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NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY

Regulations for the Establishment of the Doctoral Scholarships

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- Article 1 National Taiwan University (NTU or “the University”) formulates the *Regulations for the Establishment of the Doctoral Scholarships* (“the Regulations”) to encourage outstanding students to pursue doctoral studies to reach their full potential and enhance the quality of academic research at the University.
- Article 2 The Doctoral Scholarships herein include the Royal Palm Elite Doctoral Scholarship, the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Graduate Research Fellowship by NSTC Selection, and the Diligence Doctoral Scholarship, hereinafter collectively “the Scholarships”.
- Article 3 Target recipients and eligibility for the Doctoral Scholarships:
First-year doctoral students admitted in the current academic year (including enrollment in February and September).
Students in one of the following situations shall be deemed ineligible to receive the Scholarships:
1. Holding a full-time paid position at a public or private organization or admitted as an in-service graduate student.
 2. Having the Hong Kong, Macau, or Mainland China status.
 3. Taking a leave of absence, applying for the retention of admission status, or failing to complete the enrollment process in the academic year of admission.
 4. Students who are recipients of other government-funded scholarships.
- Article 4 Recipients of the Scholarships may not simultaneously be the recipients of the following subsidies and stipends and shall return the scholarship amount already received in the event of a violation:
1. The University’s Higher Education SPROUT Project—Research Promotion Program for Direct-Entry Doctoral Degree Program Students.
 2. The University’s Xin Miao Key Technology Doctoral Scholarship.
 3. Other government-funded scholarships.
- Article 5 Scholarship quota and allocation guidelines:

1. Royal Palm Elite Doctoral Scholarship:
 - 1) The scholarship quota for each academic year shall comprise the following:
 - a) Quota for NSTC-offered scholarships: to be determined, approved, and allocated by the NSTC
 - b) Quota for NTU-offered scholarships: to be determined and approved by the University and terminated after the end of the Academic Year 2023-24
 - 2) Allocation method for each academic year's scholarship quota:
 - a) For newly admitted international doctoral students: the quota awarded shall be processed by the Office of International Affairs based on the proportion of newly admitted international doctoral students to the total number of new doctoral students admitted by the University. However, the quota for international doctoral students enrolled via direct entry shall be processed in accordance with Item 2 herein.
 - b) For newly admitted doctoral students: After deducting the scholarship quota for newly admitted international doctoral students in Item 1 herein from the total scholarship quota for the academic year, the Office of Academic Affairs shall allocate the remaining quota in proportion to the sum of the following items for each college. In consideration of the differences in the fields of studies and the number of students admitted to individual colleges, each college shall be awarded at least one slot of scholarship in principle.
 - i) The proportion of new doctoral students admitted to each college to the total number of doctoral students admitted by the University.
 - ii) The proportion of research grants approved by the NSTC in the recent four years to the total amount of NSTC research grants issued to the University. In particular, the amount of grants for liberal arts and social sciences projects shall be multiplied by 2.5 in the calculation. The amount of research grants approved by the NSTC shall be recognized by the respective colleges of the Principal Investigators (PIs).
2. The National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Graduate Research Fellowship by NSTC Selection (hereinafter "NSTC Selection"):
 - 1) The number of scholarships offered each academic year shall be determined and approved by the NSTC.
 - 2) The allocation method for each academic year's scholarship quota shall be determined and handled by the NSTC.
3. Diligence Doctoral Scholarship:
 - 1) The number of scholarships offered each academic year shall be determined and approved by the University. The scholarship shall be terminated after the end of the Academic Year 2023-24.

- 2) Allocation method for each year's scholarship quota:
 - a) For newly admitted international doctoral students: The quota awarded shall be processed by the Office of International Affairs based on the proportion of newly admitted international doctoral students to the total number of new doctoral students admitted by the University. However, the quota for international doctoral students enrolled via direct entry shall be processed in accordance with Item 2 herein.
 - b) For newly admitted doctoral students: After deducting the scholarship quota for newly admitted international doctoral students in Item 1 from the total scholarship quota for the year, the Office of Academic Affairs shall allocate the remaining quota based on the proportion of new doctoral students admitted to each college to the total number of new doctoral students admitted by the University. Each college shall be awarded at least one slot of scholarship in principle.

Article 6 Amount, duration, and sources of funding for the Scholarships:

1. Royal Palm Elite Doctoral Scholarship:

- 1) For students admitted in or before the Academic Year 2023-24:
 - a) Each recipient shall receive a monthly stipend of NT\$40,000 for a period of up to 4 years, beginning on September 1 in the year of admission and ending on August 31 in the 4th year. Stipends for recipients graduating in less than 4 years shall last until the month of graduation.
 - b) Sources of funding for the Scholarships:
 - i) Quota for NSTC-offered scholarships: From the first month to the 24th month of the scholarship period, the scholarship recipient may receive NT\$30,000 from the NSTC and NT\$10,000 from the University per month. From the 25th month to the 48th month of the scholarship period, the scholarship recipient may receive NT\$20,000 from the NSTC and NT\$20,000 from the University per month.
 - ii) Quota for NTU-offered scholarships: shall be completely funded by the University
- 2) For students admitted in or after the Academic Year 2024-25:
 - a) Each recipient shall receive a monthly stipend of NT\$40,000 for a period of up to 3 years, beginning on September 1 in the year of admission and ending on August 31 in the 3rd year (or beginning on February 1 in the year of admission and ending on January 31 in the 3rd year for those who are admitted early). Stipends for recipients graduating in less than 3 years shall last until the month of graduation.
 - b) The Scholarship shall be completely funded by the NSTC.

