

FOR 100% TUITION REIMBURSEMENT, FOR AN ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE SCHOOL

To the attention of the administration,

We, the Work.Master graduates, signatories of this letter, request that the 100% reimbursement of diploma fees up to 1000 CHF be implemented immediately.

Indeed, we believe that the current system of 50% reimbursement of diploma fees is a discriminatory system that contributes to the accessibility to the school according to the economic capital of its students. At the moment, the majority of students remain in relatively precarious economic situations, most of us work alongside our studies at HEAD or are on scholarship, but these incomes allow us above all to meet our basic needs. Moreover, access to these resources is already unequal because it is based on criteria such as the nationality of the students, or human resources (contacts). The financial and social situation of the students should not be a determining factor in the quality of the degree work and in the conditions of its realization.

The COVID-19 pandemic has, in spite of itself, brought to light and in a very clear manner the places where numerous discriminations are played out, which the system makes invisible, particularly on the economic level. At the school level, the pandemic has made evident the differences in resources between students and HEAD has been able to react by adjusting the system of reimbursement of 100% of diploma fees. In 2023, two years after the end of the pandemic, we note that these gaps in resources between students that the pandemic highlighted are still very much present and we believe that a return to the old system of reimbursement would ignore these inequalities.

Contrary to the argument that the 50% reimbursement system would limit "abuses", we would first like to remind you that our requests for reimbursement are studied and then accepted or refused according to their coherence with the proposed degree project. Moreover, it is not in the interest and often in the possibility of any of us to spend money that we must first of all advance.

The reimbursement of 100% of the diploma fees would represent a considerable relief for the students whose quality of practice and their conditions of realization are today conditioned by this question of savings of means.

Therefore, we ask you to implement without delay the system of reimbursement of 100% of the diploma fees up to a maximum amount of 1000 CHF.

The students of the Work.Master.