

National Sun Yat-Sen University Guidelines on Rewarding Doctoral Students with Commendable Research Performance

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1. In order to promote the research environment of this university and encourage outstanding doctoral students, the following regulation is hereby established.
2. The funding source is the "Scholarship and Financial Aid for Students" provided by this university.
3. Award Object and Quota
 - (1) This award is for doctoral students who have published papers in SCIE, SSCI, AHCI, TSSCI, THCI and other journals. When the paper is published, the author must use the name of the school (National Sun Yat-sen University) as the affiliating unit. They are eligible to apply in the second to fourth academic year after admission. The award is limited to one time.
 - (2) The reward objects in the preceding paragraph do not include students from mainland China.
 - (3) The number of awardees for the preceding paragraph is about 20, determined according to the proportion of the number of doctoral students enrolled in the third year of each college (rounded up), with at least 1 recipient per college.
4. Application and Recommendation
 - (1) Applicants who meet the criteria for the award should submit their applications to their respective colleges from May 1st to May 15th each year. After the review by each college, the list of recommended candidates should be sent to the Research and Development Office of the university for consolidation before May 30th.
 - (2) The order of the recommended list of each college is as follows:
 - I. The first or corresponding author who has applied for the National Science and Technology Council's Postdoctoral Research Abroad Program.
 - II. The first or corresponding author.
 - III. Co-first author or co-corresponding author (equal contribution), but the same paper can only be applied once and limited to one applicant.
5. Review criteria and Reward amount
 - (1) Review criteria
 - I. Papers published in SCIE, SSCI, or AHCI journals will be primarily evaluated based on their Journal Citation Reports (JCR) ranking percentile. If the journal in which the paper is published does not have a JCR ranking percentile, the Journal Citation Indicator (JCI) ranking

- percentile may be used as a reference.
- II. Papers published in the top-tier journals of THCI or TSSCI will be evaluated based on the ranking percentile of Category C papers, with a percentile of 50%.
 - III. When submitting more than one paper for review, the average ranking percentile of the top three papers will be used as the basis for evaluation.
 - IV. Original articles are the main type of papers eligible for rewards, but up to one review article of Category A papers may be considered.
- (2) Reward amount
- I. Category A paper: Papers published in a journal with a Journal Impact Factor(JIF) or JCI ranking in the top 10% of the field, according to the JCR database, shall be awarded 10 base units.
 - II. Category B paper: Papers published in a journal with a JIF or JCI ranking in the top 11% - 25% of the field, according to the JCR database, shall be awarded 7 base units.
 - III. Category C paper: Papers published in a journal with a JIF or JCI ranking in the top 26% - 50% of the field, according to the JCR database, shall be awarded 4 base units.
- (3) The percentages in the preceding paragraph are calculated by rounding up, and the amount represented by each base is based on the school's current annual flexible salary base amount.
6. Principles for Determining Award Recipients
- (1) The list of award recipients for each year shall be determined based on the recommended list submitted by each college according to the allocated quota. In case of doubt, a decision-making meeting shall be convened, with the Vice President serving as the convener and the Director of Research and Development and the deans of each college serving as ex-officio members.
 - (2) If PhD students from the College of Science, Engineering, Marine Sciences, and Medicine have published 3 papers or PhD students from the College of Liberal Arts, Management and Social Sciences have published 1 paper ranked in the top 10% of the JCR in their field, the academy does not have enough places for award allocation, it could be submitted to the final review meeting for deliberation.
7. Mechanism for Retention and waiver of Award Grants
- (1) Recipients who suspend their studies shall submit the "Declaration of Retention and Receipt of Ph.D. Research Excellence Award", and forgo the received award in proportion to the number of months that studies are suspended. Awardees who fail to resume their studies after the retention period expires shall be deemed ineligible to receive the award.
 - (2) Recipients who are expelled from the university will have their eligibility to receive the award grant revoked, and the awarded amount will be recovered proportionally on a monthly basis.
8. These guidelines and any subsequent revisions shall be approved by the Executive Council and implemented upon the approval of the university president.