

Guidelines to implement the *Iskolar ng Bayan Act (RA 10648)* in AY 2021-2022

19 July 2021

Republic Act 10648, also known as the *Iskolar ng Bayan Act*, was signed into law on 27 November 2014. In AY 2021-2022, all admission and scholarship provisions will still be in place, except for Section 4 (d) of the Act that provides automatic admission for the top ten graduating students of public high schools.

In light of this change, the following Guidelines are issued to assist the UP Office of Admissions, UP Office of Student Financial Assistance, CU Offices of the University Registrar, and the CU Student Affairs Units in the implementation of the INB Program in Academic Year 2021-2022.

OVERVIEW

IN support of the objective of the INB Act to democratize access to higher education for deserving public high school graduates, UP will continue allocating five (5) percent of the number of first-year enrollees of the two previous years as slots for eligible INB applicants every year

As in the previous years, all INB grantees in Academic Year 2021-2022 are entitled to free college education when they register in UP. Upon confirmation of their admission to the University, INB Grantees will enroll in the UP Campus in the region where their high schools are located.

ELIGIBILITY

UP will accept applications from high school graduates who satisfy the following conditions:

- Must be a Filipino citizen
- Must have graduated from a Public High School in the Philippines within two (2) years prior to AY 2021-2022
- Must provide a certification from the public high school, duly signed by the school principal, of the rank of the applicant in the Top Ten of the graduating (Grade 12) class
- Must be enrolling for the first time in college and has no credited previous college work
- Must have obtained a rating (UPG) designated by UP as the minimum for a student to qualify for the UP campus where the student filed an INB application

APPLICATION

Eligible individuals must file with the Student Affairs Units of the UP campus where they intend to enroll, a complete set of application requirements to the Student Affairs Units of the UP campus where they intend to enroll.

To qualify for the program, the applicant must submit the following:

- Duly accomplished UP INB Application Form

- A certification from their public high school, duly signed by the School Principal, that the applicant belongs to the top ten students of the graduating class.
- Notice from the UP Office of Admissions indicating the students' UPG¹.

Applicants must submit all requirements on or before 30 July 2021 (Friday).

Except for the UP Open University, UP campuses will only accept public high school graduates from regions where a UP campus is located.

SCREENING

The CU Committee on Scholarships and Financial Assistance (CU CSFA), or its equivalent in the campus, will evaluate INB applications.

The CSFA shall screen applicants and make recommendations based on:

- The number of INB slots and minimum UPG²
- The rank order of applicants per campus³
- The priority programs identified by the CU for INB Grantees⁴

The University Committee on Student Affairs (UCSA) shall confirm the recommendations from the CSFA to determine the INB Grantees for AY 2021-2022. Unfilled slots of a UP Campus may be turned over to another UP Campus in need of more INB slots during the UCSA meeting to confirm the INB Grantees.

Table 1 presents the regions where the CUs can admit potential INB grantees, the INB slots per UP campus, and the minimum UPG to be eligible in the UP campus.

Table 1

UP Campus	Regions where UP can accept INB applicants⁵	Minimum UPG to be eligible	INB Slots for AY 2021-2022
UP Baguio	Cordillera Administrative Region	2.700	51
UP Cebu	Central Visayas Region (Region VII)	2.700	35

¹ Prior to AY 2021-2022, INB grantees were admitted to UP without taking the UPCAT. Grantees were determined after the ranking based on High School Weighted Average. Beginning AY 2021-2022, INB applicants must have satisfied the minimum requirements of the UP unit they intend to enroll in.

² To be provided by the UP Office of Admissions.

³ If there are more INB slots than eligible applicants in the campus, all eligible INB applicants are endorsed to the UCSA for confirmation. If there are more applicants than INB slots, rank order shall be determined based on UPG.

⁴ To be provided by the CU Office of the University Registrar.

⁵ Regions are based on the address of the Public High School where the applicant graduated.

UP Diliman	National Capital Region	2.325	170
UP Diliman – Pampanga	Central Luzon Region (Region III)	2.549	13
UP Los Baños	CALABARZON (Region IV-A)	2.800	147
UP Manila	National Capital Region	2.580	62
UP Mindanao	Davao Region (Region XI)	2.800	28
UP Open University	All Regions of the Philippines	2.800	25
UP Visayas – Iloilo	Western Visayas Region (Region VI)	2.700	60
UP Visayas – Tacloban	Eastern Visayas Region (Region VIII)	2.749	29
UP System Total INB Slots for AY 2021-2022⁶			620

TIMELINE OF ACTIVITIES

Table 2 presents the timeline for the Application, Screening, and Confirmation in 2021:

Table 2

19 July 2021	UP Student Affairs Units will begin accepting applications
30 July 2021	The last day for INB applicants to submit requirements
5-9 August 2021	CU CSFA deliberations
9-11 August 2021	UCSA confirmation of endorsed INB grantees
12-15 August 2021	UP Student Affairs Units to inform confirmed INB Grantees

⁶ Total number of INB slots shall be equal to five (5) percent of the two previous years' first year enrollees in UP.