

National Taiwan University of Science and Technology

2025 Pilot Program for Outstanding Doctoral Student Scholarship

I. Basis for Implementation

National Taiwan University of Science and Technology (“Taiwan Tech” or “the University”) has established the 2025 Pilot Program for Outstanding Doctoral Student Scholarship (“the Program”) in accordance with the 2025 National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Pilot Program for Doctoral Student Research Scholarships – Allocation and Selection Categories.

II. Purpose

To cultivate talents 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 and approved annually by the NSTC.

IV. Eligible Recipients and Qualifications

1. Eligible Recipients

Allocation Category: Currently enrolled doctoral students.

Selection Category: First-year doctoral students (those admitted in February or September 2025).

2. Disqualification Criteria

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

- I. Employed full-time in a public or private institution, or admitted as an in-service student.
- II. Admitted as a student from Hong Kong, Macao, or Mainland China.
- III. Defers admission, suspends studies, or fails to complete registration after admission.
- IV. Already receiving a scholarship or funding of the same nature from a government agency.

V. Scholarship Amount

1. Allocation Category:

Each recipient will receive **NTD 40,000 per month** for up to three years. For those graduating within three years, the scholarship will be awarded until the month of graduation.

2. Selection Category:

Each recipient will receive **NTD 40,000 per month**, starting from the first year of the doctoral program for up to three years. For those graduating within three years, the scholarship will be awarded until the month of graduation.

3. The Program is fully funded by the NSTC.

VI. Funding Period

The Program shall commence from the approval date of the NSTC, with disbursement on the 15th of each month. Funding lasts up to three years, and for those graduating earlier, support shall continue until the month of graduation.

For recipients on the waiting list who are later admitted, funding will begin from the month of replacement and continue until the official end of the funding period. Retroactive payments are not permitted.

VII. Allocation of quotas

The number of scholarships for each Taiwan Tech graduate institute or department shall be determined by taking into account the proportion of NSTC-funded research projects and budgets, the number of enrolled doctoral students, and the alignment of research fields with national research policies. To ensure balance across disciplines, research projects and budgets in the humanities shall be weighted at 150%.

VIII. Eligibility, Selection Criteria, Review, and Replacement

1. Eligibility:

Applicants must be currently enrolled doctoral students, excluding those on suspension, reinstated, in-service, or admitted from Mainland China, Hong Kong, or Macao. Each award shall last for up to three years. Suspension, withdrawal, or graduation shall terminate eligibility.

2. Application Procedure:

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

- I. Master's degree certificate (waived for direct-entry doctoral students)
- II. Master's thesis (waived for direct-entry doctoral students)
- III. Recommendation letter from the advisor
- IV. Doctoral research proposal

- V. Other supporting materials (e.g., awards, publications)
- VI. Declaration for the NSTC Pilot Program for Outstanding Doctoral Student Research Scholarship

3. **Review Procedure:**

- I. Departments may nominate up to 10% of eligible doctoral students. If more than two nominees are recommended, they must be ranked before submission to the college.
- II. Colleges may nominate up to 5% of eligible doctoral students, ranked and submitted to the University.
- III. The University Scholarship Review Committee for Outstanding Doctoral Students, chaired by the Vice President for Academic Affairs and composed of college deans, shall review nominations. First-ranked nominees from each college shall be directly admitted, while final selections shall consider disciplinary balance.

4. **Review Committees:**

- I. Departments shall establish departmental review committees to prepare recommendations, with meeting records submitted to the college.
- II. Colleges shall establish college-level review committees to evaluate and rank departmental nominees.
- III. The University committee shall make the final award decisions.

5. **Replacement:**

If a recipient fails to meet renewal requirements, suspends, withdraws, or otherwise becomes ineligible, the scholarship will be awarded to the next candidate on the waiting list.

IX. Renewal Evaluation (Applicable to both Allocation and Selection Categories)

Recipients must apply for renewal **one month before the end of each semester** (i.e., by the end of January and July) with the following documents:

- 1. Transcript of the current semester (no failing grades).
- 2. Annual study report, including academic progress, achievements, outputs, or internationalization activities.
- 3. Recommendation letter for renewal.
- 4. Compliance evaluation: eligibility may be revoked if the recipient has failing grades, works full-time, violates University regulations, demonstrates poor academic performance, or suspends/withdraws.

X. Performance Tracking

Recipients must submit reports at the end of each semester, including:

1. Participation in research activities,
2. Journal publication;
3. Domestic collaborations or experience-sharing; and
4. Post-graduation career tracking for three years.

XI. Rolling Review

This Program shall be subject to annual rolling review and be adjusted as necessary to maximize effectiveness.

The English version is provided for reference only.

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