

# **National Taiwan University of Science and Technology Scholarship Program for Outstanding Doctoral Students**

## **I. Basis**

The program shall be implemented in accordance with the pilot program for Doctoral Research Scholarships of the National Science and Technology Council (hereafter: NSTC) (Issued by Letter No. 1120060721 of the Science and Technology Council on September 13, 112, Republic of China)

## **II. Purpose**

This program has been established to cultivate talent in basic scientific research by providing support for outstanding doctoral students with research potential, allowing them to fully concentrate on their research without financial concerns.

## **III. Scholarship quota**

The number of scholarships will be determined in accordance with the quota set by the NSTC for the current year.

## **IV. Scholarship Value**

Each doctoral student will receive a monthly scholarship of NTD 40,000. The award period will begin in the first year of the doctoral program and continue until the end of the third year. For those who graduate within three years, the scholarship will be provided until the month of graduation. The full amount of the scholarship will be covered by the NTSC.

## **V. Scholarship Period**

This pilot program starts from the 2024 academic year with funding disbursed on the 15th of each month, starting from September 1st of the admission year until August 31st of the third year. For first-year PhD students who register early in February, the award period can retroactively start from February.

The scholarship will terminate in the month of graduation in the third year of the doctoral program.

For those selected from the backup list, the scholarship payments will begin from the month of selection and continue until the month of graduation or, at most, until the end of the third year of the doctoral program. Retroactive payments will not be provided.

**“N.B.: Students may also submit their applications for the Doctoral Research Scholarships of the National Science and Technology Council directly to the NSTC. The regulations below do NOT apply to candidates who have been selected by the NSTC . ”**

## **VI. Allocation of quotas**

The number of scholarships for each NTUST graduate institute or department will be determined by taking into account factors like the proportion of research funding by the NSTC (with research projects and funding in the field of humanities being weighted by 150% to ensure balance across fields), the number of enrolled doctoral students, and the compatibility of the applicants' research fields with national research policy.

## **VII. Eligibility, selection criteria, review and replacement mechanism**

- i. Eligibility:  
First-year NTUST doctoral students are entitled to apply once for this three-year scholarship program. If a student takes a leave of absence, withdraws from the program, or graduates during the scholarship period, the scholarship payments will be discontinued. Students on leave, students who have resumed their studies, and students in on-the-job study programs, as well as students from China, Hong Kong, and Macao are not eligible to apply.
- ii. Application information:  
Doctoral students should apply to their respective departments according to the application method the date announced by the University. The following documents are required:
  1. Master's degree certificate (not required for direct-entry doctoral students)
  2. Master's Thesis (not required for direct-entry doctoral students)
  3. Letter of recommendation from the supervisor
  4. Doctoral research proposal
  5. Other supporting materials beneficial for review (e.g., past awards, publications)
- iii. Review procedure:
  1. Each graduate institute or department will create a list of scholarship nominees from eligible students, up to 15% of the department's doctoral student quota. If there are more than two nominees, the list must be ranked before being submitted to the college for review.
  2. Each college will select a list of scholarship nominees from eligible students, up to 10% of the college's doctoral student quota. The list must be ranked before being submitted to the University for review.
  3. The University will convene the "Outstanding Doctoral Scholarship Review Committee" to review the list of nominees from each college. The first-ranked nominee from each college will be directly admitted. The scholarship list should consider the unique characteristics of each college and ensure a balance between disciplines.
- iv. Establishment of the Review Panels and Review Committee
  1. Each graduate institute or department shall establish a review panel to select scholarship nominees and produce meeting minutes of the review process. These minutes should be submitted to the respective college.
  2. Each college shall form a college-level review committee to review and rank the nominees of their respective graduate institutes or departments.
  3. The Provost (Dean of Academic Affairs) will convene the "Outstanding Doctoral Scholarship Review Committee", with deans of each college serving as the committee members, to conduct the review and select the best candidates for the doctoral scholarships.
- v. Substitution mechanism:  
If a scholarship recipient does not meet the renewal criteria during their doctoral studies or if they take a leave of absence or withdraw from the program, their scholarship will be terminated. Their spot will be filled by

candidates from the waiting list.

### **VIII. Renewal Review Mechanism for Scholarship Recipients**

The scholarship recipients must submit the following documents to their departments for renewal one month before the end of each semester of the award period (i.e., by the end of January and July each year):

- i. Academic transcripts of the current semester with no failing grades (the passing standard for graduate students is "B-")
- ii. Annual study status report (including current status during the study period, academic achievements/productions, or participation in international activities, etc.)
- iii. Recommendation letter for renewal of the scholarship for the next semester

If a student has failing grades or does not comply with the aforementioned regulations, their scholarship renewal eligibility will be revoked, and their spot will be filled by candidates from the waiting list. The university will regularly review the submitted documents from scholarship recipients and assess whether there are significant issues such as taking a leave of absence, withdrawing from the program, engaging in full-time work outside the university, violating university regulations, or poor academic performance. The renewal eligibility will be evaluated accordingly.

### **IX. Mechanism for Tracking the Benefits and Outcomes of the Scholarship**

Scholarship recipients should submit relevant reports at the end of each semester, including summaries of research activities participated in, status of journal submissions, experiences shared or connections made domestically, as well as tracking of their progress within three years after graduation.

### **X. This pilot program adopts an annual rolling review approach, adjusting program content as necessary to fully realize the anticipated benefits of the program.**

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