2. NSTC Selection:
 - 1) Each recipient shall receive a monthly stipend of NT\$40,000 for a period of up to 3 years, beginning on September 1 in the year of admission and ending on August 31 in the 3rd year (or beginning on February 1 in the year of admission and ending on January 31 in the 3rd year for those who are admitted early). Stipends for recipients graduating in less than 3 years shall last until the month of graduation.
 - 2) The Scholarship shall be completely funded by the NSTC.
3. Diligence Doctoral Scholarship:
 - 1) Each recipient shall receive a monthly stipend of NT\$20,000 for a period of up to 3 years, beginning on September 1 in the year of admission and ending on August 31 in the third year. Stipends for recipients graduating in less than three years shall last until the month of graduation. The value of the monthly stipend shall be adjusted to NT\$ 24,000 beginning in September 2024.
 - 2) The Scholarship shall be completely funded by the University.

Article 7 Scholarship renewal and periodic evaluation:

One month prior to the conclusion of each academic year (or January 31 for early admitted students enrolled in or after the spring semester of the Academic Year 2023-24), recipients of the Scholarships shall submit a comprehensive report detailing their academic performance, research outcomes, produced works, and participation in international academic activities for evaluation by the respective college/department/graduate institute/degree program (“the applying unit”), which shall review the recipients’ eligibility for scholarship renewal in the following academic year.

Article 8 Filling vacancies with alternate candidates:

1. NSTC Selection: to be handled in accordance with relevant NSTC regulations
2. Others: If a vacancy allocated to the Office of International Affairs or a college becomes open for any reason, it may be awarded to the next eligible alternate candidate of the said units. However, if an alternate candidate is found to be ineligible for the Scholarships as the candidate fails to demonstrate qualified academic performance as stipulated by the applying unit in the Scholarships' selection criteria or has received any disciplinary actions for violating the regulations of the University, the applying unit may revoke such candidacy.

If the Office of International Affairs or a college has not named any alternate candidates, or if its list of alternate candidates is insufficient to fill the vacancy, then the vacancy may be filled by an alternate candidate in the same academic year recommended by another applying unit.

Article 9 Application and review procedures:

1. NSTC Selection: Applications shall be submitted to the NSTC for review before its stipulated deadline.

2. Others: Each applying unit shall submit a list of the most recommended candidates (including alternate candidates) according to the number of allocated slots within the application window announced by the Office of Academic Affairs and the Office of International Affairs. The candidate lists shall be reviewed and approved by the Scholarship Review Committee.

Article 10 Selection criteria:

1. NSTC Selection: to be determined by the NSTC
2. Others: Each applying unit may formulate its own selection regulations in accordance with the Regulations. The scope of review may include students' academic grades, master's thesis, published academic journal articles, books, scholarly works, patents, research outcomes, proof of award in international competitions, and other documents that may aid in the selection process.

Article 11 Members of the Scholarship Review Committee:

The University shall establish the Scholarship Review Committee with an executive vice president serving as the convener and the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President for Research and Development, Vice President for International Affairs, and the dean of each college or a representative appointed by the dean serving as members.

Article 12 Under any of the following conditions, recipients of the Scholarships shall have their scholarship eligibility permanently revoked in the month following the date of fact:

1. Taking a leave of absence for more than six months
2. Students facing dismissal or expulsion from the University, or holding a full-time paid position at a public or private organization
3. Direct-entry doctoral degree program students transferring or returning to the corresponding master's program
4. Journals, papers, or, reports published domestically or internationally found to be in violation of research ethics
5. Received disciplinary actions for violating the University's regulations
6. Students whose eligibility has been revoked by the applying unit or a competent Meeting of the University

Students shall be ineligible for receiving the Scholarships when they take a leave of absence from the University

Article 13 Mechanism for tracking scholarship outcomes and benefits:

Each applying unit shall be responsible for periodically reviewing the recipients' academic performance and research outcomes at the University as well as their engagements for three years after their graduation. Recipients shall cooperate with necessary document provisions.

Article 14 Recipients found to have falsified or tampered with their application documents shall have their scholarship eligibility revoked and shall be ordered to return the total payment amount already received. The University shall seek the relevant liabilities against such recipients based on the actual scenario of

the offense.

Article 15 The Scholarships shall be funded by subsidies granted to the University by the NSTC and other self-raised funds of the University.

The University may amend the components of the Scholarships or cease the implementation of the Regulations based on actual budgetary considerations or in accordance with the policies of the NSTC.

Article 16 Matters not addressed herein shall be handled in accordance with the applicable regulations of the NSTC and the University.

Article 17 The Regulations shall be passed by the Administrative Meeting and then implemented on the date of promulgation.