National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University International Student Scholarship Guidelines

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Article 1 National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (hereinafter referred to as "the University") aims to recruit outstanding international students to study at the University, enhance internationalization, and therefore establishes National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University International Student Scholarship Guidelines (hereinafter referred to as "the Guidelines") to provide incentives to international students who come to Taiwan and study for degrees at the University based on the "Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan".

Article 2 Outstanding New Student Scholarships

- 1. Eligibility for application: New students with outstanding grades who have not received scholarships or grants from the government.
- 2. Review procedure: Each department shall conduct a review on the applicant's past grades or research performance. After the college reviews the results, the awardee list will be submitted to the International Scholarships and Grants Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee") for review. The numbers and amounts of scholarships are flexibly adjusted based on budgetary considerations.
- 3. Award content: The awards are divided into two categories, namely monthly stipend and tuition scholarship, as follows:
 - (1). Monthly stipend and tuition scholarships may be awarded separately or simultaneously.
 - (2). Stipend are given monthly. The stipend received by each awardee may include scholarships funded by the Office of International Affairs and the matching-fund from their college, department, or advisor. The standards for the amount of stipend are stipulated by the Committee.
 - (3). Tuition scholarships are divided into two categories: (a) full waiving of tuition and credit fees, and (b) tuitions and credit fees charged according to the rates of local students. The reduction standard is determined by the Committee.
- 4. Award duration: In principle, the award is approved for 1 year. The maximum award duration is determined according to the award duration for each degree

(5 years for Ph.D. students, 2 years for master's students, and 4 years for bachelor's students). The actual number of months in which the award is provided and the amount of money awarded will be determined and adjusted based on the budget allocated to the respective college in the respective year.

5. Renewal Requirements:

- (1) Awardees of Outstanding New Student Scholarships should achieve the minimum semester average grade (3.0 scored by grade point for undergraduate students and 3.5 scored by grade point for graduate students) to be eligible to receive the monthly stipend or tuition scholarship in the following semester. However, this requirement does not apply to the first-time renewal.
- (2) First-time Renewal: After completing one semester of study, the awardee's academic performance shall be evaluated by their mentors or advisors. With their agreement, the awardees may continue to receive monthly stipend or tuition scholarships for the next semester.
- (3) If an awardee fails to meet the renewal criteria in the first clause, the awardees have related notes provided by their mentors or advisors, they may maintain or adjust tuition scholarships. The standards in effect for such adjustments will be reviewed by the Committee.
- 6. The student's mentor or advisor may provide explanations and adjust or cancel the awards for awardees after approval by the Committee.

Article 3 Elite Ph.D. Scholarship for New Students Award

- 1. Eligibility for application:
 - (1) New Ph.D. students with outstanding grades and who have not received scholarships or grants from the government. or
 - (2) Direct Pursuit of the Ph.D. Degree for the semester.
- 2. Review procedure: This procedure is the same as that for Outstanding New Student Scholarships. In principle, one student from each college may receive this award. The number of awardees is adjusted on the basis of the total number of students admitted to the college that year. If no student meets the qualification criteria, the award may remain vacant.
- 3. Scholarships award: The award is for NT33,000 a month on top of a full waiver of tuition and credit fees.

4. Award Duration: The award is available for the first 2 years of study. Starting in their third year, the student's status will be reviewed according to the regulations of the "Scholarship for Students Award" in the Guidelines. If an awardee (a master's student directly pursuing a Ph.D. degree) returns to a master's program during the time in which they are in receipt of the award, then the award will be suspended. During the award-receiving period, for special circumstances, the student's mentor or advisor may provide explanations, and after approval by the Committee, the awardee's scholarship may be canceled.

5. Award Regulations:

- (1) This award comprises monthly stipend of NT\$25,000 from the Office of International Affairs and a NT\$8,000 matching-fund from the advisor.
- (2) This award requires matching-fund from the advisor. Awardees who do not submit an agreement form to approve of the matching-fund from the advisor within 2 months into the semester, the scholarship eligibility will be revoked.
- (3) Awardees shall achieve the academic performance with a semester average grade of 3.76 or above to be eligible to receive the scholarship or tuition scholarship in the following semester. However, if the awardees have related notes provided by their mentors or advisors, they may maintain or adjust their tuition scholarships. The standards governing such adjustments will be reviewed by the Committee.

Article 4 Outstanding Existing Student Scholarship

- 1. Eligibility for application: International students who have completed one semester of study at the University and meet the following academic performance criteria:
 - (1) Graduate students: Each semester, the potential candidate must take at least one course on a professional subject (core course) and maintain a total average grade of at least 3.5 scored by grade point.
 - (2) Undergraduate students: Eligible students must maintain a total average grade of at least 3.0 scored by grade point.

2. Application documents:

- (1) Mandatory documents:
 - i. Application form
 - ii. Full-academic year transcripts: For students who have only studied for one

- semester, their grade of that semester will be used as the review standard
- iii. Conduct Grade: For each semester, the student must have a conduct grade of A or above.
- iv. Recommendation letter from the advisor.
- v. Research proposal or thesis/dissertation description: master's and Ph.D. students who have met the credit requirements to graduate but without grades because they took no courses should attach related data such as their research proposals or thesis/dissertation description.
- (2) Reference documents: The applicants may provide certificates of conducting volunteer work, public welfare activities, or other forms of service participation. These certificates will be one of the criteria for reviewing scholarships and grants.
- 3. Application procedure: Applicants must submit their applications according to the announced time and regulations in the respective semester. Each department shall conduct a preliminary review based on the applicant's academic performance or research performance. After the college reviews the results and arrange the priority order for awarding scholarships, the awardees list will be submitted to the Committee for review. The number and the amount of the scholarships are flexibly adjusted based on budgetary considerations.
- 4. Award content: The awards are divided into two categories, namely monthly stipend and tuition scholarship, as follows:
 - (1) Monthly stipend and tuition scholarships may be awarded separately or simultaneously.
 - (2) Stipend are given monthly. The stipend received by each awardee may include scholarships funded by the Office of International Affairs and the matching-fund from their college, department, or advisor. The standards for the amount of stipend are stipulated by the Committee.
 - (3) Tuition scholarships are divided into two categories: (a) full waiving of tuition and credit fees, and (b) tuitions and credit fees charged according to the rates of local students. The reduction standard is determined by the Committee.

