

National Taiwan University of Science and Technology 2026 Graduate Student Research Fellowship Pilot Program

I. Basis for Implementation

National Taiwan University of Science and Technology (“Taiwan Tech” or “the University”) has established the 2026 Pilot Program for Graduate Student Research Fellowship (“the Program”) in accordance with the 2026 National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Graduate Research Fellowship Pilot Program.

II. Purpose

To cultivate talent in fundamental scientific research, encourage outstanding doctoral students with research potential, and support them in pursuing their research with full commitment, this Program is hereby formulated.

III. Number of Awards

The number of awards shall be based on the quota allocated by the NSTC for the applicable year.

IV. Eligibility and Disqualification Criteria

1. Eligible Recipients

Students currently enrolled in a doctoral program.

2. Disqualification Criteria

Applicants shall not be eligible for the Program under any of the following circumstances:

- (1) Employed in a full-time paid position at a public or private institution, or admitted as an in-service student.
- (2) Admitted as a student from Hong Kong, Macao, or Mainland China.
- (3) Has deferred admission, taken a leave of absence, or failed to complete registration after admission.
- (4) Already receiving a scholarship or other funding of the same nature from a government entity.

V. Fellowship Amount

Each recipient will receive NTD 40,000 per month for up to three years. For those graduating within three years, the fellowship will be awarded until the month of graduation. The Program is fully funded by the NSTC.

VI. Fellowship Amount

The Program shall commence on the date of approval by the NSTC for the applicable year, and the actual disbursement date shall be subject to the University's payment schedule. Funding shall be provided for up to three years. Recipients who graduate within the three-year period shall receive funding until the month of graduation.

Applicants admitted from the waiting list shall receive funding beginning in the month they are admitted and continuing until the final month covered by the funding. Retroactive payments shall not be made.

VII. Allocation of Quotas

The scholarship quotas allocated to each college shall be determined by taking into consideration the proportion of NSTC-funded research funding, doctoral student quotas, and the alignment of research fields with national policy priorities.

To ensure balance across disciplines, the number of humanities research projects and the corresponding research funding shall be weighted by a factor of 150% when calculating the scholarship quotas.

VIII. Eligibility, Selection Criteria, Review Process, and Replacement Mechanism

1. Eligibility

Applicants must be currently enrolled in a doctoral program. In-service students and students admitted from Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Macao are not eligible.

Each award shall be granted for up to three years. Eligibility shall terminate if the recipient takes a leave of absence, withdraws, or graduates during the funding period.

2. Application Procedure

Applicants shall submit an application to their department by the announced deadline, together with the following documents:

- (1) Master's degree certificate (waived for students in the Direct Pursuit of the Ph.D. Degree program);
- (2) Master's thesis (waived for students in the Direct Pursuit of the Ph.D. Degree program). Newly admitted students shall submit their master's thesis, while continuing students shall submit publications produced during their period of study;
- (3) Recommendation letter from the advisor;
- (4) Doctoral research proposal;
- (5) Other supporting documents relevant to the review (e.g., awards, publications)
- (6) Declaration Form for the NSTC Graduate Student Research Fellowship Pilot Program; and
- (7) Incomplete applications or applications that fail to comply with the requirements and are not corrected within the specified period shall not be accepted.

3. Review Procedure

- (1) Each department shall nominate scholarship candidates from among eligible applicants, up to a maximum of 10% of its doctoral student quota. If two or more candidates are nominated, they shall be ranked before being submitted to the college for review.
- (2) Each college shall nominate scholarship candidates from among eligible applicants, up to a maximum of 5% of its doctoral student quota. The nominees shall be ranked before being submitted to the University for review.
- (3) The University Graduate Student Research Fellowship Review Committee shall the nomination lists submitted by each college. The first-ranked nominee from each college may be selected directly for the scholarship. The final list of recipients shall take into consideration the disciplinary characteristics and balance among the colleges.

4. Review Committees

- (1) Each department shall establish a Review Panel to select scholarship nominees and submit the meeting minutes documenting the review process to the respective college.
- (2) Each college shall establish a College-level Review Committee to evaluate and rank the nominees recommended by its departments.
- (3) The University Graduate Student Research Fellowship Review Committee shall be chaired by the Vice President for Academic Affairs, with the dean of each college serving as a committee member to review applications and select scholarship recipients.

5. Replacement Mechanism

If a scholarship recipient fails to meet the renewal requirements, takes a leave of absence, withdraws, or otherwise becomes ineligible for the Program during the doctoral program, the scholarship shall be terminated, and the vacancy shall be filled by a candidate from the waiting list.

IX. Renewal Evaluation Mechanism

Recipients must apply for renewal one month before the end of each semester's funding period (i.e., by the end of January and July each year) by submitting the following documents to their department:

1. Transcript for the current semester, with no failing grades;
2. Annual study report, including academic progress, research outputs, publications, and participation in international engagement.;
3. Recommendation letter for renewal for the following semester;
Recipients who receive any failing grade or fail to comply with the above requirements shall have their renewal eligibility revoked, and the scholarship quota shall be filled by a candidate from the waiting list; and
4. The department shall evaluate the submitted documents and verify whether the recipient has taken a leave of absence, withdrawn from the program, engaged in full-time employment outside the University, violated University regulations, or demonstrated serious deficiencies in academic or research performance. Recipients approved by the department for renewal and not subject to any of the foregoing circumstances shall remain eligible for continued funding.

X. Performance Tracking Mechanism

Recipients shall submit a report at the end of each semester, including:

1. Participation in research activities;
2. Journal manuscript submissions;
3. Collaboration with domestic institutions or activities involving experience sharing; and
4. Career tracking for a period of three years after graduation.

XI. Rolling Review

This Program shall be reviewed annually and revised as appropriate to ensure that its intended objectives and expected benefits are fully achieved.

The English version is provided for reference only.

The Chinese version shall prevail in case of any discrepancies between the English and Chinese versions.