

# Scholarships for International Students at National Chiao Tung University

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- I. National Chiao Tung University (hereinafter referred to as the “University”) has the “Scholarships for International Students” set-up to recruit outstanding international students to study at the University and to promote internationalization. The scholarship is for foreign students who study at the University for degree programs in accordance with the “Admission Guidelines for International Students.”
  
- II. The sources of funding for the “Scholarships for International Students” include grants and subsidies from the Ministry of Education of Taiwan and the assistantships and postgraduate awards from the University. The assistantships and postgraduate awards funding from the University are available only to foreign students who are applying for graduate programs and doctorate programs.
  
- III. Scholarship for Outstanding New Students Award :
  - (I) Eligibility Criteria: A newly admitted student with outstanding academic records and who has not received any other scholarships of equal or higher value from the Taiwan (R.O.C.) government.
  - (II) Review process: The graduate institutes/departments will conduct a preliminary review for individual applicants based upon his/her previous academic records and/or research capabilities. Afterwards, each College shall rank the nominees and recommend them to the members of International Students Admissions Committee, who shall then proceed with a second iteration of the evaluation process according to the annual fund sufficiency to determine and offer the amount and recipients for the scholarships.
  - (III) Award amounts:
    - (1) Undergraduate students: NT\$7,000 per month plus tuition waiver.
    - (2) Master’s degree students: NT\$7,000 per month plus tuition waiver and NT\$3,000 per month for living costs of entrance student.
    - (3) Doctoral degree students: NT\$10,000 per month plus tuition waiver and NT\$5,000 per month for living costs of entrance student.

- (4) Tuition waiver
- (IV) Availability:
  - (1) In principle, the awardees are paid on a per semester basis (for example, the scholarship awardees who are admitted and enrolled in the Spring Semester will receive the payments for the scholarship from March to August; the scholarship awardees who are admitted and enrolled in the Fall Semester are eligible to receive the payments from September of this year to February of the following year).
  - (2) Applicants from universities that have specific agreements or collaborations with NCTU or recommended by the OIA, possessing academic excellence or outstanding performance, and are recommended by those departments/institutes, in addition, their applications as approved by the University's International Students Admissions Committee, are entitled to receive the award over a year's period, in principle (Students, admitted and enrolled in the Spring Semester, are eligible to receive the payments for the scholarship from March of this year to February of the following year; students, admitted and enrolled in the Fall Semester, are eligible to receive the payments from September of this year to August of the following year). The recipients may choose to apply for a Scholarship for Students Award or a Special Program Scholarship for Outstanding New Students Award, whichever is superior, shall prevail after the expiration of the scholarship for the first semester.

IV. NCTU Elite Ph.D. Scholarship for New Students Award:

- (I) Eligibility Criteria: A newly admitted doctoral student with outstanding academic records and who has not received any other scholarships of equal or higher value from the Taiwan (R.O.C.) government.
- (II) Review process: It is to be processed the same way as the "Scholarship for Outstanding New Students Award" It is limited to one recipient per college and it is to be proportionately adjusted according to the total number of college admissions and can be withheld without distribution if there is no recipient eligible to receive the scholarship.
- (III) Award amount:
  - (1) Scholarship: NT\$30,000 per month.
  - (2) Tuition waiver plus National Chiao Tung University accommodation waiver.
- (IV) Availability: It is available for the first two years of the school, then it is to be reviewed and approved in accordance with the "Scholarship for Students Award" from the third year.
- (V) Award provisions:

- (1) The scholarship for NT\$22,000 is issued by the OIA per month; advising professor's matching fund for NT\$8,000 per month.
- (2) The "NCTU Elite Ph.D. Scholarship for New Students Award" must be accompanied by the advising professor's matching fund. If the advising professor of the recipient fails to have the Letter of Consent signed and sent back within one week after the school started, the student is instead entitled to NT\$240,000 (NT\$20,000 per month) a year plus tuition waiver.
- (3) The qualifications of the recipients of the scholarship will be reviewed each semester for renewing their eligibility (the grade average per semester must exceed 80 points). The recipients of the scholarship who have failed to meet the renewal requirements will be switched to the program of NT\$240,000 (NT\$20,000 per month) a year plus tuition waiver.

