

# Regulations Governing National Cheng Kung University's (NCKU) Transnational Study and Research Scholarships & Grants

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1. The following regulations have been established by National Cheng Kung University (hereinafter "the University") to support University students in their pursuit of studies abroad, allowing students to expand their horizons, engage in international academic and multicultural exchange, and enhance their competitive advantage on the global stage.
2. Funding Sources and Recipient Quotas:
  - a. Award funding shall be provided by:
    - i. University Endowment Fund income;
    - ii. Ministry of Education (MOE) grants;
    - iii. Other government-issued grants;
    - iv. Other donations.
  - b. The University reserves the right to modify award amounts and recipient quotas in alignment with the annual budget.
3. Eligibility: Applicants must be degree-seeking students (excluding in-service students who are not eligible) and fulfill all requirements (see Item 4). Students planning to pursue a dual degree with an overseas partner school must hold citizenship of the Republic of China and have current household registration.
4. Scholarship/Grant Types and Requirements:
  - a. A dual-degree program refers to a joint initiative between the University and an overseas partner school. These programs involve a formal agreement that outlines the graduation requirements necessary for students to obtain degrees from both institutions. Awards for these programs are limited to one year.
  - b. An exchange student refers to an individual eligible to participate in academic exchange programs at recognized universities for the purpose of earning academic credits. This category includes applicants who apply through the University as well

as those who enroll directly with the university abroad. Awards for these programs are limited to one year.

c. Short-Term Study or Research:

- i. This category refers to students who complete research or intern at foreign universities, enterprises, or research/academic institutions for a period of more than one week.
- ii. Awards for these programs are limited to a duration of one week to six months, without interruption, and cannot be extended.

Each student is eligible for only one award per degree program (e.g. B.A, M.A, etc.). Students, except those enrolled in dual-degree programs, are not permitted to engage in study or research activities in China, Hong Kong, or Macau.

5. Application Requirements:

- a. Application form (to be completed online and uploaded to the designated portal);
- b. Copy of transcripts to date (in Mandarin);
- c. Personal statement in Mandarin and English (including academic background, relevant experience, etc.);
- d. Proof of language proficiency (see Item 6);
- e. Government documentation verifying low/lower-middle income household status (if applicable);
- f. Other supporting documents (e.g. recommendation letters, awards, certificates of achievement, etc.);
- g. Required documents for 4.a and 4.b applicants:
  - i. Study plan (including a list of courses and credits);
  - ii. Proof of admission from the specified foreign university;
  - iii. Academic calendar from the partner school for the period of study. If not yet available, applicants must submit the calendar from the previous academic year and provide the most recent one when available.
- h. Required documents for 4.c applicants:
  - i. Description of the intended research or internship program and an introduction to the hosting institution;
  - ii. Proof of acceptance or approval from the hosting institution;
  - iii. Research or internship plan.

Incomplete applications or those failing to meet the above requirements will not be accepted. An extension may be made to submit documentation confirming admission to the partner university, as long as it is submitted before departure.

6. Language Proficiency: Proof of language proficiency, as stipulated in 5.d, must be dated no more than two years before the application date.
  - a. Minimum proficiency requirements for 4.a and 4.b applicants:
    - i. English: Scores showing one of the following: CEFR proficiency level of B2 (refer to the MOE equivalency chart); TOEFL iBT 72; IELTS 5.5; or TOEIC 785. If the partner school has its own English proficiency standards, those requirements shall take precedence.
    - ii. Other languages: If the partner institution has stipulated language proficiency criteria (other than English), applicants must adhere to those standards. If the partner institution does not stipulate language proficiency requirements, applicants should refer to regulation 6.a.i.
  - b. Minimum proficiency requirements for 4.c applicants:
    - i. English: For research or study programs lasting less than three months, applicants must provide scores from one of the following: General English Proficiency Test (GEPT), TOEIC, TOEFL, or IELTS. For research or study programs lasting more than three months, applicants must provide scores showing one of the following: CEFR proficiency level of B2 (refer to the MOE equivalency chart); TOEFL iBT 72; IELTS 5.5; or TOEIC 785. If the partner school has its own English proficiency standards, those requirements shall take precedence.
    - ii. Other languages: If the partner institution has stipulated language proficiency criteria (other than English), applicants must adhere to those standards. If the partner institution does not stipulate language proficiency requirements, applicants should refer to regulation 6.b.1.
7. Application Deadlines:
  - a. 4.a or 4.b Applicants: For the fall semester, applications must be submitted by May 31 of the same year; for the spring semester, applications must be submitted by October 31 of the preceding year. All applications must be submitted to the Office of International Affairs (OIA) online portal.
  - b. 4.c Applicants: Applications must be submitted through the OIA online portal at least one month prior to the start of the program.
8. Award Amounts:
  - a. 4.a or 4.b Applicants:
    - i. Programs in Asia are eligible for awards up to NT\$110,000 per semester and up to NT\$200,000 per academic year.
    - ii. Programs outside of Asia are eligible for awards up to NT\$150,000 per semester and up to NT\$240,000 per academic year.

