

國立中興大學培育優秀博士生獎學金試辦方案

NATIONAL CHUNG HSING UNIVERSITY Scholarship Pilot Program to Cultivate Outstanding Doctoral Students

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I. The purpose: National Chung Hsing University (hereinafter referred to as **the University**), in order to cultivate the talents in the basic scientific research, reward the outstanding doctoral students with the research potential and support them to concentrate on the research work with peace of mind, hereby formulates “Scholarship Pilot Program to Cultivate Outstanding Doctoral Students” (hereinafter referred to as **the Pilot Program**) according to the “Scholarship Pilot Program of National Science and Technology Council to Subsidize Universities and Colleges to Cultivate Outstanding Doctoral Students”.

II. The scholarship qualifications and restrictions:

(I) After the University’s annual screening test or examination for the doctoral program or the application to enter the various departments (institutes, degree programs) of the University to study for a doctoral degree or directly pursue a doctoral degree in the current year, the first-year students (including the early-entry students) with good grades and research potential may apply for this scholarship.

(II) Those students with one of the following circumstances may not apply for this scholarship:

1. Those who apply for the examination with the status to be in-service students.
2. Those who suspend their schooling, retain their admission qualifications or have not completed their enrolment during the year of admittance.

3. Those who have received the scholarship approved by the government and are receiving more than NT\$20,000 (inclusive) per month and for a period of more than 2 years (inclusive); if the receiving method of the approved scholarship is the total amount, then it is calculated based on an average of NT\$20,000 (inclusive) or more per month and a period of 2 years (inclusive) or more.
4. The students from Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau.

III. The principle of the scholarship quota allocation:

- (I) The university-wide scholarship quota for each year shall be approved by National Science and Technology Council.
- (II) The quota of the doctoral student scholarships in each college of the University is allocated based on the proportion of the number of the ordinary students (including the students directly pursuing a doctoral degree and the foreign students) registered in the doctoral program of each college accounted for the number of the doctoral students registered in the whole university in the current year, and an appropriate quota for the humanities and social fields should be ensured considered so as to achieve the balanced development among all the fields in principle.

IV. Duration and amount of scholarships:

- (I) Duration of scholarships: from the first year to the fourth year of the doctoral program, the annual scholarship duration commences on September 1 of the current year and ends on August 31 of the following year. For those who graduate prior to the end of the fourth year, the scholarships end as of the month of graduation. Regular evaluation shall be carried out in each academic year in compliance with item VII of this Pilot Program, and only those who pass the evaluation are eligible for scholarships for the following academic year.
- (II) Amount of scholarships: A scholarship of NT\$40,000 per month is rewarded for each doctoral student, and it is shared by National Science and Technology Council and the University. The scholarship awardee is rewarded NT\$30,000 by National Science and Technology Council and NT\$10,000 by the University every month during the first and second year of the doctoral program. During the third and fourth year of the study, National Science and Technology Council rewards NT\$20,000 and the University NT\$20,000 every month.

V. Method of application:

- (I) Procedure for application: Every year, the National Science and Technology

Council informs the University of the total quota for scholarship awardees. And then, the Office of Research and Development announces the deadline for colleges to submit applications and the quota for awardees in each field. After that, colleges receive doctoral students' applications and preliminary review recommendations.

(II) Application documents:

1. The application form.
2. The master's transcripts over the years.
3. The research plan for pursuing a doctoral degree (limited to 10 pages in Chinese and/or English, including references). Any research plan with more than ten pages shall not be reviewed.
4. Other materials helpful to the review (such as the research works and achievements, participation in the research projects [including the expected participation in the research projects], participation in the domestic and international seminars, outstanding deeds, reward-winning records, proof of English ability, recommendation letters, and others).

VI. Selection criteria and review mechanism

(I) Establishment of a university-level review committee: composed of Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of Research and Development, Dean of Academic Affairs, Dean of Student Affairs, and Dean of International Affairs.

(II) Review procedures

1. The preliminary review of the first stage: each college will conduct a review based on the applicant's qualifications and research potential. After the preliminary review is passed by review committees, each college will submit the scholarship recommendation list, the minutes of the college-level review meeting and the application documents of the students recommended for the reexamination of the second stage. The review process must be in conformity with the principle of interest avoidance and confidentiality.
2. Reexamination of the second stage:
 - (1) The reexamination is carried out by the “university-level reexamination committee”.
 - (2) If the member of the reexamination committee is unable to attend for some reason, an agent may be entrusted to attend and exercise the rights and obligations, but the relationship between the agent and the scholarship applicant must comply with the principle of conflict of interest avoidance.

