

Regulations of NKUST

Scholarship for Outstanding Foreign Doctoral Students

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1. In order to recruit outstanding foreign graduate students and enhance internationalization of the University, National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology (hereafter NKUST) has formulated scholarship regulations for outstanding foreign doctoral students.
2. Those who apply for admission in accordance with the the University requirements for foreign students (hereafter new students), or the current foreign students (hereafter current students) are eligible for application in accordance with these regulations. Notwithstanding the scholarships are not applicable to the following international students who are officially registered:
 - 2.1. Overseas Chinese students, Mainland Chinese students, joint dual-degree students and short-term exchange students
 - 2.2. Students of defer graduation
 - 2.3. Special foreign student programs
3. Scholarship application procedures:
 - 3.1. For new students, apply when applying for admission.
 - 3.2. For current students, in accordance with the University announcement, submit the application to Office of International Affairs before the end of award period. If the application is overdue, it will be deemed to be voluntarily abandoned and will no longer be accepted.
 - 3.3. For those who fail to apply for renewal as scheduled should submit a supplementary application before the deadline in the next semester. The award period for supplementary application is only for one semester.
4. Monthly value of award and eligibility criteria
 - 4.1. New students apply while applying for admission in accordance with 3. 1. Those who are admitted and pass the review of eligibility will be granted NT\$12,000 monthly.
 - 4.2. Current students applying for monthly awards in all years should meet the following qualifications. Those who are approved by the review meeting will be granted NT\$12,000 monthly.
 - 4.2.1. Applicants for the second-year award must have an average academic grade of more than 80 in the previous semester, and have published at least a paper in an international journal, and must provide proof of the first author in addition to the advisor.
 - 4.2.2. Applicants for the third-year award must add an international journal paper and provide proof of the first author in addition to the advisor.

- 4.2.3. Applicants for the fourth-year award must accumulate at least three published papers in international journals and provide proof of the first author in addition to the advisor.
- 4.3. Those who have studied for the master's degree at NKUST and continue to apply and study in the doctoral program will receive a continuation doctoral stay scholarship of NT\$50,000. Each person can only apply once.
5. Criteria for the exemption of tuition, fees and credit fees (excluding fees for accommodation, computer and internet connection, books and insurance):
 - 5.1. When applying for admission, new students who pass the qualification review and are approved by the review meeting may be exempted from tuition and fees and credit fees.
 - 5.2. Applicants for the second-year exemption must have an average academic grade of 80 or more in the previous semester
 - 5.3. Those who apply for the third- and fourth-year exemption must have the status of registered student.
6. International Journal Papers refer the ones with SCI, SSCI, A&HCI or ABDC (level B or above), and the applicant must be the first author. The applicant must provide copy of published international journal paper or letter of acceptance as well as provide the index of journal inclusion on the designated website of the University Library.
7. Application criteria for monthly award:
 - 7.1. New students:
 - 7.1.1. At the time of admission application, the students, who are selected as the first in line by an advisor at the rank of assistant professor or above, will be awarded monthly scholarship; for those who are not in the first in line, the scholarship will be funded by the advisor.
 - 7.1.2. For those who have not selected an advisor at the time of enrollment, their monthly scholarship will be reviewed based on the new student's merits and various research achievements, as well as the current year budget.
 - 7.2. In addition to meeting the eligibility criteria, the priority order for the approval of monthly award for current students in each class is as follows:
 - 7.2.1. When applying for the continuation of monthly award, the students who are selected as the first in line by an advisor at the rank of assistant professor or above will be granted the monthly scholarship; for those who are not in the first in line, the scholarship will be funded by the advisor.
 - 7.2.2. For those who have not selected an advisor, their monthly awards will be reviewed based on their merits and various research achievements, as well as the current year budget.
8. Scholarship review procedure:
 - 8.1. New students: When new students apply for admission, it will be reviewed and

approved by International Scholarship and Bursary Review Committee, and ratified by the President.

- 8.2. Current students: After the online application, eligibility of the applicants will be reviewed by Office of International Affairs, then by each department, subsequently reviewed and approved by International Scholarship Review Team, and ratified by the President. For external scholarship award program, if the student is a recipient of the Taiwan Scholarship of Ministry of Education, the tuition and fees will be verified and subsidized by Ministry of Education, and the insufficient part will be waived by the University.
9. Scholarships for new students are limited to one application per person; for monthly scholarships, tuition and fees, and credit fees, a maximum of four years for doctoral students. However, the suspension period is not included.
10. The scholarships are awarded for an academic year. The monthly scholarship is issued for a total of twelve months and distributed on a monthly basis.

After the awarded new students and current students complete the registration procedures on the first day of the semester, they must submit an assessment form to Office of International Affairs for reference every month.

The assessment form is drawn up separately to serve as the basis for reviewing future scholarship renewals or new applications. Awarded new students should take at least one Chinese language course, or be credited with a test of Chinese Language Proficiency (TOCFL) B or higher score or certificate, and their Chinese score will be used as the basis for subsequent scholarship review.

11. Required documents for scholarship application:

- 11.1. Application form
- 11.2. Academic records of the current semester
- 11.3. Research achievement list (including proof of publication or letter of acceptance)
- 11.4. The advisor's approval letter
- 11.5. Other favorable supporting information

12. If the student is a recipient of the Taiwan Scholarship of Ministry of Education, the tuition and fees will be verified and subsidized by Ministry of Education, and the insufficient part will be waived by the University.
13. In addition to meeting the requirements, those who obtain full scholarships issued by the ROC government, foreign governments, or other institutions inside and outside NKUST are not allowed to apply additionally. However, for those who receive full scholarships issued by the above-mentioned institutions, if the amount of the scholarship received is insufficient to pay for tuition and fees of the current semester or year at NKUST, but their application conditions meet the requirements, they are eligible to apply for insufficient part from NKUST.

14. Suspension and cancellation of scholarships:

- 14.1. Scholarship recipients should meet the requirements and must not receive other scholarships in the same year. For those who violate the regulation, the scholarship will be revoked. Upon investigation, the recipient should return it.
 - 14.2. The awarded new students in the year of enrollment, or current students, who do not complete registration, retain their student status, or transfer to other school during the semester of enrollment, will be disqualified for the scholarship.
 - 14.3. After registration, except for winter and summer vacations, those who leave school for more than a month during the award period without the approval of the department supervisor will be disqualified for the scholarship.
 - 14.4. During the semester, if a scholarship recipient who suspends, withdraws from school, loses their student status, or is expelled from school, their scholarship will be terminated from the following month.
 - 14.5. When scholarship recipients graduate, the distribution of scholarship will cease the month following graduation.
 - 14.6. During their stay in ROC, NKUST will cease scholarships to the recipients who violate the criminal laws and are prosecuted or whose serious misconduct affects the reputation of the University.
15. These regulations will be implemented from the academic year of 2022. Before the second semester (included) of the 2021 academic year, the foreign students who have received the NKUST Outstanding International Student Scholarship will receive the grant in accordance with the regulations until graduation.
16. The funding for these regulations is covered by the subsidy from Ministry of Education, the NKUST budget allocation (including self-raised income distribution) and faculty's self-raised funds. The number of scholarships can be adjusted flexibly according to the income and expenditure of various funds in the current year.
17. These regulations were approved by the University Affairs meeting and ratified by the President to implement; the same procedure applies when they are revised.