

National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology Guidelines on Outstanding International Student Scholarship

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I. National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as the University), in an effort to promote the recruitment of outstanding international students and raise its international profile, has enacted the National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology Guidelines on Outstanding International Student Scholarship (hereinafter referred to as the Guidelines).

II. The sources and cost-sharing of the scholarship are as follows:

1. Subsidies from the Ministry of Education for the current academic year;
2. Budget allocation from tuition revenues offered by the Office of Student Affairs;
3. Funding from the respective departments and the research budgets of the advisors of scholarship recipients;
4. Revenues generated from other projects, donations, and interests generated from the donation.

III. Eligibility:

1. Eligible applicants must be officially enrolled as international students, without any official record of misconduct, and must adhere to the following qualifications:
 - (1) Admission Applicants: Applications will be evaluated by the University's Internationalization Scholarship Review Committee.
 - (2) Continuing Students: Students who are currently enrolled shall meet the following coursework requirements and their applications will be evaluated by the University's Internationalization Scholarship Review Committee.
 - a. Undergraduate Students: Must have studied for a full academic year and completed a minimum of 16 course credits per semester, with an average grade of 75 or above in the preceding two semesters.
 - b. Graduate and Ph.D. Students: Must have studied for a full academic year and completed a minimum of one course per semester, with an average grade of 82 or above in the preceding two semesters.
 - c. All applicants must have a conduct grade of 80 or above and must be without any official record of misconduct.

2. The following students who are officially enrolled as international students are NOT entitled to this scholarship:
 - (1) Overseas Chinese students, Mainland Chinese students, students within dual degree programs, and short-term exchange students.
 - (2) Students having deferred graduation.
 - (3) Students within other specified international degree programs.
 - (4) Recipients of full scholarships or grants offered by the Taiwan government, foreign governments, other units within the University, or any other organizations or institutions in Taiwan.

IV. Application Period:

1. Admission Applicants: Applicants shall submit an application for a full academic year scholarship when applying for admission to the University.
2. Continuing Students: Currently enrolled students are entitled to submit a scholarship application to the Office of International Affairs before the orientation week (the week prior to the first week of the semester) of each semester. Late submissions will not be accepted.

V. Types of scholarship and the scholarship stipend amounts: The actual amounts of scholarship stipend that are paid out are subject to the funding available for the current academic year.

1. Full Scholarship:

- (1) Ph.D. Students: A minimum monthly stipend of NT\$10,000. The University will contribute up to NT\$7,000, and the advisor of each recipient will cover the rest. Waivers of tuition fees and course credit fees.
- (2) Graduate Students: A monthly stipend of NT\$4,000, and waivers of tuition fees and course credit fees.
- (3) Undergraduate Students: A monthly stipend of NT\$3,000, and waivers of tuition fees and course credit fees.

2. Partial Scholarships: Waivers of tuition fees and course credit fees.

VI. Scholarship quotas and amounts, tenure of scholarships, and obligations of scholarship recipients:

1. Quotas and Amounts: Scholarship quotas and amounts are subject to an annual budget allocation, and are determined by the Scholarship Review Committee.
2. Tenure of Scholarship: The tenure of scholarships for the recipient is as

follows:

- (1) Doctoral Program: The first three years of study (excluding periods of temporary withdrawal).
 - (2) Master's Program: The first two years of study (excluding periods of temporary withdrawal).
 - (3) Four-year Undergraduate Program: The first four years of study (excluding periods of temporary withdrawal).
 - (4) Two-Year Undergraduate Program: The first two years of study (excluding periods of temporary withdrawal).
3. Obligations of Scholarship Recipients:
- (1) Recipients shall fulfill the requirements of the life learning services that the University may arrange.
 - (2) Recipients shall assist and participate in the University's various events as well as in volunteer activities for international students.
 - (3) When recipients disseminate or publish their research results in either oral or written form, they shall mention or state the University's sponsorship and support for their research opportunities.

VII. Application Documents:

1. Admission Applicants:
 - (1) A completed application form.
 - (2) A curriculum vitae in Chinese or English.
 - (3) A copy of the transcript records, in Chinese or English, from the highest academic qualification already achieved or about to be conferred.
 - (4) A copy of the report card of any national examination attended.
 - (5) Two recommendation letters in Chinese or English.
 - (6) A copy of the proficiency test certificates for Chinese and English language fluencies.
 - (7) Other documents to prove the applicant's participation in school-related and extracurricular activities.
2. Continuing Undergraduate Students (excluding undergraduate freshmen):
 - (1) A completed application form.
 - (2) A copy of the transcript record of the current semester, including the conduct grade.
 - (3) Two recommendation letters in Chinese (one from the department chairperson and the other from a professor).
 - (4) Other relevant evidence in favor of the application.

3. Continuing Graduate and Ph.D. Students:

- (1) A completed application form.
- (2) A copy of the transcript record of the current semester, including the conduct grade.
- (3) Two recommendation letters in Chinese (one from the department chairperson and the other from a professor).
- (4) Other relevant evidence in favor of the application (such as journal publications, patents, or contest awards).

VIII. Scholarship Disbursement:

1. This scholarship is awarded on a semester basis. Scholarship stipends are disbursed by semester only.
2. After approved recipients (new or continuing students) complete the enrollment process on the first day of school, the scholarship disbursement will be handled by the International Student Section, Office of International Affairs.

IX. Scholarship Termination and Cancellation:

1. Approved recipients shall not be eligible to receive any other scholarship during the award period. Any recipient of this scholarship found to be acting in violation of this rule will be disqualified and must return the funds they have already received.
2. Approved recipients who fail to complete enrollment, defer admission or transfer to another school during the award period will be disqualified from receiving this scholarship. Recipients who suspend their studies or drop out from school will have to return the funds they have already received.
3. After being officially enrolled, recipients who are absent from school for more than a month during the award period, except during summer and winter vacations, must obtain approval from the chairperson of their respective department; otherwise their qualifications for receiving the scholarship will be revoked.
4. Recipients who fail to abide by the rules specified in Article VI will have their scholarship stipend halted immediately.
5. Recipients shall abide by R.O.C. laws during their stay in the Republic of China. Those who are prosecuted as a consequence of violating the criminal law or cause damage to the school's reputation for a major act of misconduct will have their stipend halted immediately and their qualifications for receiving the scholarship will be revoked.

X. These guidelines are to be officially implemented beginning from the 2018

academic year. International students who were awarded the scholarship during or before the spring semester of the 2017 academic year shall submit their application for continuing their scholarship according to these guidelines when the award period of their scholarship ends.

XI. These guidelines have been approved by the Administrative Meeting, and are made public under the authority of the President of the University. Any amendments to these requirements and procedures will undergo the same process.

(In the event of any conflict between the two languages on the meaning or interpretation of a word, phrase, or clause in these Guidelines, the Chinese language version shall prevail.)