

# National Sun Yat-sen University Guidelines for the Siwan Overseas Chinese, Hong Kong and Macao Student Scholarship

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## Chapter 1 General Principles

- I. These guidelines have been created with the purpose of increasing the number of exceptional overseas Chinese, Hong Kong and Macao students studying at this university.
- II. Scholarship eligibility: Overseas Chinese, Hong Kong or Macao students as defined by the Ministry of Education in the Regulations Regarding Study and Counseling Assistance for Overseas Chinese Students in Taiwan and the Regulations Regarding Hong Kong and Macao Residents Studying in Taiwan.
- III. The responsibilities and work division regarding these guidelines are as follows; the Office of Academic Affairs and the Office of Research and Development are responsible for processing scholarships for bachelor's and master's students, the Office of Academic Affairs is responsible for processing scholarships for elite doctoral students.
- IV. Scholarship funding:
  - i. Bachelor's and master's students: Scholarship funds are derived from government sponsorships and annual scholarship budgets.
  - ii. Doctoral student scholarships:
    1. Students enrolled before the 2021 academic year: Scholarship funds are derived from the university's self-generated endowment fund incomes and department funds.
    2. Students enrolled since the 2021 academic year: Scholarship funds are derived from the university's self-generated endowment fund incomes.

## Chapter 2 Scholarship for Bachelor's and Master's Students

- V. Scholarship eligibility and amounts for first-year bachelor's and master's students:
  - i. Students accepted into the university's bachelor's programs who fulfill one of the following criteria:
    1. A student who applied through the University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students' "Individual Applications" or through the university's first-stage "Independent Admissions" was accepted into the university's bachelor's programs and recommended by their department chair during the application process. Each department may only recommend one student from each of the application methods mentioned above: each student may receive a scholarship of 30,000 dollars (New Taiwan Dollars; the same for all following), awarded once in the first semester of enrollment.
    2. In accordance with the contracts between the university and its overseas strategic partner schools, the university may provide scholarship quotas for up to half of the exceptional students who are accepted through the "Independent Admissions - Strategic Partner School Recommendations" admissions method; scholarships

can be given to up to 10 students from each strategic partner school, with an amount of 30,000 dollars per student, awarded once in the first semester of enrollment.

- ii. Students accepted into the university's master's programs who fulfill one of the following criteria; scholarship distribution priority and amounts are as listed below:
  1. Master's students enrolled in accordance with the National Sun Yat-sen University Guidelines for the Five-Year Bachelor's and Master's Degree System or the National Sun Yat-sen University Guidelines for the Bachelor's Students' Seven-Year Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral Degree Cultivation Program, whose bachelor's graduation scores were within the top 20 percent of their class may receive 180,000 dollars, those who were ranked between 20 to 40 percent may receive 160,000 dollars; these will be awarded evenly over two semesters.
  2. Master's students enrolled in accordance with the National Sun Yat-sen University Guidelines for the Five-Year Bachelor's and Master's Degree System or the National Sun Yat-sen University Guidelines for the Bachelor's Students' Seven-Year Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral Degree Cultivation Program may receive 120,000 dollars, awarded evenly over two semesters.
  3. Master's students who also studied for their bachelor's degree at this university, and whose bachelor's graduation scores were within the top 10 percent of their class may receive 120,000 dollars, those who were ranked between 20 to 40 percent may receive 60,000 dollars. These will be awarded evenly over two semesters.
  4. Exceptional students who were pre-accepted by college deans during the admissions period for overseas students may enroll as foreign students and pay the basic tuition and credit fees of overseas Chinese students; they may also receive a scholarship of 60,000 dollars, awarded evenly over two semesters after enrollment. Pre-accepted overseas Chinese students and pre-accepted foreign students share a combined quota of 10 students per academic year per college.
  5. Master's students accepted through screening assessments, whose application scores were within the top 30 percent of accepted students, may receive 60,000 dollars each, awarded evenly over two semesters. (If there is less than one student within the stipulated percentage, the scholarship should be given to the first student.)
  6. Master's students accepted through examination, whose test scores were within the top 10 percent of accepted students, may receive 40,000 dollars each, awarded evenly over two semesters. (If there is less than one student within the stipulated percentage, the scholarship should be given to the first student.)
  7. Master's students of the university's programs relating to major national industrial policies and school development should apply as a special case and get approval for scholarship quotas, amounts and awarding methods separately.
  8. For items 1 through 6 of this clause, recipients of these scholarships must maintain

a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.5 during their first semester upon enrolling, or pass and receive recommendation from their faculty advisor, in order to retain scholarship eligibility. Those who did not take any courses thus are unable to provide scores must offer a letter of explanation, and receive approval and recommendation from their faculty advisor or department chair.

9. Students can only receive one of the scholarship items listed above; repeat reception of the scholarship is not allowed.

VI. Scholarship cancellation: Scholarships will be cancelled for those who deferred admissions, suspended studies, dropped out, transferred schools or failed to complete enrollment during the current academic year.

