

# National Dong Hwa University Scholarship Regulations for International Students

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## Article I

This *National Dong Hwa University Scholarship Regulations for International Students* (hereinafter referred to as “the Regulations”) has been formulated to promote the internationalization of National Dong Hwa University (hereinafter referred to as “the University”), to attract outstanding international students to enroll, and to reward outstanding international students currently studying at the University.

## Article II

Scholarship applications will be previewed by the applicants’ respective colleges and a prioritized list of recommended recipients will be developed. The prioritized list is then submitted to the University’s International Admissions Committee for secondary review. The final list of scholarship recipients will be submitted to the President for approval.

## Article III

The term "international students" as used in the Regulations refers to students who meet the criteria set forth in the Ministry of Education's *Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan*.

#### Article IV Application Qualification:

1. New Students: International students who are admitted through the international student application process and have formal student status at the University. The scholarship will be awarded based on a review of their application materials and academic record, with priority given to those who demonstrate exceptional achievement.
2. Current Students:
  - (1) International students who have studied at the University for at least one semester, have passing academic results, and have no record of disciplinary action at or above the warning level.
  - (2) International students who are in the process of writing a doctoral or master's thesis and who have not had an academic performance in the previous semester:

They may submit a thesis writing plan during the University's application period. The plan must include the research motivation and objectives, research framework and design, data collection methods and sources, thesis outline, and reference.
  - (3) International students who are directly pursuing a doctoral degree at the University: They may apply by submitting their academic transcripts from their master's and/or bachelor's degree programs.
3. Applicants are not eligible to receive scholarships or financial aid from any related government agencies in Taiwan at the same time.
4. Applicants must not have received any disciplinary action (including warnings or more severe penalties) while studying at the University.

#### Article V Scholarship Quotas and Types:

1. Quota for Scholarship Awards: The total number of scholarships awarded is determined by the annual budget allocation.
2. Types of Scholarships:
  - (1) Waiver of Tuition, Credits and Miscellaneous Fees
  - (2) Living Allowance: NT\$20,000 to NT\$40,000 per semester

Note:

1. The standards for the collection of tuition and miscellaneous fees shall be in accordance with the official announcements of the University.
2. Tuition, credits and miscellaneous fees do not include other related costs (such as agency fees, insurance fees, and Internet usage fees).
3. Outstanding students may be awarded more than one type of scholarship.

Article VI Application Procedure:

1. New Students: Applicants must submit the required admission application materials when applying for admission to the University. These documents will be used as the basis for evaluation.
2. Current Students: Applications must be submitted within two weeks of the beginning of each semester, and the following application materials must be submitted to the appropriate college for review.
  - (1) Scholarship Application Form for International Students at National Dong Hwa University.
  - (2) Academic transcripts from previous semesters.
  - (3) Thesis writing plan (for students who have no academic record in the previous semester during the period of writing a doctoral or master's thesis).
  - (4) Additional documents as required by the respective college.

Article VII Award Period, Duration, and Method:

1. Scholarships are awarded for one semester. Current students must reapply each semester according to the application requirements.
2. For students who are approved for the living allowance, the award period is divided into two semesters: the first semester (September to January) and the second semester (February to June). The Office of International Affairs will transfer the living allowance (NT\$4,000 to NT\$8,000 per month) to the awardees' bank or post office account in Taiwan on a monthly basis, according to the approved list.
3. The scholarship period (including tuition waiver and living allowance) and the cumulative scholarship period for the same student are as follows: maximum of 8 semesters for undergraduate programs, maximum of 4 semesters for graduate programs, and maximum of 6 semesters for doctoral programs. If the cumulative scholarship period is exceeded, no further scholarships will be awarded and the student will be responsible for all associated fees according to the applicable

regulations. However, for doctoral students, an extension of up to 4 semesters may be granted, subject to the approval of the advisor and the department, and the International Students Admission and Scholarship Review Committee. In such cases, the scholarship is limited to a 50% reduction in tuition and miscellaneous fees.

## Article VIII

Scholarship recipients shall abide by the following regulations and obligations, with additional details to be specified separately:

1. Scholarship recipients must complete the enrollment process by the deadline established by the University.
2. Recipients of waivers of tuition and miscellaneous fee (including the living allowance) who do not meet the requirements for current students as set forth in Article IV will be ineligible to apply for the related benefits in the following semester.
3. If a recipient is expelled from the University, his or her eligibility will be revoked, and the scholarship payments will be suspended beginning the month following expulsion.
4. If the recipient takes a leave of absence, the scholarship will be suspended beginning the month following the leave of absence. Upon resumption of studies, the student may reapply for the scholarship during the application period for that semester.
5. New students awarded are not eligible to defer admission. However, the scholarship review committee may grant exceptions in special circumstances.
6. Recipients may be required to take a Chinese language course during the semester if they meet the following conditions in order to improve communication with local faculty and students.
  - (1) Students enrolled in Chinese-taught programs who do not have TOCFL Level 3 or an equivalent certificate of proficiency.

(2) Students enrolled in English-taught programs who have not completed at least two Chinese language courses with passing grades, or who do not have TOCFL Level 1 or an equivalent certificate of proficiency.

If the above requirements are not met, the review committee may adjust the scholarship award as necessary.

7. After registration and enrollment, if a recipient is absent from campus during the semester (excluding winter and summer breaks) and does not remain in Taiwan for more than 15 days in any given month, or if his or her total class absence exceeds one-third of the total class hours, and this is verified, the living allowance will be suspended for that month. Depending on the circumstances, the University may revoke the scholarship.
8. Students who participate in international exchange or dual-degree programs during the scholarship period will have their living allowance suspended for the period spent abroad. Tuition, miscellaneous fees, and credit fees will be paid according to the terms of the exchange or dual-degree agreement with the host institution.
9. If a recipient spends more than 15 days in a given month on an internship, research, or international conferences abroad, the living allowance will be suspended for that month. Depending on the circumstances, the University will consider whether to provide financial assistance for tuition, miscellaneous fees, and credit fees for that semester and may revoke the scholarship.

## Article IX

If a recipient is found to have falsified or misrepresented information, or to have engaged in double-dipping by illegally receiving a scholarship, his or her scholarship eligibility will be revoked, and any scholarship funds already disbursed must be returned.

## Article X

Funding for this scholarship will be provided through the appropriate scholarship and financial aid budget.

## Article XI

All other matters not set forth in the Regulations shall be handled in accordance with applicable regulations of the University or the Ministry of Education.

## Article XII

The Regulations have been approved at the Administrative Meeting and by the President prior to its implementation.

Note: The Regulations apply to new international students who enroll in the first semester of the 2019 academic year and thereafter. International students who enrolled prior to the first semester of the 2018 academic year, as well as those already enrolled, are subject to the original scholarship regulations until they graduate.

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