5. Award Duration:

(1) In principle, the award is approved for 1 year. The maximum award duration is determined according to the award duration for each degree (5 years for Ph.D. students, 2 years for master's students, and 4 years for bachelor's students). The actual number of months in which the award

is provided and the amount of money awarded will be determined and adjusted based on the budget allocated to the respective college in the respective year.

6. Renewal Requirements:

- (1) Awardees of this Outstanding Existing Student Scholarship should achieve the minimum semester average grades (3.0 scored by grade point for undergraduate students and 3.5 scored by grade point for graduate students) to be eligible for receiving the monthly stipend or tuition scholarship in the following semester.
- (2) <u>If an awardee fails to meet the renewal criteria in the preceding clause</u>, the awardees have related notes provided by their mentors or advisors, they may maintain or adjust their tuition scholarships. The standards in effect for such adjustments will be reviewed by the Committee.
- 7. The student's mentor or advisor may provide explanations and adjust or cancel the awards for awardees after approval by the Committee.

Article 5 Regulations for applying for international student scholarships:

- Awardees of international student scholarships and grants may not concurrently receive other subsidies in the form of scholarships and grants from the government. However, exceptions are made for Ph.D. student awardees of NYCU Scholarship for Ph.D. Students Attending International Conference and special program that is approved by NYCU official document are excluded from this regulation.
- 2. Awardees of international student scholarships who are undergraduate students must enroll in at least four Mandarin courses during their studies. Ph.D. and master's awardees must take at least two Mandarin courses during their studies. Awardees who have taken Mandarin courses in Taiwan or have passed national-level Mandarin tests may provide related proof to be exempt from taking these courses. For awardees who fail to meet related Mandarin course requirements before graduation, the University has the authority to request the awardees to return their received scholarships and grants.
- 3. International student scholarships can only be applied by and given to current students of the University.
- 4. Applications for international student scholarships must be completed within the period stated in the regulation announced by the Office of International

Affairs.

- 5. Awardees of the international student scholarships must present an Alien Residence Certificate. Students whose certificate is granted for work reasons shall not apply for an international student scholarship or grant. Students who possess an Alien Residence Certificate as a dependent or have an Alien Permanent Resident Certificate must sign a document to promise that they will not take a paid full-time job during their receipt of an international student scholarship.
- 6. Definition of tuition fees and miscellaneous fees:
 - (1) For undergraduate students, these definitions refer to tuition fees and miscellaneous fees.
 - (2) For graduate students, these definitions refer to tuition fees and credit fees. Credit fees are charged based on the charging standard for international master's and Ph.D. students in general departments regulated by the University. If special programs or special classes have other credit fee charging standards, the college should apply ahead of time for the Committee to review.
- 7. If one of the following situations arise, the awardee's scholarship shall be terminated immediately:
 - (1) The awardee is involved in misconduct or conduct any behavior on or off campus that was determined by the Committee as an unacceptable manner or violated the University regulations.
 - (2) The awardee has left the campus for over 30 days not due to academic or research reasons.
 - (3) The awardee has graduated from university, is suspended, or is dropping out. Awardees who graduate, are suspended, or drop out after the 15th of the month of their suspension shall not be requested by the university to return the scholarships and grants of that month.
- 8. If awardees need to leave campus due to academic or research reasons, they must prepare written documents, have them signed by their advisors and stamped by their department, and submit them to the Office of International Affairs prior to their leave for future reference.
- 9. When new students defer their entry to university, previously approved international student scholarships must be reviewed again and submitted to the

Committee for future reference.

- 10. The maximum scholarship duration:
 - (1) Degree students: Regardless of the types of scholarships students receive, the maximum scholarship duration (number of years) for receiving awards is as follows: two and five years for master's and Ph.D. students, respectively. For undergraduate students, the maximum scholarship duration is determined by the regulated study periods in respective departments, regardless of extension of study period.
 - (2) Direct admission to Ph.D.: Both undergraduate or master's students directly pursuing a Ph.D. may have a maximum scholarship duration of six years.
 - (3) Students with an extended study period: For students who have reached their maximum scholarship durations, if their total average grades of academic performance have been 3.0 or above during their undergraduate years and 3.5 or above during their master's or Ph.D. years, they may be awarded tuition scholarships with tuitions and credit fees charged according to the rates of local students given that related notes are provided by their mentors or advisors and are approved by the Committee.
- 11. Students who receive scholarships and grants from the government or organizations may apply for the "Outstanding Existing Student Scholarship" according to the standard for existing students (see Article 4 Paragraph 1) after their original grants have expired.
- Article 6 Matters not detailed in the Guidelines shall be dealt with according to relevant regulations.
- Article 7 The Guidelines shall be passed by the University's Administrative Meeting before taking effect. Any amendments to the Guidelines shall be processed accordingly.