

# Taipei Medical University implement National Science and Technology Council Graduate Research Fellowship Pilot Program

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## 1. Purpose

In accordance with the "National Science and Technology Council Graduate Research Fellowship Pilot Program" It has established the "Taipei Medical University implement National Science and Technology Council Graduate Research Fellowship Pilot Program" (hereinafter referred to as the NSTC Program).

## 2. Funding

This program funding is appropriated from the NSTC.

## 3. Award Allocation

Students with outstanding research and academic performance in biomedical sciences will be considered on a prioritized basis during the selection process.

## 4. Recipient Eligibility

First-year Ph.D. students enrolled in 2024 academic year and thereafter (including registrations in February and September).

The following individuals are not eligible to receive this fellowship:

- (1) Those who are engaged in full-time paid employment in public or private sectors or who apply for admission as part-time students possessing responsibilities related to employment.
- (2) Students with statuses from Hong Kong, Macau, and Mainland China.
- (3) Those who have applied for leave of absence and retained their admission eligibility or have not completed registration after admission.
- (4) Those who are concurrently in receipt of scholarship or subsidy offered by the ROC government.

## 5. Amount and Duration

Each fellowship recipient will be granted a monthly stipend of NT\$40,000 for a period of up to 3 years, starting from the first year of the Ph.D. program. Stipend for those who graduate less than three years shall last until the month of graduation. The entire stipend is offered by NSTC.

## 6. Submission Procedure

Applicants should submit the following documents to the Office of Student Affairs within the deadline specified. Failure to correct within the given time or

incomplete corrections will result in rejection.

- (1) Information form
- (2) Research proposal
- (3) Academic credentials
- (4) Transcripts from undergraduate or higher.
- (5) Other review materials (such as language proficiency certificates, recommendation letters, thesis, published journal papers, conference papers, books or technical reports, awards records, relevant research outcomes, etc.).

## **7. Selection Criteria**

Office of Research and Development should formulate evaluation criteria based on the following standards for submission to the review panel:

- (1) Academic performance, outstanding individual achievements, development potential, and experience in project participation (40%).
- (2) Completeness and feasibility of the research proposal, including the topic, steps, expected completion items, and outcomes (30%).
- (3) Research abilities, expertise, and relevance to the university's key research areas (20%).
- (4) Outstanding research or learning achievements (e.g., awards received) (10%).

## **8. Selection Process**

This regulation establishes a review panel responsible for selecting scholarship recipients. After the Office of Student Affairs has gathered all the necessary information on scholarship recipients, it submits it to the Office of Research and Development for review and convening of the review panel for selection. The panel consists of seven to nine members, with the President appointing a Vice President as the convener. The convener, along with the Dean of Academic Affairs, Dean of Student Affairs, Dean of Research and Development, and Dean of Global Engagement are *ex officio* members. The other members are made up of two to four professors selected by the President. Members shall serve for a term of two years and shall be re-elected.

The panel selects scholarship recipients based on the number of subsidies approved by the National Science Council each academic year, prioritizing primary and alternate candidates. Primary candidates who fail to register by the specified deadline will be deemed to have forfeited their scholarship, and alternate candidates will be selected to fill their place.

## **9. Cancellation of Eligibility and Replacement Procedure**

Beneficiaries will be disqualified, and their awards cancelled, if any of the following situations arise:

- (1) In violation of university regulations, and therefore imposed with any minor demerit or above or Suspension of Schooling or expelled from the University.
- (2) Failure to obtain the specified standard score determined by the University.
- (3) Failure to comply with the provisions of Article 4 of these regulations.
- (4) Other special reasons as determined by the panel.

After the scholarship eligibility of a recipient is revoked according to the regulations, the vacant scholarship may be filled by alternate candidates from the same academic year or by selecting replacement recipients according to Articles 4 and 7 of these regulations. Replacement recipients can only be doctoral students from the first to third year who have not received a scholarship, and the duration of the scholarship will be limited to the remaining months of the vacant scholarship period.

## **10. Performance Evaluation**

By the end of each semester, a final achievement report on the beneficiary's performance should be submitted and reviewed by his or her advisor and the head of the department prior to the review of the Committee. The advisor and the department must provide guidance and assistance to beneficiaries in obtaining the following specified standard score:

- (1) An average grade of 80 or above of the previous semester.
- (2) Beneficiaries must register for classes according to regulations of each department and complete all mandatory credit hours in the degree program by the end of the second academic year (except for Thesis Credits).
- (3) Beneficiaries in the third and fourth academic years must attend two or more international conferences, at home or abroad, per academic year.

## **11. Follow-up Evaluation**

TMU will conduct follow-up evaluations regarding the following credentials:

- (1) Department: Number of papers published by scholarship recipients, number of co-authored international academic papers, and number of papers published in high-impact journals; post-graduation career survey within three years.
- (2) Office of Academic Affairs: Analysis of the effectiveness of doctoral program admissions at the university; academic performance and graduation duration of scholarship recipients.
- (3) Office of Student Affairs: Post-graduation career survey within three years.
- (4) Office of International Affairs: Post-graduation career survey within three years.

## **12. Restrictions**

Scholarship recipients who are simultaneously awarded under the "TMU

International Graduate Student Scholarship," the " TMU International Graduate Student Scholarship Regulations and Qualifications," and the " TMU Grants for Outstanding International Graduate Students " may only choose one scholarship to receive.

Those who are concurrently in receipt of scholarship or subsidy offered by the ROC government. may only choose one scholarship to receive.

**13. Implementation Duration**

The scholarships offered are contingent upon an annual application cycle, in accordance with NSTC Graduate Research Fellowship Pilot Program. Should the NSTC make any adjustment regarding the award detail, including suspension or cancellation, TMU shall follow accordingly.

**14. Miscellaneous Clause**

Issues not stipulated in these guidelines will be resolved according to regulations of TMU and government agencies.

**15. Delegation of Authority**

The above guidelines take effect upon promulgation with approval by the Administrative Council. Amendments shall follow the same procedure.