



President's Decision No. 29/06 of 18 December 2006

Laying down the provisions for maternity allowance for research students at the European University Institute

The President

Having regard to High Council Decision no 6/06 of 8 December 2006 establishing a researchers' grant fund and a social benefit fund supporting Institute researchers' maternity leave,

having regard to the Institute's *Academic Rules and Regulations for the Doctoral Programme*, and in particular Chapter 4 (*General Regulations*), articles 4.3. (i) and 4.5 (i) concerning m/paternity leave, where it is stated that both male and female researchers have a right to a period of parental leave which, in the case of the birth of a child, may be up to 12 months,

whereas there is a need to grant financial assistance to female researchers in the stages of late pregnancy, childbirth and initial child care where they are not covered for the same by national social or grant benefits, and to adopt provisions for the payment of such allowances,

has decided as follows:

Article 1

As of 1 January 2007, female research students registered at the EUI who are not in receipt of maternity benefit from their own national grant-awarding or social security authority, may claim financial support from the Institute. Hereinafter, this support shall be referred to as 'maternity allowance'.

Article 2

Any claim for a maternity allowance to cover a period of maternity before this date shall not be considered under this decision.

Article 3

Any researcher claiming maternity allowance must already have been granted maternity leave by the Admissions Committee in accordance with the Institute's *Academic Rules and Regulations for the Doctoral Programme*.

Article 4

Any researcher submitting a claim for maternity allowance shall submit the request to the Academic Service, providing evidence of when the baby is due/was born in the form of a maternity or medical certificate, or birth certificate of the child.

Article 5

Researchers who are eligible to receive maternity allowance from the Institute may, subject to the funds available in a given financial year, receive a payment of up to four months of grant. The monthly amount of the maternity allowance shall be based on the amount set each year for the Institute's fourth-year grant. To this shall be added a sum to cover the health insurance premium and family allowances (as foreseen by the Institute's grant conditions for the fourth-year grant).

Article 6

The award of a maternity allowance from any other source shall automatically exclude the researcher from receiving maternity allowance from the Institute over that same period. In cases where the amount of the alternative allowance is lower than that awarded by the Institute, the researcher may submit a request for the Institute to pay a complement to that sum. Similarly, if the period covered by the alternative source is less than the four months maximum foreseen for the EUI allowance, the researcher may submit a request for the Institute to cover the difference.

Article 7

This decision shall enter into force on 1 January 2007.

Done at Florence, 18 December 2006

The President

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