

National Sun Yat-sen University Guidelines for Elite PhD bursaries and scholarships

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1. The guidelines are developed to encourage outstanding students with a high level of research potential to enter a NSYSU PhD program.

2. Eligibility Criteria and NSYSU scholars' duties:

From the academic year 2015, the scholarship/bursary schemes are available to any full-time high performing PhD students with a high level of research potential, including current NSYSU international students, overseas Chinese students and mainland Chinese students, who have been made an offer to study a PhD program via the recommendation and examination process.

PhD research students who are awarded a scholarship/bursary scheme are allowed to work as teaching assistants or research assistants within their own research departments/colleges and are permitted to apply for other scholarship or student funding schemes

The following applicants are *not* eligible to apply for the elite scholarship/bursary scheme:

1. Candidates working full-time in either public or private sectors and applying to study a PhD program as part of the continuing education scheme.
2. Candidates taking absence of leave after being made an offer, deferring an offer or yet being unable to complete the enrolment process at the year when the offer is made.
3. Candidates who have already started receiving pension benefits; or who are assessed by the department as ineligible.

3. Number available, funding and payout schedule:

In principle, there are 100 scholarships available for the entire university. The actual number of scholarships being offered depends on the number of applications made by individual departments and the result of the evaluation process. Each successful applicant will be awarded with NT180,000 per semester. Funding payment is made on a monthly basis. Successful applicants will receive financial support for the first four semesters of study and must comply with the criteria prescribed in Rule 6.

4. Sources for Scholarship Fund:

The fund for the scholarship scheme is shared equally by the University funding council and individual academic departments. Each department

must have sufficient funds before submitting an application for the scholarship. Funding sources for academic departments come from:

- 1、Departments' research grants.
- 2、Funds that are allocated to individual academic departments by the NSYSU Research Scholarships under the government scholarships and bursaries for students.
- 3、Funds that are allocated from general operation funding or are derived from fundraising events.

Changes may be made to the scholarship scheme which may even be suspended depending on the fiscal planning and the amount of funds available. Funding sources for scholarships awarded to mainland Chinese students *cannot* comprise of sponsorship from the central government and must be raised from other sources.

5. Assessment criteria for the number of scholarships available for each department:

- 1、Funding priority will be given to proposals that are associated with departmental research projects.
- 2、After completing the process of allocating scholarships described in the previous paragraph, the remaining scholarships will be allocated to other departments according to the performance points gained from the PhD student recruitment from each academic department.

6. The following PhD students will lose their eligibility as a scholarship recipient and the decision to revoke is irreversible.

- 1、Students achieving less than GPA 3 for the first semester of the study or the assessment for personal conduct is below A-
- 2、students requesting leave of absence, being expelled by the University or working full-time in either the public or private sector.
- 3、PhD Students transferring into or back to a master's degree program
- 4、A student's eligibility is cancelled in accordance with a decision made at the evaluation and assessment meeting.

In the case of condition. 1, the funding from the scholarship will be terminated from the following semester, for condition 2, 3 and 4, the funding from the scholarship will be terminated from the following month.

7. The guidelines were established at the student recruitment strategy meeting, approved at the administrative affairs meeting and by the president before being enacted for a trial-run of two years.