

# **Guidelines for Outstanding International Student Scholarship of National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology**

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- I. The Guidelines for Outstanding International Student Scholarship of (hereinafter as the Guidelines) of National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology (hereinafter as NKUST) are established to encourage outstanding international students to study at NKUST and promote campus internationalization.
- II. Eligibility:
  1. New students (hereinafter as New Students) applying for admission in accordance with the Studying Guidelines of International Student and international students currently studying at NKUST (hereinafter as Current Students) are eligible.
  2. The following international students with official student registrations are not qualified for scholarships specified in this Guidelines:
    - (1) Overseas Chinese students, students with People's Republic China nationality, Dual Degree students, and short-term exchange students
    - (2) Students with delayed graduation
    - (3) International students of special programs
- III. Application Time:
  1. New Students: Applications for scholarships should be submitted along with applications for admission.
  2. Current Students: Applications for scholarships should be submitted to students' academic department before the announced deadline. Overdue applications will not be accepted.
- IV. Scholarship Types, Amount, Quota, and Requirements:
  1. Undergraduate Student
    - (1) Scholarship for New Undergraduate Students: Students who apply for admission and meet the following requirements, and pass the evaluation process will receive a monthly stipend of NT\$3,000.
      - (A) A certificate or a score of Band B or above in the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL)
      - (B) A transcript of the Malaysian Certificate of Education (SPM) in which the Chinese subject is Grade C or above
      - (C) A transcript of the Unified Examination Certificate of Malaysia (UEC) in which the Chinese subject is Grade C or above
    - (2) Scholarship for Current Undergraduate Students: Students meeting the following requirements through the evaluation process will receive a monthly stipend of NT\$3,000.
      - (A) Applicants who have taken at least 6 credits from the previous semester and have an average score of 75 or above
      - (B) Applicants who have achieved excellent results in competitions or have other outstanding performance in the previous semester with recommendations from the department chair
    - (3) Tuition and credit fee waiver (excluding housing, books and insurance fees)
      - (A) Qualifications will be evaluated when New Students apply for admission. Tuition fee will be waived for students who are accepted at that academic year.
      - (B) Current Undergraduate Students who wish to apply for the waiver should have taken at least 6 credits in the previous semester with an average score of 75 or above.

## 2. Master Student:

- (1) Scholarship for New Master Student: Students meeting one of the following requirements, and pass the evaluation process will receive a monthly stipend of NT\$6,000.
  - (A) A certificate or a score of Band B or above in the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCEL)
  - (B) IELTS overall band of 5.5 or above or an equivalent level in other English language proficiency tests.
- (2) Tuition fee waiver (excluding housing, books and insurance fees)
  - (A) Qualifications will be evaluated when New Students apply for admission. Tuition and credit fee will be waived for students who are accepted at that academic year. If new students cannot provide language certificate before admission, the qualifications of scholarship will be retained, but students must submit before the first year qualifications of scholarship ends. The monthly stipend will be granted on next month when students meet the qualifications.
  - (B) Current Master Students who wish to apply for the waiver should have taken at least 3 credits in the previous semester with an average score of 82 or above.
- (3) Scholarship for students who continue to study in a Master program: NT\$5000 will be granted to students who complete their undergraduate program at NKUST and continue to study in a master program at the same university. Each student can only apply once.

## 3. Ph.D. Student:

- (1) Scholarship for New Ph.D. Students: Qualifications will be evaluated when new students apply for admission. Students meeting the evaluation criteria will receive a monthly stipend of NT\$12,000.
- (2) Scholarship for Current Ph.D. Students:
  - (A) Students applying for scholarships in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of doctoral program should obtain an average academic score of 82 or above from the previous semester and have at least one paper presented at an international conference or one paper accepted for publication or published in an international journal as the first author or the corresponding author. Each recipient will be awarded a stipend of NT\$12,000. However, the paper cannot be reused for the application for the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year Ph.D. scholarship.
  - (B) Students applying for scholarships in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year doctoral program must submit one additional paper accepted for publication or published in an international journal as the first author or the corresponding author. Each recipient will be awarded a monthly stipend of NT\$12,000.
  - (C) Students applying for scholarships in the 4<sup>th</sup> year program accumulate at least two papers published or accepted to be published in an international journal as the first author or corresponding author. Each recipient will be awarded a monthly stipend of NT\$12,000. If an applicant is unable to submit one additional paper in an international journal, he or she will receive a monthly stipend of NT\$8,000.
  - (D) The International Student Scholarship Evaluation Committee can consider granting an applicant who has an outstanding contribution to NKUST in research, patent transfer or competition up to NT\$20,000 per month. The maximum number of recipients for this stipend is eight students.
- (3) Tuition fee waiver:
  - (A) Qualifications will be evaluated when New Students apply for admission. Tuition and credit fee will be waived for students who are accepted at

that academic year.

(B) Students applying for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year scholarship should have an average academic score of 82 or above from the previous semester. Students applying for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year and 4<sup>th</sup> year scholarship have to submit a paper published in an international journal.

