

NCTU Implementation guidelines for scholarships and grants for graduate students

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Article 1

These guidelines have been formulated to give NCTU graduate students and incentive to engage in research and provide assistance in the field of instruction with the goal of enhancing academic standards

Article 2

Application criteria for scholarships and grants for graduate students are as follows:

1. Scholarships: Scholarships are awarded for outstanding academic results or exceptional performance in the field of research (part-time students excluded)
2. Grants: Grants are awarded to provide assistance to graduate students for work in their specialty areas at educational and research units of the university. Only graduate students who possess a Master's degree or who have passed the PhD qualification exam are eligible to serve as instructors.

Scholarships and grants can be awarded simultaneously

Article 3

Payment standards and scholarship and grant amounts for graduate students are determined independently by individual departments. Instructors of cross-departmental/institutional courses shall not count toward the department quota. Total scholarship amounts shall not exceed one third of the total amount allocated to each department.

Article 4

Scholarship and grant funds are divided into department allotments and overall planning funds. Overall planning funds are used to pay for administrative work and assistance not pertaining to general education subjects and individual departments. The allocation criteria are as follows:

1. In the fiscal years 2004 and 2005, department allotments accounted for 91% and 92% of the total budget, respectively. Starting in the fiscal year 2006, these allotments made up 93% of the total budget. The overall planning funds, on the other hand, accounted for 9% and 8% in the fiscal years 2004 and 2005, respectively. Starting in the fiscal year 2006, these funds made up 7% of the total budget. Additional department allotments are appropriated from the overall planning funds.
2. Department allotments are based on the number of graduate students, the number of undergraduate courses, and the number of students attending these courses. Funds are allocated to colleges. In the fiscal years 2004 and 2005, the number of graduate students accounted for 80 % and 70% of the total allotment, respectively. Starting in the fiscal year 2006, it constituted 60% of the total allotment. The number of undergraduate courses and the number of students attending these courses accounted

for an average 20% and 30% of the total allotment in the fiscal years 2004 and 2005, respectively. Starting in fiscal year 2006, these numbers constituted 40% of the total allotment.

3. The base amounts of the total department allotments are calculated as follows
 - (1) Number of graduate students: Calculations are based on the relative percentages for each department (part-time students and graduate and doctoral students who are at least in their third and fourth year of study, respectively, are not included). Doctoral student numbers are multiplied by 1.5, while MA program student numbers are multiplied by 1.
 - (2) Number of undergraduate courses: Calculations are based on the number of courses in the previous fiscal year. In addition to the weighted percentages of laboratory courses for basic subjects and individual departments, a weighted value of three credits is adopted for all remaining courses (total number of courses=total number of credits/3)
4. If a surplus remains after the department allotments for the respective year have been allocated, 20% is retained for future use, while 30% is incorporated into the university funds. The remaining 50% is appropriated for public expenses for students. However, if the actual student expenditure amounts fail to meet the standards specified by the Ministry of Education, an additional 30% shall be incorporated into the university funds. This portion shall still be reserved for public expenditures for students.

Article 5

Each department shall formulate detailed implementation rules for scholarships and grants for graduate students. These rules and all amendments shall be implemented upon review and approval by the Management Committee for Scholarships and Grants for Graduate Students

Article 6

These guidelines and all amendments shall be implemented starting in the academic year 1998 upon ratification by the Administrative Council.