



JAVIER MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

SOME COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the award value of the Javier Scholarship?

The Javier Scholarship has a three-year award value of 12,000 € and an academic year award value of 4,000 € per year. Half of the yearly award value will be credited to your fall semester tuition costs; the other half will be credited to your spring semester tuition costs. Your scholarship eligibility begins in fall and continues for a maximum of six semesters or until you complete a bachelor's degree, whichever occurs first.

How can my place in the SLU-Madrid freshman class and my eligibility for University-funded financial aid be secured?

As an admitted freshman student, you must submit a non-refundable 200 € confirmation fee to the Office of Admissions and formally accept your scholarship award (through the attached form) by August 1, in order to secure both your place in the freshman class and your eligibility for the Javier Scholarship.

Is the Javier Scholarship renewable?

The Javier Scholarship is renewable over a maximum of six semesters of continuous, full-time, undergraduate enrollment, or until completion of a bachelor's degree, whichever occurs first. Renewal is contingent upon the student maintaining a 3.3 cumulative grade point average (GPA) at Saint Louis University.

What happens if a Javier Scholarship recipient does not maintain the requisite renewal 3.3 cumulative GPA?

If a Javier Scholarship recipient's cumulative SLU GPA falls below the requisite renewal 3.3 cumulative GPA, as reviewed at the end of each spring semester, he/she may lose some or all of the scholarship based on the cumulative GPA.

What is expected of a Javier Scholarship recipient?

Javier Scholarship recipients are expected to adhere to the University's published student codes of conduct and to participate in University activities that support and further the mission of Saint Louis University – Madrid Campus. A scholarship recipient is also required, if asked, to participate in the University's efforts to thank its donors who fund the Javier Scholarship program. As such, Javier Scholarship recipients may be asked to write a letter of appreciation.

May a Javier Scholarship be used for summer tuition expenses?

No. The Javier Scholarship may only be used for full-time, undergraduate tuition expenses in the fall and spring semesters of the academic year.

Can a Javier Scholarship be used to study abroad?

For Saint Louis University – Madrid students spending a semester as a visiting (i.e. study abroad) student on the Saint Louis University – St. Louis Campus, the Javier Scholarship may be used towards tuition expenses.

For Saint Louis University – Madrid students visiting or moving permanently to the Saint Louis University – St. Louis Campus, his/her Javier Scholarship will automatically convert to the Jesuit Transfer Scholarship, which is managed by the St. Louis Campus. (The recipient will then be responsible for fulfilling the particular conditions of that scholarship.) Upon a student's return to the SLU-Madrid Campus, the scholarship will be converted back to the Javier Scholarship.

The Javier Scholarship cannot be applied towards the cost of study abroad programs sponsored by other universities, other than those with whom the Madrid Campus has a formal exchange agreement.

What happens if a Javier Scholarship recipient interrupts his/her required continuous, undergraduate, full-time enrollment? Can a Javier Scholarship recipient take a leave of absence without losing his/her scholarship eligibility for future semesters?

If a scholarship recipient has to leave the University for any reason, including a suspension, and/or cannot maintain continuous, undergraduate, full-time, fall/spring enrollment, he/she may request a Scholarship Leave of Absence with the Coordinator of Financial Aid. Such a request may not exceed one academic year in length. The Leave of Absence request form must be submitted and receive approval before the start of the semester(s) when absence from the University or deviation from enrollment policy requirements is expected. On this form, a student must explain why it is necessary to leave the University or attend in a less than full-time status and must state when he/she will return to the University as a full-time undergraduate.

Without a granted Leave of Absence, the student's scholarship renewal eligibility will terminate at the start of that semester without appeal.

If approved, a Leave of Absence permits a scholarship recipient to be absent from the University or be enrolled less than full-time over an approved academic period without jeopardizing his/her scholarship renewal eligibility.

Can a Javier Scholarship be combined with other sources of financial aid?

While students may receive only one Saint Louis University merit-based scholarship, the scholarship they receive may be combined with need-based financial assistance and/or outside funding.

SLU-Madrid students demonstrating need may be eligible for some tuition remission through the Work-Grant Program. (For more information, cf. enclosed information sheet.)

Permanent SLU-Madrid students from the United States seeking need-based aid may also do so through the FAFSA process. To qualify for federal/state free or need-based assistance, U.S. students should, between January 1 and March 1, annually file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). It can be done online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Priority consideration is given to students who file the FAFSA by March 1; after March 1, need-based financial aid will be awarded based on the availability of funds. Please note: You do NOT have to file a FAFSA application in order to maintain eligibility for the Javier Scholarship, which is merit-based.

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