

**National Taiwan Normal University Department of Earth Sciences
Enforcement Rules for “The Ministry of Science and Technology Pilot
Program of Subsidizing the Scholarships for the Cultivation of
Outstanding Doctoral Students in Colleges and Universities”**

Amended and passed during the 7th Departmental Affairs Meeting
on June 23rd, 2020

- I. The current Enforcement Rules (hereinafter referred to as the Rules) are based on the “The Ministry of Science and Technology Pilot Program of Subsidizing the Scholarships for the Cultivation of Outstanding Doctoral Students in Colleges and Universities”, are aimed to reward and support outstanding doctoral students with research potentials to focus on their studies and research.

- II. Qualification:
 - (1) First year doctoral students who have been admitted and registered in that academic year (including students who have enrolled early in February).
 - (2) Excludes Mainland Chinese, Hong Kong, and Macau students.

- III. Terms and Amount of the Scholarship:
 - (1) The Scholarship shall be \$40,000/month for each doctoral student. The term shall begin on September 1st of the year and end on August 31st of the fourth year. The maximum term shall be four years. The scholarship shall continue until the month of graduation for those who graduate during the four year term. The scholarship vacancy left by the graduating student will not be filled.
 - (2) The scholarship shall be jointly funded by the Ministry of Science and Technology, the university, and the department or institute. In the first and second year, the Ministry of Science and Technology shall sponsor \$30,000/month, the university shall sponsor \$5,000/month, and the department or institute shall sponsor \$5,000/month. In the third and fourth year, the Ministry of Science and Technology shall sponsor \$20,000/month, the university shall sponsor \$10,000/month, and the department or institute shall sponsor \$10,000/month.
 - (3) Funding for the sponsorship must be self-financed funds drawn from the university’s endowment fund. Departmental or institutional funds must be sourced from university endowment allotted to the department or institute by the university; no funds should be drawn from Ministry of Science and Technology subsidies or funding.

- IV. Number of Scholarships and Application Timeline:
 - (1) The number of scholarships for the department shall be determined in the university admissions meeting.
 - (2) Qualified doctoral students must complete the application form within the announced application period. The application should also include their transcript, master’s thesis, academic journal publications, books, patents, accomplishments, records of international competition awards,

and other supplemental documents. The nomination committee of the department will screen and select awardees and compile a waitlist for the scholarships.

- V. Periodic Assessment and Impact Tracking Mechanism:
- (1) Awardees of the scholarship should apply for a recommendation renewal by submitting a complete report on their transcript, academic accomplishments, portfolio of works produced, and information on their participation in international events for the academic year before mid-June in the first to third year. Upon assessment and review by the department nomination committee, an approved list of students shall be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs for scholarship renewal for the following academic year.
 - (2) Awardees of the scholarship should submit a complete report on their transcript, academic accomplishments, portfolio of works produced, and information on their participation in international events for the academic year before the end of July in the fourth year (final year).
 - (3) The department must conduct periodic assessment (by telephone interview, survey, or other methods) on awardees in the first three years after their graduation. The assessment shall be on their academic and research performance, or their contribution in industries, etc. Awardees should cooperate and provide relevant information. The assessment shall be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs before the end of every July.
- VI. Scholarships may be canceled in any one of the following scenarios. The cancellation shall be effective starting from the date of the occurrence and the scholarship may not be restored. The scholarship vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the waitlist submitted by the department.
- (1) Awardees engaging in full time employment
 - (2) Awardees have applied for suspension of, or withdrawal from, studies
 - (3) Direct Admission doctoral student awardees transferring back to master's studies
 - (4) Awardees failed to gain recommendation renewal from the department or institute
- VII. If any information submitted by scholarship awardees is found to be fabricated, false, or tampered, their scholarship shall be canceled, and all scholarships awarded should be returned. Awardees will be held accountable for their actions.
- VIII. Other matters not covered herein shall be governed by relevant regulations of the Ministry of Science and Technology and the university.
- IX. The current Rules shall be implemented upon passage at a Departmental Affairs Meeting, and submission to the Office of Academic Affairs. The same shall apply to all of its subsequent amendments.