National Chiayi University Guidelines for the Award of Scholarships to International Graduate Students

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Article1 National Chiayi University (hereinafter referred to as "the University") establishes the National Chiayi University Guidelines for the Award of Scholarships to International Graduate Students (hereinafter referred to as "these Guidelines") in accordance with Article 15 of the Ministry of Education's Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan. The purpose is to recruit outstanding international graduate students to pursue their studies at the University and to promote the University's internationalization.

Article2 The funding for the National Chiayi University International Graduate Student Scholarship (hereinafter referred to as "the Scholarship") shall be provided by the following sources:

1. Subsidies from the Ministry of Education.
2. Donations from external organizations or individuals.
3. Student financial aid funds allocated from the University's tuition and

miscellaneous fees.

Article3 The Scholarship shall be awarded to the following students:

1. International students who meet the requirements stipulated in the Ministry of Education's Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan and have applied for admission to pursue a master's or doctoral degree at the University.

2. International graduate students who have officially enrolled at the University and were awarded the Scholarship upon admission.

Article4 The Scholarship consists of the following forms of financial assistance:

1. Tuition and Miscellaneous Fee Subsidies and Credit Fee Waivers:

The subsidy covers the basic tuition and miscellaneous fee amount and credit fees, but excludes various other fees, including administrative fees, thesis supervision fees, insurance premiums, accommodation fees, and internet access fees. Unless otherwise specifically required by the student's academic advisor, credit fee subsidies shall be provided in accordance with the curriculum structure of the relevant department or graduate institute.

2. Monthly Stipend:

- Master's students: NT$8,000 per month.
- Doctoral students: NT$10,000 per month.

The stipend shall be awarded from August through July of the following year. For students admitted in the spring semester, the award period shall be from February through January of the following year.

Newly admitted students shall begin receiving the stipend in their month of registration, provided that their enrollment covers at least 15 days of that month (including the 15th day). Graduating students shall receive the stipend through their month of graduation, provided that their enrollment covers at least 15 days of that month (including the 15th day).

Article5 1. Newly Admitted International Graduate Students

International graduate students applying for admission may simultaneously submit an application for the Scholarship to the Office of International Affairs.

Applications shall first be reviewed by the relevant departments, graduate institutes, or degree programs, which shall rank applicants according to scholarship category and priority of award. The International Student Admission Review Committee shall then review the applications and determine

whether the Scholarship will be granted.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:
1. Chinese language proficiency at the Basic Level (TOCFL Level 2) or above, or English language proficiency at CEFR B1 or above.
2. Applicants holding an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC) with the purpose of residence specified as "Employment" or a visa with the purpose specified as "Work" may only be awarded the tuition and credit fee subsidy component of the Scholarship.
3. Applicants who have already received scholarships provided by any government agency of the Republic of China (Taiwan) are not eligible to receive this Scholarship concurrently. If overlapping scholarship awards are discovered, their eligibility for this Scholarship shall be revoked.
2. Continuing Scholarship Recipients
International graduate students wishing to renew their Scholarship must submit an application form and their academic transcript for the preceding academic year to the Office of International Affairs by July 20 each year. Students admitted in the spring semester must submit their applications by February 5 each year.

The Office of International Affairs shall coordinate with the relevant administrative units and colleges for review and confirmation, and submit the applications to the President for final approval.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Academic Credits and Performance:
- Master's students must complete at least 8 credits per semester during the preceding academic year.
- Doctoral students must complete at least 4 credits per semester during the preceding academic year.
- The average academic score for the two semesters must be at least 80.
- Students who have completed all required graduation credits may submit a thesis research report in place of the credit requirement.
All credits mentioned above must be credits required by the student's department or graduate institute.

2. Conduct Grade:

A conduct grade of at least 80.

3. Chinese Language Proficiency:
The student must obtain a Chinese language course grade of at least 70 in each semester of the preceding academic year at the University's Language Center, or pass the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL) at the Advanced Level and obtain an exemption certificate issued by the University's Language Center.

4. Recommendation Letter:
A recommendation letter from the student's academic advisor or department chair/director must be submitted.

Students who suspend their studies due to pregnancy may reapply for the Scholarship upon resumption of their studies by submitting an application form and their academic transcripts for all previous academic years.

Article6 The number of scholarships awarded shall be adjusted flexibly according to the availability of funding. As a general principle, scholarship quotas shall be distributed equally among the University's colleges. However, the allocation of quotas may be adjusted among colleges through consultation during the review process.

1. Newly Admitted International Graduate Students
Two categories of scholarships are available:

1. Category A Scholarship:
Provides a waiver of the basic tuition and miscellaneous fees and credit fees, together with a monthly stipend.

2. Category B Scholarship:
Provides a waiver of the basic tuition and miscellaneous fees and credit fees only.

Priority for Category A Scholarships for Master's Students:
1. First Priority: Each international degree program may receive up to three scholarships.
2. Second Priority: Each college, excluding international degree programs, may receive up to two scholarships.

2. Continuing Scholarship Recipients

1. Each Scholarship award shall be approved for one academic year at a time. Students must reapply annually for renewal.

2. The maximum scholarship duration shall be:

- Master's students: Two years.
- Doctoral students: Four years.

3. The Scholarship shall be disbursed after the 15th of each month (applicable to newly admitted students starting from Academic Year 2023).

- For second-year and above students renewing their scholarships, the August stipend shall be disbursed after September 15.
- For newly admitted students, the September stipend shall be disbursed after October 15.
- For new and continuing students admitted in the spring semester, the February stipend shall be disbursed after March 15.

Article7 Students receiving this Scholarship, as well as those receiving the Taiwan Scholarship, are required to participate in activities organized by the University for international students.

Article8 The Scholarship shall be suspended or revoked under any of the following circumstances:

1. The number of credits taken in a semester, the semester academic grade, or the conduct grade fails to meet the requirements stipulated in Subparagraph 2 of Paragraph 2 of Article 5.

2. The student suspends their studies, withdraws from the University, or graduates.

3. The student violates the provisions set forth in Item 3 of Subparagraph 1 of Article 5.

4. The student is expelled from university accommodation.

5. If it is verified that a student was admitted in violation of the eligibility requirements stipulated in the Ministry of Education's Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan, the student's admission status shall be revoked and the Scholarship already received shall be recovered.

6. The student engages in any illegal activities in Taiwan or commits acts that damage the University's reputation, and such conduct is verified.

7. Except during winter and summer vacations, if the student fails to attend classes on campus or leaves Taiwan without prior authorization from the University, the stipend for the months during which the student is not studying in Taiwan shall be suspended.

8. Except during winter and summer vacations, if the student fails to attend classes on campus or leaves Taiwan without prior authorization from the

University for more than two months, their scholarship recipient status shall be revoked.

Article9 Any matters not addressed in these Guidelines shall be handled in accordance with relevant laws and regulations.

Article10 These Guidelines shall take effect upon approval by the Administrative Council and ratification by the President of the University.

The Guidelines are enacted in Chinese, which shall prevail in case of any discrepancy between the English translation and the Chinese original.