VII. Regular evaluation mechanism for the scholarship awardees: Evaluation for the approved awardees shall be conducted in writing (including the research performance comments and suggestions) by their respective advisors and head of the department (institute, degree program) by July 31 of the year following the first, second and third year of the scholarships. Such written evaluation shall be sent to their colleges for review committees. Only those who pass the evaluation are eligible for scholarships for the following academic year.

VIII. Tracking mechanism for the reward achievement benefit:

(I) Two months prior to the expiration of the scholarships (i.e., before June 30 of the year following the fourth year of the scholarships), the approved awardees shall be evaluated by their advisors and department (institute, degree program) heads for study and research performance during university years (who will also give research performance comments and guidance recommendations). The evaluation results shall be submitted to college meetings for review, and scholarship awardees shall present their research reports at college meetings. Colleges shall submit the Research Achievements Tracking and Evaluation Report Upon the End of the Scholarship Term in writing and the minutes of college-level review meetings to the Office of Research and Development for future examinations one month prior to the expiration of the scholarships.

(II) The scholarship-winning students shall agree to be tracked and investigated about the flow direction within 3 years after the graduation by the Office of Student Affairs and the Office of International Affairs and other units.

IX. Issuance of the scholarships shall be suspended or terminated if any doctoral awardees are in any of the following circumstances:

(I) For the students who fail to pass the regular evaluation as provided in Item VII of this Pilot Program, issuance of the scholarships for the next academic year will be suspended.

(II) Suspension of schooling: Issuance of the scholarships shall be suspended from the month of the suspension of schooling.

(III) Drop out of the University: Issuance of the scholarships shall be terminated from the month of dropping out of the University.

(IV) The students directly pursuing a doctoral degree transfer to or return to the master's program: Issuance of the scholarships shall be terminated from the semester in which they transfer to or return to the master's program.

- (V) Transfer to another college of the University: Issuance of the scholarships shall be terminated as of the semester when the transfer takes place.
- (VI) In case of any verified violation of the academic ethics-related norms, improper research behavior, full-time work in public or private institutions, or violation of other laws and regulations, etc., issuance of the scholarships shall be terminated from the month of confirmation of the event.
- (VII) Issuance of the scholarships shall be terminated upon meeting resolutions if the colleges or relevant meetings of the University decide not to issue the scholarships to any scholarship awardees.

X. Quota vacancy filling mechanism: In case of a vacancy of the approved quota of each college, the original college shall apply for filling the vacancy, hold an open election among doctoral students enrolled in the same academic year, and recommend new doctoral students following the same procedure used for new applications in the new academic year. The colleges must submit the recommendation list to the college-level review committee for reexamination and approval.

XI. If a scholarship-winning student is found to have provided untrue or falsified information, or have any improper research behavior, full-time work in public or private institutions, violation of academic ethics-related norms or other laws and regulations, etc., his/her qualification for the scholarship shall be revoked, and he/she shall have to refund the scholarship amount already received by him/her, and be required to assume relevant responsibilities in regard to the circumstances.

XII. During the period of receiving this scholarship, it is not allowed to repeatedly receive any other scholarships of the same nature from the government agencies.

XIII. The source of funding:

- (I) The scholarships are funded by the subsidy from National Science and Technology Council under the Ministry's program of "The Scholarships for Universities and Colleges to Cultivate Outstanding Doctoral Students", the self-raised school affairs fund of the University and the subsidies from other government agencies (excluding the National Science and Technology Council).
- (II) This scholarship may be suspended or the rewarding quota may be adjusted in accordance with the subsidy situation of National Science and Technology Council

and the matching fundraising situation of the University.

XIV. Any matters not covered herein in this Pilot Program, shall be subject to the applicable regulations of National Science and Technology Council, Ministry of Education and the University.

XV. This Pilot Program will take effect after petitioned to and approved by the president and submitted to, reviewed and approved by National Science and Technology Council, which shall applies to any amendments thereto.

Note: This written Pilot Program is in both Chinese and English languages. In the event of any inconsistency or conflict between the two languages, the Chinese text shall prevail.