**NATIONAL SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY**

**Rules for Postgraduate Scholarship Programs**

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1. This set of rules is issued to efficiently enhance research programs and teaching qualities of National Sun Yat-sen University (NSYSU), and to encourage outstanding full-time research students.
2. In regards to the scholarships:
   1. For master’s degree students:
      1. Source of funds: the scholarships are funded under the item of the Public Funds for Students and Scholarships, the Office of Student Affairs.
      2. Scholarship receivers: outstanding full-time first-year master’s degree students.
      3. Number of places: approximately 140. The distribution of places to each college is rounded primarily based on the proportion of full-time first-year master’s degree students enrolled in each college of NSYSU. Should there be any remaining places after distribution, or students who met program criteria item 1 and 2 but did not accept the funds, colleges are required to notify the Office of Research and Development (R&D) before November 30. The remaining places will be collectively reprocessed by the office and then redistributed, if the amount of funds allows, to the prioritized students of other colleges who met program criteria item 1 and 2 but did not receive the funds. Should there be any remaining places after approval and redistribution of the 140 places, 10 of the remaining places may be open to outstanding students who were also accepted by other universities.
      4. Program criteria and amounts of scholarships for the 140 outstanding first year master’s degree students, and prioritized acceptance to programs are as follows:
         1. NT$120,000 over two semesters for each student enrolled as a preparatory postgraduate student of master’s degree, who qualified in accordance with the “National Sun Yat-sen University Regulations of Five Year Graduate and Master’s Degree Combined Course.”
         2. NT$80,000 over two semesters for each student who graduated from NSYSU with a grade ranked in top 30% of his/her department.
         3. NT$60,000 over two semesters for each student who enrolled by recommendation and ranked in top 30% of all recommended students. (The number of students is rounded up to the nearest unit.)
         4. NT$40,000 over two semesters for each student who enrolled by examinations and ranked in top 10% in the exams. (The number of students is rounded up to the nearest unit.)
      5. There are 10 places for students who are accepted by more than one university, with NT$60,000 over two semesters for each student. Lists of recommended students by each college are to be sent to the Office of Research and Development (R&D) to be processed and prioritized, and the Office of R&D will later announce a list of approved students.
      6. Review process: each department shall prepare an approval list of students and submit to their colleges. Each college is then to send the collected lists to the Office of R&D to proceed with offering of scholarships.
   2. For doctoral degree students:
      1. Source of funds: the scholarships are funded under the item of the Public Funds for Students and Scholarships, the Office of Student Affairs.
      2. Amount of scholarships funded: NT$240,000 over two semesters for each student. Scholarship funds will directly be transferred to the students’ saving accounts.
      3. Scholarship receivers: full-time first-year doctoral degree students with merits.
      4. Number of places: approximately 40. The distribution of places to each college is rounded primarily based on the proportion of full-time first-year doctoral students enrolled in each college of NSYSU. At least one student from each doctoral course will be selected. Should there be any remaining places after distribution, or students who met program criteria item 1 and 2 but did not accept the funds, colleges are required to notify the Office of R&D by November 30. The remaining places will be collectively reprocessed by the office and then redistributed, if the amount of funds allows, to the prioritized students of other colleges who met program criteria item 1 and 2 but did not receive the funds.
      5. Program criteria and prioritized acceptance to the program are as follows:
         1. First-year doctoral degree students who graduated from the NYSYSU or graduated with master’s degrees from the NYSYSU with excellent grades.
         2. First-year doctoral degree students who graduated with master’s degrees from universities/colleges which NSYSU has cooperative agreements with. (The list of cooperative universities/colleges would collectively be announced when enrollment is open.)
         3. Doctoral students who enrolled by examinations and ranked in top 10% in the exams. (The number of students is rounded up to the nearest unit.)
      6. Third-year research merit reward: a total of 20 places, with NT$100,000 for each student whose research paper, in the name of the NSYSU, was accepted and published on major journals (covered by SCIE, SSCI, AHCI, TSSCI, THCI Core). If there are a few students who meet the criteria, the order of reward distribution is prioritized according to the number of papers published. There is at least one place for each college.
      7. Review process: students who meet the criteria shall apply to their colleges between November 11 and 15. Once applications are reviewed by colleges, the colleges shall send an approval list to the Office of R&D prior to November 30 to proceed with the offering of the scholarships.
   3. In regards to the support funds:
      1. The support funds are budgeted under the Public Funds for Students and Scholarships. They are for full-time research students, who are willing to provide teaching or research assistance, and are trained and recognized by teaching assistants. The distributed proportions as well as places of teaching and research assistants depend on developments and categories of each course in departments/faculties.
      2. Teaching support funds: each department is to refer to the “National Sun Yat-sen University Guidelines for Research Student Support Funds for Teaching Assistants,” issued by the Office of Academic Affairs, for reviews of course titles and distribution bases of student teaching support funds, and then send a list of places offered to the Office of Student Affairs for final approval.
      3. Research support funds: each department shall refer to the “National Sun Yat-sen University Guidelines for Research Student Support Funds for Research Assistants,” issued by the Office of Academic Affairs, for reviews of faculty and student applications, and then send a list of places offered to the Office of Student Affairs for final approval.
      4. Time of application: within a month after the start of each semester.
      5. Procedure:
         1. After the Office of Student Affairs collectively processes the distribution of places for teaching and research support funds, each faculty member/supervisor and department will be notified.
         2. The support funds will directly be transferred to saving accounts of awarded research students.
         3. When a student with either the teaching support fund or the research support fund is not sufficient at work, the faculty member of the department may apply for a change of student assistant at any stage.
      6. This set of guidelines shall be implemented after approval of executive council meetings. The same process shall be carried out when amendments are to be made.