VII. Assessment method:

i. Bachelor's students:

Departments should assess scholarship eligibility while processing admissions applications, student performance should be evaluated by department chairs and approved by colleges; the Office of Academic Affairs will announce the list of awardees and once the recipients have enrolled, the Office of Academic Affairs will process the scholarships.

ii. Master's students:

Departments should compile a recommendation list for the Office of Research and Development by November 20<sup>th</sup> of the current academic year, in order for the scholarships to be processed.

### **Chapter 3 Scholarship for Elite Doctoral Students**

VIII. Scholarship eligibility and quota:

i. Must be a full-time doctoral student with research potential.

ii. This scholarship has a combined recipient quota of 100 students per grade for domestic, foreign and Chinese students; the actual scholarship quota will be approved by the Office of Academic Affairs after holding an assessment committee meeting to evaluate applications from each department.

IX. Basic criteria and amount:

i. Starting from the 2015 academic year, full-time overseas Chinese doctoral students who have good grades and research potential, who enrolled in the university's doctoral departments (institutes or programs) through screening assessment, examination or application may receive this scholarship.

ii. Students applying for this scholarship should submit their full transcript (not required for students in their first semester), and maintain a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.5 or be recommended by their faculty advisor in order to retain scholarship eligibility. Those who did not take any courses thus are unable to provide scores must offer a letter of explanation, and receive approval and recommendation from their faculty advisor or department chair.

- iii. Amount and duration:
  - 1. Students enrolled before the 2021 academic year: Each student may receive a scholarship of 180,000 dollars per semester, awarded monthly. The scholarship may be awarded up to the fourth semester.
  - 2. Students enrolled since the 2021 academic year: Each student may receive a scholarship of 90,000 dollars per semester, awarded monthly. The scholarship may be awarded up to the sixth semester.
  - 3. Doctoral students accepted through the “Guidelines for the Bachelor’s Students’ Seven-Year Bachelor’s, Master’s and Doctoral Degree Cultivation Program” may receive 20,000 dollars per month per student from the university’s endowment fund and department funds for the first to fourth semester, departments must have sufficient funds in order to apply for recipient quota; in the fifth and sixth semester after enrollment, the scholarship will be funded by the university endowment fund.
- iv. While receiving this scholarship, doctoral students must be a teaching or research assistant for their department’s (institute’s or program’s) education activities; and they are allowed to receive other additional scholarships for exceptional academic performance.

X. Required documentation:

- i. New students:
  - 1. An application form.
  - 2. A research proposal.
  - 3. Proof of exceptional performance (for instance, presented papers, award records, extracurricular activities, etc.) and other supporting documents. (optional)
  - 4. Matching funds approval from their department or faculty advisor.
- ii. Enrolled students:
  - 1. An application form.
  - 2. Full academic transcript and faculty advisor’s recommendation letter.
  - 3. A research proposal.
  - 4. Proof of exceptional performance (for instance, presented papers, award records, extracurricular activities, etc.) and other supporting documents. (optional)
  - 5. Matching funds approval from their department or faculty advisor.

XI. Assessment method:

- i. This scholarship has a combined recipient quota for domestic, foreign and Chinese students; each department should organize application documentation in the order mentioned above, and send the list to the Office of Academic Affairs to consolidate.
- ii. After the Office of Academic Affairs consolidates the lists, an assessment committee meeting should be held; if the overall quota is not exceeded, all scholarships should be granted, if the quota is exceeded, then applicants should be selected and approved according to the quota ratios of doctoral programs in each college.

XII. Scholarship funding:

- i. Students enrolled before the 2021 academic year:

This scholarship is funded in equal parts by the university's self-generated endowment fund incomes and the department funds; departments must have sufficient funds in order to apply for recipient quota.

- ii. Students enrolled since the 2021 academic year: This scholarship is funded by the university's self-generated endowment fund incomes.
- iii. Department funds include the following:
  - 1. Research grants of the department faculty.
  - 2. Government sponsorships and the scholarship budget for graduate student scholarships.
  - 3. The department's self-generated incomes.
- iv. This scholarship is subject to changes in amount or cancellation depending on budgeting and fundraising circumstances.

### XIII. Scholarship suspension and cancellation:

- i. For recipients who have a grade point average (GPA) of less than 3.5 in any semester after enrollment, the scholarship will be suspended in the following semester.
- ii. If a recipient suspends school, drops out, or terminates their doctoral student status; once the cancellation is passed through a department meeting, scholarship eligibility will immediately be revoked and payments will be discontinued starting from the following month; scholarship eligibility status cannot be restored.
- iii. During the scholarship duration, if a recipient violates university regulations and receives any penalty worse than an admonishment, then their scholarship eligibility status will be cancelled in the month following the penalty verdict.
- iv. During the scholarship duration, if a recipient has a full-time job on or off campus, has a working permit or a permanent residency permit, they are not allowed to receive this scholarship; violation of this rule will result in the cancellation of scholarship eligibility status. If the scholarship was overpaid, the excess payments should be returned after investigation.

## **Chapter 4 Supplementary Provisions**

- XIV. These guidelines were passed in an Administrative Council Meeting and subsequently approved by University President prior to implementation; any amendments will be subject to the same procedure.