - DECISION ON THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

On the recommendation of the FIFA Master Scientific Committee, CIES makes its decision based on academic and financial criteria (see above). In principle, the decision is announced before the end of the month of March preceding the beginning of the FIFA Master.

CIES is not required to award the Scholarship if it considers that the applications do not correspond to the applicable criteria.

CIES decisions are final. No appeals may be lodged.

## **ARTICLE 6 - OTHER DECISIONS**

In consultation with the FIFA Master Scientific Committee, CIES alone makes any and all decisions concerning cases which are not mentioned in the present regulations.

## **ARTICLE 7 - FINAL PROVISIONS**

These regulations apply as from September 1, 2011.