

# **National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology**

## **Regulations Governing the Scholarship to Cultivate**

### **Outstanding Doctoral Students**

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#### Article 1

These Regulations Governing the Scholarship to Cultivate Outstanding Doctoral Students (hereinafter referred to as “these Regulations”) are adopted by National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as “the University”) in accordance with National Science and Technology Council’s (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”) pilot scholarship program to subsidize outstanding doctoral students, aiming to foster talent in fundamental scientific research, reward excellent doctoral students with research potential, and support them in their focus on research work.

#### Article 2

The funds required for the execution of these Regulations are derived from a special grant by the Council, subsidies from the Ministry of Education and other government agencies, the University’s budget allocation for student public expenses, the University’s budget allocation (including self-raised income allocation), and other donations. If the subsidy from the Council is not obtained, these Regulations are not applicable.

#### Article 3

3.1 First-year doctoral students admitted by the University are eligible to apply for this scholarship for a one-time grant for four years, beginning on September 1 of the first academic year and ending on August 31 of the fourth year. This scholarship does not apply to individuals who meet the following conditions:

- (1) Engaging in full-time employment in public or private institutions and applying for admission under a working status;

- (2) Having suspended their studies, retained their admission status, or not completed registration within the admitted academic year;
- (3) Having already received a retirement pension or are deemed unqualified after the department's review;
- (4) Having already received other scholarships, student aid, or other subsidies. However, research grants for participating in research projects are exempt from this restriction.

3.2 The first-year doctoral students referred to in the preceding paragraph include international students at the University, but exclude students from Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Macau.

#### Article 4

- 4.1 Each doctoral student will receive a monthly scholarship of NT\$40,000, from the first year to the fourth year of the doctoral program.
- 4.2 During the first and second years of study, the Council will provide NT\$30,000 per month, and the University will provide NT\$10,000 per month. During the third and fourth years of study, the Council and the University will each provide NT\$20,000 per month.

#### Article 5

- 5.1 The annual allotment of new doctoral students receiving scholarships is based on the quota assigned to the University by the Council for the current academic year.
- 5.2 The allocation of scholarship quotas for doctoral students in each college is based on the total funding of research-oriented projects received from the Council over the past four years, with the principle of calculating the proportion of each college. However, for the balance of each field, the total funding of research projects from the Management College, Marine Commerce College, Business Intelligence College, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, College of Foreign Languages, and the College of Common Education is calculated at 150% weight.
- 5.3 The research-oriented projects in the preceding paragraph include thematic research projects, industry-academic cooperation research projects, and international cooperative research projects. Multi-year projects are calculated according to the annual amount of the project.

## Article 6

Procedures for application shall be conducted as follows:

- 6.1 The application period shall be based on the announcement from the Office of Research and Development;
- 6.2 The following documents must be attached to the application:
  - (1) Certificate of doctoral admission;
  - (2) Transcripts for each semester starting from the first year of the Master's program or a complete academic transcript. The total number of students in the class and the applicant's rank must be indicated on the transcript by the University;
  - (3) Research proposal;
  - (4) Published papers, held patents, or records of participation in international or national competitions during the study period. If none, submission is not required;
  - (5) Certificates of awards and penalties from the university currently or previously attended;
  - (6) Photocopies of other significant achievements. If none, submission is not required.

## Article 7

- 7.1 The approval of scholarships is determined by the review committee convened by the Office of Research and Development. This committee shall evaluate the completeness of the doctoral student's research proposal, the feasibility of the research schedule, the expected outcomes, and the attached application materials.
- 7.2 The review committee comprises the Vice President, the Dean of the Office of Research and Development, and three to five experts appointed by the President from within or outside the University. The President designates the Vice President to serve as the convener and meeting chair, with the Dean of Research and Development serving as the deputy convener. Relevant units or personnel may be invited to attend if necessary. Should the convener be unable to attend, the deputy convener shall preside. The meeting can only be convened with the attendance of

over half of the committee members, and decisions can only be made with the consent of over half of the attending members.

- 7.3 Regarding the selection of scholarship recipients and review processes stipulated in the two preceding paragraphs, committee members and colleagues in charge of related affairs must adhere to the principles of conflict of interest avoidance and confidentiality.

## Article 8

- 8.1 Scholarship recipients are required to participate in at least one research project every year.
- 8.2 Scholarship recipients in their second to fourth year of the program should publish a minimum of two international conference papers or one paper in an international journal annually. If students do not fulfill these requirements, they must publish papers within the next six months, or the scholarship will be suspended from the month after the due date. Upon completion of the task, the scholarship will be reinstated from the same month.
- 8.3 The international journal paper mentioned in the preceding paragraph should have the recipient as the first author in an SCI (E), SSCI, A&HCI, ABI, or ABDC journal, with the advisor also included. Journal articles published on MDPI, FRONTIERS MEDIA SA, and HINDAWI are excluded.

## Article 9

- 9.1 Scholarship recipients must submit an annual report of the previous year's performance before the end of September every year. Doctoral students in their fourth year must submit a comprehensive performance report covering the scholarship collection period.
- 9.2 Students who fail to submit reports on time will be deemed as non-compliant.
- 9.3 To facilitate the tracking of the effectiveness of the scholarship, scholarship recipients are required to cooperate with the University's follow-up tracking within three years after graduation, including aspects related to employment status and career planning.

## Article 10

Should a scholarship recipient fall under any of the following circumstances, the University reserves the right to immediately cancel the scholarship eligibility and suspend the scholarship disbursement from the subsequent month. The vacancies may be filled in accordance with Articles 6 and 7 of these Regulations by inviting applications from doctoral students who enrolled in the same year. The scholarship will be granted from the month after the vacancy is confirmed:

- 10.1 Students who apply for leave or withdraw from the school;
- 10.2 Students, as reported by their advisors, who have not applied for leave of absence or withdrawn from the school but have abandoned their studies;
- 10.3 Current students who fail to register on time;
- 10.4 Students who leave the country for more than a month during their studies or whose academic performance is deemed unsatisfactory by the advisor, respective departments, institutions, or other units;
- 10.5 Students who hold full-time jobs at public or private institutions during their studies.

#### Article 11

Matters not mentioned herein shall be handled in accordance with relevant regulations.

#### Article 12

These Regulations shall be passed by the Administrative Meeting and shall take force upon approval by the President. The same procedure shall apply when these Regulations are amended.