- iii. Applicants submitting government documentation verifying low/lower-middle income household status may, if approved, be entitled to additional subsidies.
  - iv. Award amounts may be adjusted for applicants who have been approved for tuition waivers, tuition reductions, or have received additional scholarships from foreign institutions.
- b. 4.c Applicants:
- i. Programs in Asia are eligible for weekly subsidies up to NT\$14,000 for the first two weeks. After week three, weekly subsidies will be reduced to NT\$5,000.
  - ii. Programs outside of Asia are eligible for weekly subsidies up to NT\$20,000 for the first two weeks. After week three, weekly subsidies will be reduced to NT\$7,000.

9. Application Review Process:

- a. Stage 1: Applications should be submitted to the office/department specified on the application form. After approval by the applicant's academic advisor and reviewing office/department, applications should be sent to the OIA.
- b. Stage 2: The OIA shall forward applications to the University's Transnational Study and Research Scholarship Grants Selection Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Selection Committee) for review.
- c. The Selection Committee will consist of the Vice President for International Affairs and seven to nine faculty representatives. Applications must be submitted in writing for review. Applicants may be required to appear in person if requested.
- d. The Selection Committee reserves the right to modify award quotas and types of awards granted. After the review process is complete, a list of finalists will be sent to the University President for approval and subsequently announced.

10. Remittance Schedule: 80% of the award will be disbursed during the study abroad period. For exchange students (4.b) and short-term research grantees (4.c), expense documentation must be submitted within one month (from the program's end date) to receive any remaining funds. For dual-degree students (4.a), supporting documents must be submitted within two months (from the program's end date) to receive any remaining funds.

11. Award Period and Obligations:

- a. Scholarship/grant recipients (hereinafter Recipients) must sign a contract with the University one month before departing abroad and adhere to its stipulations.
- b. Recipients must remain enrolled at the University during the period abroad and

continue to fulfill any requirements outlined by their degree program. Students who choose to take a leave of absence, withdraw, or discontinue their studies or degree program without prior approval from the University will be obligated to repay the entire award amount.

- c. Recipients wanting to return to Taiwan before the completion of their overseas research or study plan must first obtain approval from the OIA; if approved, the original award amount will be adjusted proportionately based on the duration of the recipient's stay abroad. Recipients who return to Taiwan during the award period without prior approval from the OIA may be obligated to repay the entire award amount.
- d. Recipients are prohibited from accepting scholarships from other Taiwan government agencies--such as the Ministry of Education (MOE) or the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC)--during the same award period. Those found in violation of these terms will be deemed ineligible and must repay entire award amount.
- e. Recipients must submit a final report within one month of the program's end date. If requested, they must complete an English presentation on their experience overseas.
- f. After Recipients have completed their overseas research or study plans, they must submit the following:
  - i. Dual-degree students (4.a): Diplomas from the University and/or the overseas partner university; proof of graduation requirements fulfilled.
  - ii. Exchange students (4.b): Proof of credits earned and transcripts for each semester and/or academic year (two semesters). Please note: students are required to pass a minimum of three courses per semester, with at least one course directly related to their undergraduate major at the University.
  - iii. Short-term research/internship students (4.c): Proof of research/internship that includes the duration of the program, content of program, and the results of any comprehensive evaluations.
- g. Recipients who violate the terms of the preceding paragraph (11.f) must repay the entire award amount. In the event of outstanding payments or insolvency, the guarantor (parent or guardian) shall assume responsibility for the repayment.

12. While abroad, all academic-related matters, enrollment requirements, and conscription duties shall be handled in accordance with University regulations and/or relevant laws and regulations of the Republic of China. Any incurred costs in adhering to this regulation shall be reimbursed in accordance with University regulations. Recipients who violate these regulations will be required to repay the full scholarship amount.

13. Matters not provided for by these regulations shall be governed by existing provisions and

Office-issued notices.

14. These regulations have been approved by the Chief Administrators and University Endowment Fund Management Committee. They will take effect upon approval by the University President. This process shall also apply to all future amendments.