

# **National Chung Hsing University Scholarship Regulations for Foreign Degree-seeking Students**

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**Article 1** These Regulations are established to provide scholarships for foreign degree-seeking students with the aim of recruiting outstanding international students and encouraging those currently enrolled at the University. "Foreign degree-seeking students" shall refer to individuals admitted in accordance with the National Chung Hsing University Regulations for the Admission of International Students.

**Article 2** The funding for scholarships awarded to foreign degree-seeking students shall be sourced from public funds, subsidies from the Ministry of Education's Higher Education Sprout Project, other government grants, or donations received through the University Endowment Fund. The number and amount of scholarships granted may be adjusted based on the financial status of the relevant funds and the total number of international students in a given academic year.

## **Article 3 Application Period**

1. New students: Applications shall follow the University's schedule for international student admissions.
2. Current students: Applications shall be accepted from February to March each academic year. The exact dates shall be announced by the Office of International Affairs.

## **Article 4 Qualifications**

1. New students: Must be applicants for admission in accordance with the National Chung Hsing University Regulations for the Admission of International Students.
2. Current students: (I) Undergraduate students must have achieved an average grade of 70 or above over the previous two semesters. Students who have not yet completed one academic year shall be evaluated based on the most recent semester. (II) Graduate students must have achieved an average grade of 80 or above over the previous two semesters. Students who have not yet completed one academic year shall be evaluated based on the most recent semester. Spring entrants who have not completed one semester may submit alternative supporting documents for review.

#### **Article 5 Required Documents**

1. New students: Application documents
2. Current students:
  - I. Scholarship application form.
  - II. One copy of the transcript (including ranking).
  - III. Academic performance evaluation form filled out and signed by the applicant's advisor, instructor, or department director.
  - IV. Other supporting materials that facilitate the review process (including certificates of Chinese language proficiency, completion of Chinese language courses, or other academic publications or services)

#### **Article 6 Scholarship Amount**

**Scholarship Categories and Amounts:** Scholarships for foreign students shall include tuition waivers and monthly stipends. Students may receive either or both, subject to quota allocation each academic year.

1. Tuition Waiver: This may be partial (equivalent to domestic student rates) or full. Insurance, housing, computer usage, and other fees are excluded and must be covered by the student.
2. Monthly Stipend: NT\$6,000 for undergraduate and master's students; NT\$8,000 for doctoral students.

#### **Article 7 Application and Review Procedures:**

1. New applicants shall indicate their intent to apply for scholarships on the admissions application form. Current students shall submit the scholarship application form along with all required documents.
2. Departments shall conduct an initial review and rank the applications.

Recommendations shall be forwarded to the respective colleges for secondary review. Final results, including recommended amounts, shall be submitted to the NCHU Foreign Student Scholarship Review Committee for deliberation and shall be approved by the University President.

#### **Article 8** Payment of Scholarships

1. New students: Scholarships are granted for one academic year (September to July). Monthly stipends shall be disbursed after registration. Spring semester entrants shall receive stipends from February to July.
2. Current students: Scholarships must be applied for annually and are reviewed on a yearly basis. The disbursement period shall cover one academic year (August to July). For graduating undergraduates, stipends shall be paid through June of the graduation year. For early graduates, stipends shall be paid through the graduation month.

#### **Article 9** Principles of Scholarships

1. Recipients of monthly stipends shall not concurrently receive similar scholarships from the government of the Republic of China (Taiwan). Any violation shall result in disqualification and the return of overpaid funds. Exceptions shall apply to scholarships granted under Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs; hereinafter referred to as "MOUs"). Recipients of tuition waivers who later receive external tuition subsidies must return the originally waived amount.
2. Recipients who violate University regulations and are subject to disciplinary actions at or above a reprimand shall have their stipend suspended starting the month after the penalty takes effect, and shall be disqualified from receiving scholarships in the following academic year.
3. Recipients found to be employed full-time or holding a work-based Alien Resident Certificate (ARC) during the scholarship period shall have their scholarship revoked.
4. Maximum duration of scholarship eligibility:
  - Undergraduate: Four years (five years for Veterinary Medicine)
  - Master's: Two years
  - Doctoral: Four years (five years for direct-track doctoral students)
5. Monthly stipends shall only be granted to students who have completed registration within the designated period. Except for summer and winter breaks, and thesis-writing periods for graduate students, stipends shall not be disbursed during months when the student is not attending classes or has left Taiwan without prior approval. If such leave exceeds two consecutive months, the scholarship may be terminated.

**Article 10** Scholarship Review Committee Composition

The Scholarship Review Committee shall comprise the Dean of International Affairs (who shall also serve as the convener and chair), the Dean of Academic Affairs, the Dean of Student Affairs, the Dean of Research and Development, and the Deans of each College. The Division of International Students within the Office of International Affairs shall serve as the executive unit.

**Article 11** Special Circumstances

1. Scholarships may be awarded in accordance with agreements signed with partner universities abroad.
2. Project-based scholarships may be granted on a case-by-case basis with the approval of the Dean of International Affairs and final authorization from the University President.
3. Scholarships for students enrolled in all-English degree programs may be allocated annually based on budget availability and shall be used exclusively for students enrolled in these programs.
4. To promote academic development in each college, students nominated by partner institutions for dual-degree programs may receive full tuition waivers and monthly stipends as follows: NT\$6,000 per month for master's students (one year); NT\$8,000 per month for doctoral students (two years).
5. Foreign students may apply for Teaching Assistant Scholarships amounting to NT\$20,000 per semester, subject to adjustment based on available annual funding

**Article 12** These Regulations shall be implemented following approval by the University Executive Council. Any amendments shall follow the same procedure.