- (4) The international journal paper mentioned in the Guidelines refers to a paper published in a journal indexed in SCI, SSCI, A&HCI, or ABI. Applicants must provide a copy of the published paper or proof of acceptance for publication.
- (5) If the aforementioned applicant is able to obtain the signed academic advisor commitment form, he or she is qualified for a monthly stipend. The amount of monthly stipend arranged through and paid by the academic advisor.
- (6) Scholarship for students who continue to study in a Ph.D. program: NT\$10,000 will be granted to students who complete their master program at NKUST and continue to study in a Ph.D. program at the same university. Each student can only apply once.

V. External Scholarship Awards Scheme:

1. A recipient of the Taiwan Scholarship from the Ministry of Education whose tuition fee is subsidized by the Ministry of Education is eligible for a partial tuition waiver for the insufficient amount.
2. A recipient of Taiwan Scholarship from the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Science and Technology or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is qualified for receiving an additional award of NT\$50,000. Each student can apply only once.

VI. Apart from meeting the qualifications specified in Article V of the Guidelines, a recipient of scholarships from the Taiwanese government, a foreign government, or an organization inside or outside of NKUST and who is eligible for scholarships of NKUST can apply for a tuition subsidy when the amount of the scholarship received is lower than the tuition in the current semester or academic year.

VII. Undergraduate students of a four-year program can apply for and receive a scholarship for no more than four academic years. Undergraduate students of a two-year program can apply for and receive a scholarship for no more than two academic years. Master students can apply for and receive a scholarship for no more than two academic years. Ph.D. students can apply for and receive a scholarship for no more than four academic years, excluding the periods of leave of absence.

VIII. Requirements of Documents:

1. New Student :
  - (1) Application form
  - (2) One copy of personal resume in Chinese or English
  - (3) Academic transcript of the highest education in Chinese or English
  - (4) Transcript of a joint examination if the applicant has attended the national examination
  - (5) Two recommend letters in Chinese or English
  - (6) Certificate of Chinese and English language proficiency tests
  - (7) Certificates of related courses and extracurricular activities
2. Current Undergraduate Student (excluding first-year students)
  - (1) Application form
  - (2) Transcript of the current semester
  - (3) Other proof of documents
3. Current Master and Ph.D. Student:
  - (1) Application form
  - (2) Transcript of the current semester
  - (3) Proof of a paper presented in an international conference or a paper accepted by or published in an international journal as the first author or the corresponding author

- IX. Other proof of documents Scholarship Evaluation Procedure
1. New Student: All documents will be collected by the Office of International Affairs and submitted to the International Student Scholarship Evaluation Committee for review and the result of which should be approved by the President.
  2. Current Student: Each college should provide a list of students in the order of recommendation and submit the list to the Office of International Affairs. The amount of scholarship should be reviewed by the International Student Scholarship Evaluation Committee and then approved by the President.
- X. Scholarship Payment
1. Except for the Scholarship for New Students, the scholarship specified in this Guidelines is a semester scholarship that is paid monthly.
  2. After the scholarship recipients (New Students and Current Students) completed their registration process at the beginning of the semester, they should submit an evaluation form monthly to the Office of International Affairs for subsequent scholarship payments and as a basis for the next scholarship application.
  3. Recipients should study at least one Chinese course, and the result will be reviewed for the next scholarship application.
- XI. Termination and Resumption of Scholarship
1. Except for the conditions specified in Article IV and V of the Guidelines, students who receive scholarships specified in the Guidelines must not receive other scholarships of the current year; otherwise, the scholarship qualification will be revoked. Any overpaid scholarship, once verified, should be returned by the recipient.
  2. The scholarship qualification will be revoked for New Students or Current Students who fail to complete the registration of the current semester or academic year, fail to retain their student status, transfer to other school or leave the school.
  3. After completing the registration, if a recipient has left the school for over one month (excluding winter and summer vacation) during the scholarship award period without the approval from the department chair, his or her scholarship qualification will be revoked.
  4. The scholarship qualification will be suspended the month after a recipient's enrollment status changes, such as suspension, expulsion, dropping out or expelled from school.
  5. During his or her stay in Taiwan, if a recipient is convicted of violating the Criminal Code of R. O. C. or engages in serious misconduct that affects the university's reputation, his or her scholarship will be revoked.
- XII. The Guidelines apply to students who have been admitted before (and including) the second semester of 2018 academic year.
- XIII. Sources of funding: Scholarships specified in the Guidelines are funded by subsidies from the Ministry of Education, the budget allocation funds of NKUST (including self-raised income) and teachers' self-raised funds. The quotas of scholarships will be adjusted according to the available funds of the current academic year.
- XIV. The Guidelines have been approved by the Administrative Meeting and take effect upon approval of the President. The same procedure should apply for any amendments or revisions.

(Note: The Guidelines have two versions. One in Chinese and one in English. In the event of any discrepancy between the two languages, the Chinese version shall prevail.)