

# National Chi Nan University Guidelines for Incentives for International Students

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- I. To encourage international students to pursue studies at National Chi Nan University and to recognize outstanding performance, these “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 these Guidelines shall be drawn from the Ministry of Education’s special subsidy programs or the university’s student scholarship and financial aid programs.
- III. These Guidelines apply to international students who plan to enroll at, or are currently enrolled in, the university and who 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 who are pursuing a degree at the university through a dual-degree program jointly established with a foreign institution.
  - (II) The applicant must meet the following requirements:
    1. Applicants to undergraduate programs must meet the standards set by the relevant department, which will determine whether to recommend admission. Current undergraduate students must have achieved an academic average of 80 or above in the previous semester, or be recommended by the department head with justification, and have no record of misconduct.

Applicants to master’s or doctoral programs must have graduated with a GPA of 3.0 or above (or an equivalent score) from their previous institution. The specific standards shall be determined by the relevant department, which will decide whether to recommend admission. Current master’s or doctoral students must have achieved an academic average of 80 or above, or be recommended by the department head with justification, and must have no record of misconduct. Graduate students engaged in thesis writing and who do not

have course grades must submit a recommendation letter from their thesis advisor in lieu of grades.

2. Applicants to International Foundation Program must be admitted through review and must meet renewal requirements annually.
3. Applicants to the English-Taught Master's Program must be admitted through review and must meet renewal requirements each semester.
4. Each department may establish its own standards for evaluating applicants' academic performance and overall qualifications.
5. Current students enrolled in the university's "Chinese-taught programs" must pass the basic level of the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL Level 2), achieve at least A2 in listening and reading on the Ministry of Education's Chinese Proficiency Test, or hold an equivalent internationally recognized Chinese proficiency certificate.
6. Current students of the university who do not meet the above conditions but have special circumstances must have their case reviewed by the relevant department. The department shall convene 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) to the International and Cross-Strait Affairs Meeting for discussion before April 30 and October 30 each year.

(III) Applicants who fall under any of the following categories are not eligible to apply:

1. Applicants who have previously had this scholarship revoked.
2. Applicants 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.
3. Applicants who hold full-time employment either on or off-campus, who hold an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC) indicating work as the reason for residence, or who hold an Alien Permanent Resident Certificate (APRC).

(IV) Applicants may receive this scholarship only once per educational level.

IV. Incentives for international students include scholarships and tuition/fee (including credit fee) 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: NT\$3,000 – NT\$5,000 per month per recipient.

2. English-Taught Master's Program: NT\$6,000 per month per recipient.
  3. Doctoral Program: NT\$6,000 – NT\$8,000 per month per recipient.
  4. In addition to the above, the Office of International and Cross-Strait Affairs, colleges, departments, or academic advisors may grant additional scholarship amounts as deemed appropriate.
- (II) Number of Recipients: Determined based on the budget for the current year. If funds for the year are exhausted, no further applications shall be accepted.
- (III) Duration of Scholarship: Recipients in English-Taught Master's Programs may receive a scholarship for a maximum of 2 years. Recipients who do not meet renewal standards in the previous semester shall not receive an award for the following semester. Scholarships for other international students are granted 1 semester at a time. Once approved, scholarships begin in the first month of enrollment and are provided for 6 months each 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 2 years for master's programs and up to 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. For the International Foundation Program, a full tuition and fee waiver during study. Students promoted to the first year of undergraduate study and who submit TOCFL Level 2 (A2 listening and reading) certification receive a full waiver; those promoted to the second year with TOCFL Level 3 or above (B1 listening and reading) also receive a full waiver. Thereafter, undergraduate students must reapply each semester in accordance with the undergraduate program regulations in Section 3, Paragraph 2, Item 1 of these Guidelines. For undergraduate programs, tuition and fee waivers may be granted for up to 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 English-Taught Master's Programs, tuition waivers may be granted for up to 2 years, with a maximum credit fee waiver of 12 credits per semester. Dormitory fees (quadruple room) are waived for up to 2 years. 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: New students must prepare the required admission documents as the basis for evaluation and submit them together with their admission application. Recipients admitted to the English-Taught Master's Program must sign a declaration upon admission. If they maintain a semester grade average of 85 or above, the scholarship shall automatically continue in the

**following semester.** Current international must apply through the Office of International Affairs between April 15 – April 30, or October 15 – October 30 each year for the following semester's scholarship. 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) One 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 their department chair or academic advisor.)
- (IV) **Students enrolled in Chinese-taught programs must submit proof of passing the basic level of the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL Level 2), results of the TOCFL Speedy Screening with at least A2 in listening and reading in the Ministry of Education's Chinese Proficiency Test, or the equivalent internationally recognized Chinese proficiency certificate.**
- (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) **Copy of a valid Alien Resident Certificate (both sides).**

VI. Review Principles:

- (I) Applicants recommended by partner institutions with international agreements shall be given priority for the scholarship.
- (II) Applicants who provide additional supporting documents that assist in the evaluation process may receive additional points.
- (III) The final list of recipients shall be reviewed and approved by the university's International and Cross-Strait Affairs Meeting.

VII. Recipients of this award are obligated to assist the Office of International and Cross-Strait Affairs in promoting international academic exchange activities, or to accept assignments from their relevant 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 by the relevant departments.

VIII. Other Notes:

- (I) Recipients found to have engaged in forgery, alteration, or other fraudulent conduct shall have their scholarship revoked, and any disbursed funds must be returned.
- (II) Recipients become ineligible to receive the scholarship upon graduation or withdrawal from

the university.

- (III) Recipients shall not receive the scholarship during a leave of absence and must reapply upon resuming their studies.
  - (IV) International students who are already receiving the Taiwan government scholarship or subsidies 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, this scholarship shall be revoked, and any duplicated monthly scholarship funds and tuition/fee (credit fee) waivers shall be reclaimed.
  - (V) Recipients who study abroad as exchange students or dual/joint degree students shall have their scholarship eligibility suspended during their time abroad, and the original scholarship period shall not be extended.
  - (VI) Except during winter and summer breaks, recipients who leave Taiwan without the permission of both the university and their department, may have their monthly scholarship payments suspended for the period spent outside Taiwan, or may be required to repay any disbursed scholarship funds.
  - (VII) 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, with approval by the Office of International Affairs.
  - (VIII) Recipients who violate the laws of Taiwan or the university's regulations during the scholarship period shall have their scholarship eligibility revoked beginning in the month following the finalization of the disciplinary action, as determined by the International and Cross-Strait Affairs Meeting.
  - (IX) Recipients who hold full-time employment on or off campus, hold an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC) indicating work as the reason for residence, or hold an Alien Permanent Resident Certificate (APRC) during the award period are ineligible to receive this scholarship. Any violations shall result in revocation of eligibility, and any disbursed funds shall be repaid by the recipient.
- 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.*