V. Scholarship for Students Award:

- (I) Eligibility Criteria: The scholarship recipients must be international students who have enrolled for at least one semester and meet the following requirements:

(1) Academic performance:

Post-Graduate students: a potential candidate is expected to take at least one "core course" per semester. In addition, the candidate must have achieved an average grade of 80 or higher (if the candidate has only completed one semester, the average grade will be based on that semester) in the last two semesters before applying. If the grade of the last two semesters is not available while preparing the dissertation, in addition to having the total score of all academic years meeting the requirement referred to above, submit a recommendation letter provided by his/her advising professor along with relevant research reports for consideration towards the scholarship application. A post-graduate student who has completed the required credits toward his/her pursuit of his/her degree graduation shall submit a dissertation instead.

Undergraduate students: An undergraduate student is expected to obtain an average grade point of 70 or higher for the previous two semesters (for the candidate who has only completed one semester, the records of this semester will be referenced).

- (2) Manner and conduct: Average score of 80 or better is required per semester for all students at the University.
- (3) Students, who do not meet the award criteria but who have maintained an average passing mark ("passing mark" is defined as a grade of 60-70 for undergraduate students and a grade of 70-80 for post-graduate students), are advised to apply for tuition waiver (it is subject to the approval of the International Students Admissions Committee).

- (4) An international student holding an employee visa or ARC (Alien Resident Certificate) with working status is not eligible to apply for the scholarship.
- (5) Applicants applying for scholarship renewal may provide certificate of voluntary or public service done on- or off-campus. The aforesaid certificate will be considered as one of the evaluation criteria for scholarship award.

(II) Review process: The graduate institutes/departments will conduct a preliminary review for individual applicants based upon his/her previous academic records and/or research capabilities. Afterwards, each College will rank the eligible candidates and recommend them to the members of International Students Admissions Committee, who shall then proceed with a second iteration of the evaluation process, according to the candidates' eligibilities, to determine and offer the amount and recipients of the scholarships among the candidates. The number of the scholarship recipients and the available quota of scholarship may be negotiated among the Colleges.

(III) Award amount (three categories): Scholarship is distributed monthly for a total of 12 months.

(1) Award of Outstanding Students:

Undergraduate students: NT\$7,000~NT\$10,000 per month plus tuition waiver for a grand total of NT\$84,000 ~ NT\$120,000 per year.

Master's degree students: NT\$7,000~NT\$13,000 per month plus tuition waiver for a grand total of NT\$84,000 ~ NT\$156,000 per year (the amount of tuition fees waived is based upon NCTU regulations or standards).

Doctoral degree students: NT\$10,000~NT\$20,000 per month plus tuition waiver for a grand total of NT\$120,000 ~ NT\$240,000 per year (the amount of tuition fees waived is based on NCTU regulations or standards).

(2) Award of Excellent Students: Tuition waiver

(3) The Special Program Scholarship: the amount collected in the second semester by the enrolled students in compliance with Article 3 Paragraph 4 Subparagraph 2 of the Scholarship for Outstanding New Students Award.

Undergraduate students: NT\$7,000 per month plus tuition waiver.

Master's degree students: NT\$10,000 per month plus tuition waiver (the amount of tuition fees waived is based on NCTU regulations or standards).

Doctoral degree students: NT\$15,000 per month plus tuition waiver (the amount of tuition fees waived is based on NCTU regulations or standards).

VI. Rules and regulations for the applicants and awardees of the "Scholarships for International Students":

(I) Scholarships for Students Award are offered to international students annually and an application must be filed and reviewed and approved annually.

