

Yuan Ze University (YZU):
Implementation of Scholarship for Outstanding Ph.D. Students
(Applicable to New PH.D. Students Enrolled from the Academic Year 2024)

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I. To cultivate talent in fundamental scientific research and to reward outstanding Ph.D. students with research potential, thereby supporting them in focusing on their research work, these guidelines are established in accordance with the "National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Graduate Research Fellowship Pilot Program."

II. Eligible Applicants:

1. First-year Ph.D. students enrolled in the current year (including those registered in February and September), whether through direct admission to the Ph.D. program, special admissions, or entrance exams. Scholarships may be awarded for up to four years.
2. Ineligible Applicants:
 - (1) Those who are engaged in full-time paid employment in public or private sectors or who apply for admission as part-time students possessing responsibilities related to employment.
 - (2) Students with statuses from Hong Kong, Macau, and Mainland China.
 - (3) Those who have applied for leave of absence and retained their admission eligibility or have not completed registration after admission.
 - (4) Those who are concurrently in receipt of scholarship or subsidy offered by the ROC government.

III. Number of Scholarships:

The number of scholarships awarded shall not exceed the maximum limit approved by NSTC for the academic year. The number of scholarships for the fourth year will be adjusted and approved based on the budget for that year.

IV. Scholarship Amount:

The scholarship period covers the first to the fourth year of the Ph.D. program. The scholarship amount is jointly funded by NSTC and Yuan Ze University, with the distribution of funds allocated as shown in the table below:

Scholarship Recipients / Funding Sources	NSTC	Yuan Ze University	Total Monthly Scholarship Amount
First-Year Ph.D. Students	40,000 NTD		40,000 NTD
Second-Year Ph.D. Students	40,000 NTD		40,000 NTD
Third-Year Ph.D. Students	40,000 NTD		40,000 NTD
Fourth-Year Ph.D. Students		30,000 NTD	30,000 NTD

The above scholarship amounts do not include salaries for Ph.D. students serving as research assistants or any other part-time teaching positions.

V. Funding Period:

The scholarship period begins on September 1st of the enrollment year and ends on July 31st of the fourth year.

VI. Application Method and Review Procedure:

1. **Application Timeline:** The application timeline will follow the schedule set by NSTC.
2. **Application Methods:** For the allocation based on the following review and recommendation procedure:
 - (1) **Initial Review:** Each college will consider the applicant's award status and research performance of their academic work, and then forward the recommendations to the "Outstanding Ph.D. Student Award" review committee for further review.
 - (2) The "Outstanding Ph.D. Student Award" review committee will consist of 7 to 11 members, the Vice President serves as the convener and the other members are composed of Dean of Academic Affairs, Dean of Student Affairs, Dean of Research and Development, Chief of Global Affairs Office and representatives of school's faculty. The review process is as follows:
 - The review committee will decide on the university's recommended list based on the applicant's entrance exam scores, award status, research performance, and college recommendations, and then request funding from the NSTC.
 - The number of awards will be adjusted according to the NSTC's allocation for the year, with a 1.5x weighting for recommendations in the humanities category.
 - If the number of qualified candidates in any category is insufficient, the awards may be left unfilled.

VII. Implementation Regulations:

1. The NSTC scholarship will be disbursed monthly to the awarded Ph.D. students after approval.
2. If a Ph.D. student engages in full-time employment, shows poor performance, or encounters other issues during the scholarship period, the scholarship may be reclaimed or terminated.
3. NSTC awards will be handled according to accounting laws and regulations, including the processing of income tax and other deductions as per relevant tax laws.
4. Any matters not covered by these guidelines will be governed by relevant NSTC and university regulations or interpretations, with the possibility of supplementary announcements.
5. These guidelines are established based on NSTC award measures and are applicable only for the academic year in which the NSTC award measures are implemented.

VIII. Regular Evaluation Mechanism for Award Recipients:

Recipients of the scholarship must submit mid-term and final reports annually during the award period. These reports should include information on award performance, academic paper publications, attendance at domestic and international academic conferences, participation in research projects, and overall goal achievement. The reports, after evaluation and confirmation by the advisor and department, should be submitted to the Research and Development Office for review. This will serve as the basis for the next year's evaluation of outstanding Ph.D. students.

IX. Scholarship Termination Mechanism:

The scholarship will be terminated if the recipient encounters any of the following situations, effective from the following month. The scholarship will no longer be awarded, and a new recipient (from the same year) will be selected according to Section 6 of these guidelines:

1. If the student takes a leave of absence, withdraws from the program, or holds dual student status without substantial enrollment and research activities at the university.
2. If the recipient engages in full-time employment at a public or private institution, though part-

time research assistant positions at the university are excluded.

3. If the recipient publishes journal articles or reports that are found to violate academic ethics.
 4. If the recipient is subject to disciplinary actions such as major penalties or above according to university regulations.
 5. If the recipient does not complete the regular evaluation process as required.
 6. Any other reasons decided by relevant college meetings that warrant discontinuation of the scholarship.
- X. If a recipient is found to have provided false or fraudulent information, their scholarship will be revoked, and any awarded funds must be returned. Legal or other relevant responsibilities will be pursued based on the severity of the situation.
- XI. Award Outcome Tracking Mechanism:
1. The recipient and their advisor must submit a report on the benefits and outcomes of the award one month before the end of the third year. The report should include the Ph.D. student's academic achievements, such as award performance, publications, attendance at domestic and international conferences, participation in research projects, and overall goal achievement. This report, after evaluation and confirmation by the department and college, will be forwarded to the "Outstanding Ph.D. Student Award" review committee for further assessment.
 2. Award recipients are required to cooperate with the NSTC by providing relevant information and contact details within three years of graduation.
 3. The department to which the award recipient belongs must conduct a benefit tracking process for at least three years after graduation, including employment status or career progression for those who obtained their Ph.D. degree.
- XII. These guidelines will be implemented after approval by the Administrative Council and will also apply to any subsequent amendments.