

Scholarship for Elite Ph.D. Students Award

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I. Purpose:

National Dong Hwa University (hereinafter referred to as the “University”) has the “Scholarships for Elite Ph.D. Students Award” set-up to recruit elite international students to study at the University and to promote international outlook and research capacity. Industry-academia cooperation and international cooperation are expected to be practiced by means of the award.

II. Eligibility Criteria:

A newly admitted doctoral foreign student who has not received scholarships of equal or higher value from any other programs or the Taiwan (R.O.C.) government.

III. Award Quota:

The award is only given to new foreign students who enroll in September, 8 recipients at most on the principle among the University.

IV. Award Amount and Provision:

Year	Tuition and credit fees	Scholarship from OIA	Matching fund from the college or the advisor
First year (from 1 st September to 31 st July next year)	100% waiver	NT\$16,000/month	NT\$4,000/month or more
Second ~ Fourth year (from every 1 st August to 31 st July next year)	100% waiver	NT\$22,000/month	NT\$8,000/month or more

V. Availability:

- (I) The award is available at most for 4 years (from 1st September of the year which application is submitted to 31st August of the fourth year). Award quota and amount can be adjusted depends on current year’s budget. Vacancy is allowed if there is no qualified student.
- (II) The award must be supported by advising professor’s matching fund. If the college or advising professor fails to submit the matching fund agreement before the 6th week after enrollment, the recipient will receive NT\$176,000 (NT\$16,000 per month) and 100% tuition and credit fees waiver for the first year, and NT\$264,000 (NT\$22,000 per month) and 100% tuition and credit fees waiver for the second to fourth year.
- (III) Recipients should submit relative documents as the regulation appointed so as to sustain the scholarship. Recipients who is not qualified for sustaining the scholarship can apply for NDHU Scholarship.

VI. About Application :

(I) The application should NOT be submitted by individuals but can only by the college which would like to apply for the award. The college must submit the application within designated time according to the regulation announced by the Office of International Affairs (hereafter OIA) in the same year. Documents for application are assigned as follows:

(i ~ v are essential)

- i. Application Form
- ii. Autobiography
- iii. Official transcripts for all semesters of Bachelor's or Master's degrees
- iv. Research proposal
- v. Recommendation letter from future advising professor
- vi. Graduate thesis or Additional documents

(II) When to apply:

The required documents shall be submitted to the OIA a week before International Affairs Committee after the colleges selected their candidates from the enrolled new students.

VII. Review process:

All of the applications (including applications for sustaining the scholarship) should be reviewed and ranked by the college, then submitted the applications to the OIA in designated time. Afterwards, the cases will be reviewed by the members of International Affairs Committee, who shall proceed to the evaluation, according to the candidates' eligibilities, to determine the qualifiers of the award among the candidates. Award quota and amount can be adjusted depends on current year's budget.

VIII. Apply for award sustaining & Rules for the applicants and recipients:

(I) The award is given and valid for 1 year at a time, and the recipients shall apply for award sustaining every year. The advising professor has the right to adjust or cancel the second semester of the student by giving concrete explanation and approved by International Affairs Committee at the second semester of every academic year.

(II) Recipients must take at least one Chinese course every semester in the first two years. Recipients who have relative Chinese ability certificate, or have studied Chinese courses in Taiwan and approved by NDHU's Chinese Language Center are free to take Chinese course. For those who take Chinese courses, grades of the courses will be one of the references of the application review process.

(III) Recipients must submit required documents to apply for sustaining the award. Either one fails to submit or hand in the requirements in time, he/she will be unable to sustain the award and reapply for the award. The documents are required as below (i ~ v are essential):

- i. Official transcript for all semesters of the University
- ii. Recommendation letter from advising professor

- iii. Periodical paper or proof of academic performance
 - iv. Self-evaluation form (approved and implemented by the college)
 - v. Disciplinary record (free to download from “Disciplinary Record System”)
 - vi. Additional documents
- (IV) Once the recipient is proved to have any situations mentioned below, the University has all rights to cancel the scholarship and pay 100% tuition and credit fees immediately, and the student is not allowed to apply for this award again:
- i. Fail to submit, or submit false or fake documents.
 - ii. Proved to have any behavior that dishonor the university, including breaking laws or school regulations.
 - iii. Receive scholarship or award from any other institution.
 - iv. Fails to enroll every semester in time will be considered as giving up the award, except for having special reasons approved by the University.
 - v. Leave the university for over a month without advising professor’s agreement and signature, and the department’s approval.
 - vi. Recipients who go abroad for exchange or double-degree, will not receive the scholarship while they are not in Taiwan. The tuition shall be paid according to the contract, which is signed by the university they are going to and NDHU.
 - vii. Transfer, suspend, drop out from the University. Once the recipient transfer, suspend, or drop out from the university after the 15th of the month, the scholarship of the month shall not be given back. For those who graduate after the 15th of the month, the scholarship of the month shall not be given back.

IX. Implementation:

The regulations and the amendments hereof shall be reviewed in a rolling-wave method, remain flexibility according to current year’s condition and budget, and be enforced after being resolved in the University’s Administrative Meeting and approved by the University’s President in order to achieve the expected result of this award.

X. Complementary:

All matters unstated in this regulation shall be enforced according to relative regulation or laws.