Scholarships for Outstanding New Students Award are offered for a six-month period. After one semester's enrollment at the University, the enrolled students are

- eligible for applying for a continuation of the scholarships.
- (II) An awardee of the NCTU scholarship should not receive any other scholarship, grant or financial aid from the Taiwan (R.O.C.) government or other governmental grants.
  - (III) The Scholarship recipients must enroll in at least one Chinese language course per semester in the first two years of the offered award. The recipients who have taken Chinese language courses before entering Taiwan or have attended Chinese language institutes are exempted from this requirement. The grades of Chinese courses will be one of the criteria when applying for the NCTU scholarship.
  - (IV) All the aforementioned scholarships should be offered only for the enrolled international students at the University.
  - (V) The amounts of Tuition Waiver coverage are as follows:
    - (1) Tuition Waiver for undergraduate students: includes full tuition & miscellaneous fees.
    - (2) Tuition Waiver for post-graduate students: only covers basic tuition fees and credit fees. Credit fee waiver is processed in accordance with the credit fees charged against international master's degree students and doctoral degree students. For special programs or individual requests, the coverage can be reduced and pre-approved by the International Students Admissions Committee.
  - (VI) A recipient shall forfeit the scholarship awarded under the following conditions:
    - (1) A recipient has departed or withdrawn from the University for over a month without any notifications. No pre-approved written statements or documents from either his/her academic advisor or members of International Students Admissions Committee has been submitted by the awardee.
    - (2) A recipient has unacceptable manner or conduct and violated the University regulations on or off the campus; also, the conduct has been under review by the committee.
    - (3) The scholarships to the recipients who are on an exchange student program overseas or who have gone for a dual degree will be suspended but not the tuition waiver.
    - (4) Suspension or dropouts for any reason, scholarships will not be paid (for entrance student: the allowance for living costs and scholarships will be suspended). The scholarship recourse will not be activated after the 15th day of the month (for entrance student: the allowance for living costs and scholarships); the scholarship recourse will not be activated against the graduated students after the 15th day of the month.
  - (VII) The Scholarships should be preferentially granted to the first or second years of undergraduate students after enrollment; the first year of master's degree students after enrollment; the first or second years of doctoral degree students after enrollment.

For an awardee of the Award of Excellent Students, the institute/department and advising professor shall help apply for a research program allowance.

- (VIII) The scholarship maximum offered periods: four years for undergraduate students; two years for master's degree students; four years for doctoral degree students; six years throughout the doctoral program for bachelor's degree students who are directly admitted to doctoral degree programs, or six years during the master and doctoral program for master's degree students who are directly admitted to doctoral degree programs. Students who reach the maximum offered periods and need to extend the period of studies can apply for the rate of tuition fees as NCTU local students only if the advisor or advising professor provides the statement and the applicants' average score of all academic years needs to be over 70 for undergraduate students and over 80 for post-graduate students. The applications need to be reviewed and approved by the International Students Admissions Committee.
- (IX) International students whose academic grades fail to meet the scholarship application requirements in the first semester of the first year, with a statement issued by the advisor or advising professor can apply for the rate of tuition fees as NCTU local students for the second semester of the first year and the result of the application needs to be approved by the International Students Admissions Committee.
- (X) A recipient has been granted scholarships from the Taiwan government or any external agencies is eligible to apply for the Scholarship for Students Award after the expiration of the current scholarship in accordance with the outstanding student standards (please refer to Article 5 Paragraph 1) with the total scholarship period consolidated.
- VII. The University has established an "International Scholarships Account" to collect donations locally and globally. The International Students Admissions Committee should initiate the review processes of the scholarship applications. Additional rules and regulations should be governed and amended where they are applicable.
- VIII. Any matters insufficiently provided for herein should be subject to the laws and regulations concerned.
- IX. These Regulations and the amendments hereof should be put into enforcement after being resolved in the University's Administrative Meeting and later approved by the University's President.