

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 Ministry of Science and Technology 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 Ministry of Science and Technology.
- (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 of the doctoral program 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. 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 will be approved for the scholarship of the next 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 Ministry of Science and Technology and the University. The scholarship awardee is rewarded NT\$30,000 by Ministry of Science and Technology 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, Ministry of Science and Technology rewards NT\$20,000 and the University NT\$20,000 every month.

V. Method of application:

- (I) The application time: After Ministry of Science and Technology notifies the University of the total quota available on the scholarship, Office of the Research and Development NCHU will announce the application schedule and the

scholarship quota to be offered for various fields.

(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).
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, each college will submit the scholarship recommendation list and related materials for the reexamination of the second stage.
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, and the scholarship for the next academic year will be approved on condition of

passing the evaluation.

VIII. Tracking mechanism for the reward achievement benefit:

- (I) 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) two month before the end of the scholarship duration (by June 30 of the year following the 4th scholarship year). Such written evaluation shall be sent to the university-level review committee for review, and the awardees will report the research results.
- (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. The scholarship duration is limited to four years. In case of any event as specified in the following Subparagraphs (I) to (V), issuance of the scholarship shall be stopped or terminated, and substitute candidates may refill the vacancies:

- (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. If the students pass the regular evaluation in the next academic year, they can continue to receive the scholarships on a monthly basis in the next academic year.
- (II) Suspension of schooling: Issuance of the scholarships shall be suspended from the month of the suspension of schooling. If the students resume their schooling during the original scholarship duration, they can continue to receive the scholarships on a monthly basis after resumption of their schooling till the end of the original scholarship duration.
- (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) 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.
- (VI) For the terminated scholarship quota with regard to the preceding Subparagraph

(III), (IV), and (V), the original application college may select substitutes from among the doctoral students who enroll in the same year according to this Pilot Program. After passing the review, the application college shall petition to the president, and upon the president's approval, the recommended candidates shall fill the vacancies.

X. 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.

XI. 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.

XII. The source of funding:

- (I) The scholarships are funded by the subsidy from Ministry of Science and Technology 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.
- (II) This scholarship may be suspended or the rewarding quota may be adjusted in accordance with the subsidy situation of Ministry of Science and Technology and the matching fundraising situation of the University.

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

XIV. This Pilot Program will take effect after petitioned to and approved by the president and submitted to, reviewed and approved by Ministry of Science and Technology, 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.