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NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY
Directives Governing the Pilot Program for Doctoral Scholarships

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- Article 1 The National Taiwan University (“the University”) *Directives Governing the Pilot Program for the Doctoral Scholarships* (“the Directives”) are formulated 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 Target recipients and eligibility for the Doctoral Scholarships (which include the Royal Palm Elite and the Diligence categories, hereinafter “the 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 retainment of admission status, or failing to complete the enrollment process in the academic year of admission.
 4. International students who are recipients of the Taiwan Scholarship.
- Article 3 Recipients of the Scholarships may not simultaneously be the recipients of the following subsidies and stipends:
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. Any scholarship or stipend for international students bestowed by a

government agency/organization.

Article 4 Amount and duration:

1. Royal Palm Elite Doctoral Scholarship: Each doctoral student 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. The Scholarships are offered by the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) and the University at different quotas.
 - 1) The number of scholarships offered by the NSTC shall be determined and approved by itself every year.

During recipients' first and second years of study, the NSTC will issue a monthly stipend of NT\$30,000 while the University will pay the remaining NT\$10,000. During recipients' third and fourth years of study, the NSTC will issue a monthly stipend of NT\$20,000 while the University will pay the remaining NT\$20,000.
 - 2) The number of scholarships offered by the University shall be determined and approved by itself every year.

The University will issue a monthly stipend of NT\$40,000 to each recipient on its own funds.
2. Diligence Doctoral Scholarship: Each doctoral student 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 number of scholarships shall be determined and approved by the University every year. The Scholarship shall be completely funded by the University.

Article 5 Members of the Scholarship Review Committee:

An executive vice president of the University shall serve as convener of the Scholarship Review Committee, which shall comprise 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.

Article 6 Selection criteria:

Each college, department, graduate institute, or degree program (hereinafter "applying unit") may formulate its own selection regulations in accordance with the Directives. 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 7 Application and review procedures:

Each applying unit shall submit a list of most recommended candidates (including alternates) according to the number of allocated slots within the application window announced by the Office of Academic Affairs and Office of International Affairs. Candidate lists shall be reviewed by the Scholarship Review Committee before finalization.

Article 8 Scholarship allocation guidelines:

1. Royal Palm Elite Doctoral Scholarship:

In consideration of the differences in the fields of studies and the number of students admitted by individual colleges, the number of slots awarded to international doctoral students shall be processed by the Office of International Affairs based on the percentage of newly admitted international doctoral students of all new doctoral students in a given academic year. For regular doctoral students, the available slots shall be allotted to each college in proportion to the following two items combined:

- 1) The percentage of newly admitted doctoral students in the college of all doctoral students admitted by the University in the academic year.
- 2) The amount of research grants approved by the NSTC in the recent three years as a percentage of the total amount of 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.

2. Diligence Doctoral Scholarship: For regular doctoral students, the available slots shall be allotted to each college according to the percentage of newly admitted doctoral students in the college of all new doctoral students at the University in a given academic year. For international doctoral students, the available slots shall be allotted by the Office of International Affairs based on the percentage of newly admitted international doctoral students of all new doctoral students in a given academic year.

Article 9 Renewal and periodic evaluation:

One month prior to the conclusion of each academic year in the Scholarships' award period, recipients shall submit a comprehensive report detailing their

academic performance, research outcomes, produced works, and participation in international academic activities for evaluation by the competent unit, which shall review recipients' eligibility for scholarship renewal in the following academic year.

Article 10 Doctoral students shall be ineligible for receiving the Scholarships when they take a leave of absence from the University.

Under any of the following conditions, recipients 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. Students whose eligibility has been revoked by the unit or a competent Meeting of the University.

Article 11 Recipients found to have falsified or tampered 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 offence.

Article 12 Filling vacancies with alternate candidates:

If a vacancy becomes open for any reason, each unit may award the Scholarships to the next eligible alternate candidate. If the unit 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 year of study recommended by another unit.

Article 13 The Scholarships shall be funded by subsidies granted to the University by the NSTC and other self-raised revenues of the University, which may cease the implementation of the Directives based on actual budgets.

Article 14 Mechanism for tracking scholarship outcomes and benefits:

Each unit shall be responsible for periodically reviewing recipients' academic performance and research outcomes at the University as well as three years after graduation. Recipients may not refuse to cooperate.

Article 15 Matters not addressed herein shall be subject to the applicable regulations of the NSTC and the University.

Article 16 The Directives shall be passed by the Administrative Meeting and then implemented on the date of promulgation.