

National Pingtung University of Science and Technology Regulations on Scholarships for Outstanding International PhD Candidate Research

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1. Basis

These regulations are based on Article 15 of the Ministry of Education Regulations on “International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan”.

2. Objective

These regulations have been specially formulated to attract outstanding international students to enroll at NPUST by offering incentives to outstanding PhD candidates enrolled at NPUST who are committed to professional research and who can strengthen the research capabilities and output of their research units so that NPUST can increase in international academic competitiveness.

3. Scholarship Candidates

Candidates must meet the criteria for international students applying for studies as provided by the MOE regulations on “International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan” and be a new international PhD candidate at NPUST.

The advising professor of the international PhD candidate who is being funded according to these regulations shall provide funds to coordinate with the subsidies. In principle, the advising professor shall subsidize one case per academic year; with more than one case being an exception and the number of scholarship recipients being the limit.

Except for in cases where factors causing the situation are unavoidable, the advising professor may not discontinue funding without reason. If there is a situation where funding is discontinued, the original advising professor will be responsible for referring the student to another professor and the new advising professor will provide funding equal in amount.

4. Total Recipients

Ten PhD candidates per academic year.

5. Scholarship Period

The scholarship period is a maximum of four years; each academic year qualifications will be reviewed according to these regulations.

6. Scholarship Items

I. Waiver of tuition, miscellaneous fees and credit fees for courses actually taken

each academic year.

II. Research stipend of NTD 8000 per month; each month the advising professor shall contribute at least NTD 6000.

7. Applicant Qualifications

I. International students who meet the criteria of the MOE regulations on “International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan” and NPUST enrollment regulations.

8. Application Documents

I. Advising professor

1. Application form;
2. Research fund administration and results form from last five years;
3. Ministry research plans, industry-academia cooperation project plans, or other supporting documents from the current year.

II. International PhD Candidate

1. Scholarship application form;
2. A copy of proof of English proficiency level from the past two years; the test results must meet or be greater than the following levels: TOEFL iBT, 71 points; IELTS, level 5.5; TOEIC, 785; BULATS, grade ALTE Level 3, or other such international proficiency test;
3. English study plan;
4. Two English letters of recommendation;
5. Chinese or English translations of undergraduate and graduate or equivalent transcripts;
6. PhD candidates on scholarship who are in their second year or above shall submit a copy of their thesis outline or other documentation required for extending the scholarship.

9. Application schedule:

I. Advising professors

1. Acceptance of applications: July to August, each year.
2. Review: September
3. Results announcement: October
4. Recruitment publicity: November

II. International PhD Candidate Applicants

1. Acceptance of applications: January to March of the following year;
2. Review: April to May;
3. Results announcement: May.

10. Application Process:

I. Advising Professors

Each year, before August 31st, application documents should be prepared and sent to the Office of International Affairs for review by the Scholarship Committee.

II. International PhD Candidate Applicant

Before the international PhD candidate enrollment application deadline, the applicant shall select a department and professor which will contribute to the scholarship and prepare and submit the documents to the OIA in accordance with the scholarship announcement for that year.

11. Responsibilities of Scholarship Recipient

Scholarship recipients shall maintain excellent academic performances and meet the requirements necessary for scholarship continuation in the following year.

I. First Academic Year

1. Have an academic grade point average from the previous year which is 85 or higher and a conduct grade of 80 or higher.
2. Must have taken at least one course in Chinese language in the previous year.
3. Must take part in at least two NPUST Office of International Affairs or International Cultural activities.

II. Second Academic Year

1. Have an academic grade point average from the previous year which is 85 or higher and a conduct grade of 80 or higher.
2. Must take part in at least one domestic academic conference and publish a thesis poster as the leading student author or publish an SCI or similar level article as the leading student author.
3. Shall take part in a Test of Chinese Proficiency at any level.
4. Cumulatively, from the beginning of the first academic year, will have taken part in at least three NPUST Office of International Affairs or International Cultural activities.

III. Third Academic Year

1. Have an academic grade point average from the previous year which is 85 or higher and a conduct grade of 80 or higher.
2. Pass the PhD qualification exam.
3. Publish an SCI or similar level article as the leading student author.
4. Cumulatively, from the beginning of the first academic year, will have taken part in at least four NPUST Office of International Affairs or International Cultural activities.

12. Repeals and Revocations of Scholarships

In the event that the scholarship recipient is involved in the following situations, NPUST can repeal or revoke the scholarship qualification of the recipient:

- I. Violates NPUST regulations or Taiwan law; depending on how serious it is, after authorized approval, the research subsidy funds may cease to be issued or the scholarship qualifications repealed.
- II. If, for reason, studies are suspended or the student is expelled or transferred, scholarship qualifications shall be repealed immediately.
- III. If a violation of school regulations is major, the student will receive demerits, have his/her studies suspended or be expelled, or if Taiwan law has been violated resulting in a conviction, scholarship qualifications shall be immediately terminated and no reapplication will be granted.
- IV. If the enrollment application or scholarship application documents of students on scholarship have been falsified, scholarship qualifications shall be terminated immediately.

13. The source of funding for the scholarship research grants is the NPUST Administrative Affairs Fund; the Office of International Affairs shall submit the budget report to the Administrative Affairs Fund Management Committee for deliberation.

14. The scholarship fund review committee shall be convened by the Vice-President for Education Affairs, committee members shall include the Director of the Office of Academic Affairs, the Director of the Office of Student Affairs, the Director of the Office of General Affairs, the Director of the Accounting Office, the Dean of the Office of International Affairs and the deans of each college.

15. These regulations and any amendments shall be implemented once passed by the Administrative Committee and the Administrative Affairs Fund Management Committee.