

National Chi Nan University Guidelines for Incentives for International Students

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- I. To encourage international students to study at National Chi Nan University and to reward outstanding international students, the “National Chi Nan University Guidelines for Incentives for International Students” (hereinafter referred to as “the Guidelines”) were formulated in accordance with Article 15 of the “Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan.”
- II. The funding required for the implementation of the Guidelines shall come from the Ministry of Education’s special subsidy programs or the university’s student scholarships and financial aid programs.
- III. These Guidelines apply to international students who are planning to enroll or are currently enrolled at the university and meet the following qualifications:
 - (I) International students who meet the requirements of Article 4 of the “National Chi Nan University Admission Regulations for Foreign Students” or those pursuing a degree at the university under a dual-degree program jointly established by the university and a foreign institution.
 - (II) The applicant’s academic performance must meet the following requirements:
 1. Applicants to undergraduate programs or the International Specialized Program must meet the standards set by the respective departments of the university, which will determine whether to recommend the applicant. For current students in undergraduate programs or the International Specialized Program, their academic average for the previous semester must be 80 or above, or they must be recommended by the department head with justification. Additionally, they must have no record of misconduct.
Applicants to master’s or doctoral programs must have a graduation GPA of 3.0 or above (or an equivalent score) from their previous school. The standards will be determined by the respective departments of the university, which will decide whether to recommend the applicant. For current students in master’s or doctoral programs, their academic average for the previous semester must be 80 or above, or they must be recommended by the department head with justification. Furthermore, they must have no record of misconduct.

For graduate students who are in the process of writing their thesis and do not have course grades, a recommendation letter from their thesis advisor may serve as the basis for application.

2. Each department may establish its own standards for academic performance and overall evaluation for applicants of scholarships and financial aid for international students.
3. **Current students enrolled in the university's "Chinese-taught programs" must complete at least 20 hours of Chinese language courses offered by the university's Language Teaching Center or pass the basic level of the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL Level 2) or an equivalent internationally recognized Chinese proficiency certification.**
4. Current students of the university who do not meet the above conditions but have special circumstances must have their case reviewed by the respective department. The department shall hold a review meeting and submit the meeting's resolution documents (including the International Student Scholarship Application Form, the International Student Academic Progress and Support Measures Form, and the student's transcript) for discussion at the International and Cross-Strait Affairs Meeting before **April 30 and October 30 each year.**

(III) Applicants with any of the following conditions are not eligible to apply:

1. Those who have previously had this scholarship revoked.
2. Those who have committed serious violations of the laws of the Republic of China (Taiwan) or have received a reprimand or higher penalty under the university's Student Rewards and Punishments Regulations.

IV. The university's incentives for international students include scholarships and tuition/fees (credit fees) waivers. The regulations regarding the amount, number of recipients, duration, and maximum award period of the scholarships are as follows:

(I) Scholarship Amount:

1. Master's Program: The university-level scholarship ranges from NT\$2,000 to NT\$4,000 per month per recipient.
2. Doctoral Program: The university-level scholarship ranges from NT\$6,000 to NT\$8,000 per month per recipient.
3. In addition to the aforementioned scholarships, the Office of International and Cross-Strait Affairs, colleges, departments, or advisors may provide additional scholarship amounts as deemed appropriate.

(II) The number of scholarships awarded is determined based on the budget for the current year. If the scholarship funds for the year are exhausted, no further applications will be accepted.

(III) The scholarship award period is one semester, with scholarships approved for six months per semester. The first semester covers August to January of the following year, and the

second semester covers February to July. Current students must reapply each semester based on the eligibility criteria.

- (IV) Maximum Award Duration: Up to 4 years for undergraduate programs, 2 years for master's programs, and 4 years for doctoral programs.

Tuition and Fee (Credit Fee) Waiver Limits: Waivers are categorized as partial (based on the standard tuition and fees for regular students at the university) or full waivers. For undergraduate programs, tuition and fee waivers may be granted for a maximum of 4 years. For master's programs, tuition waivers may be granted for up to 2 years, with a maximum credit fee waiver of 12 credits per semester. For doctoral programs, tuition waivers may be granted for up to 4 years, with a maximum credit fee waiver of 12 credits per semester.

- V. Application Period for This Incentive: New students planning to apply for admission to the university must prepare the required admission documents as the basis for evaluation and submit them along with their application for admission. International students already enrolled at the university must apply for the scholarship for the next semester through the Office of International Affairs between **April 15 and April 30**, or **October 15 and October 30**, each year.

The required application documents are as follows:

(I) Application form

(II) Original transcripts of all academic years. (New students who have not yet completed their first semester are exempt from submission.)

(III) A letter of recommendation (students who want to enroll in NCNU can use the same application letter for entrance admission; current students should submit a recommendation letter from the chairman of their department or supervisor.)

(IV) Students enrolled in Chinese-taught programs must submit proof of completing at least 20 hours of Chinese language courses offered by the university's Language Teaching Center or passing the basic level of the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL Level 2) or the equivalent of an internationally recognized Chinese proficiency certification.

(V) Other supporting documents that may aid in the evaluation process (e.g., certificates of extracurricular activities, competition awards, published papers, or other achievements or research results. If unavailable, they do not need to be submitted.)

VI. Review Principles:

(I) Applicants recommended by partner schools with international agreements shall be given priority for the scholarship.

(II) Applicants who provide additional supporting documents that aid in the evaluation process may receive bonus points.

(III) The list of scholarship recipients must be reviewed and approved by the university's International and Cross-Strait Affairs Meeting.

- VII. Recipients of this scholarship are obligated to assist the Office of International and Cross-Strait

Affairs in promoting international academic exchange activities or accept assignments from their respective departments to serve as teaching, administrative, or research assistants. The working hours and duties shall be determined by the Office of International and Cross-Strait Affairs or the respective departments.

VIII. Other Notes:

- (I) Scholarship recipients found to have engaged in forgery, alteration, or other fraudulent activities shall have their scholarship revoked, and any disbursed funds must be returned.
- (II) Scholarship recipients are no longer eligible to receive the scholarship upon graduation or withdrawal from the university.
- (III) Scholarship recipients shall not receive the scholarship during their leave of absence and must reapply upon resuming their studies.
- (IV) International students who are already receiving the Taiwan Scholarship are not eligible to receive this scholarship. If it is verified that a student is simultaneously receiving scholarships or subsidies from other government agencies or institutions in Taiwan, this scholarship will be revoked, and any duplicated monthly scholarship funds and tuition/fee (credit fee) waivers will be reclaimed.
- (V) Scholarship recipients who study abroad as exchange students or dual/joint degree students will have their scholarship eligibility suspended during their time abroad. The original scholarship period will not be extended.
- (VI) Scholarship recipients who leave Taiwan without the permission of the university and their department, except during winter and summer breaks, may have their monthly scholarship payments suspended for the period they are outside Taiwan or be required to repay the disbursed scholarship funds.
- (VII) Scholarship recipients who have severe absences, truancy, poor academic performance, or unsatisfactory overall performance during their studies may have their monthly scholarship payments suspended upon the recommendation of their department head or academic advisor and approval by the Office of International Affairs.
- (VIII) Scholarship recipients who violate the laws of Taiwan or the university's regulations during the scholarship period will have their scholarship eligibility revoked starting from the month following the finalization of the disciplinary action, as determined by the International and Cross-Strait Affairs Meeting.

IX. These guidelines shall be implemented upon approval by the Administrative Meeting and final authorization by the university president.

The above regulations were translated from the original Chinese. In the event of any discrepancies between the two versions, the Chinese version shall prevail.