

# National Taiwan Normal University

## 「國家科學及技術委員會博士生研究獎學金試辦方案」實施要點 Implementation Guidelines for the NSTC Graduate Research Fellowship (NSTC-GRF) Pilot Program

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### Article 1. Purpose

To cultivate outstanding research talent and support doctoral students with exceptional research potential, these Guidelines are established in accordance with the National Science and Technology Council Graduate Research Fellowship (NSTC-GRF) Pilot Program.

### Article 2. Eligibility

- (1) All currently enrolled doctoral students at National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU) are eligible to apply. However, students who have previously received this fellowship may not apply again.
- (2) Mainland Chinese, Hong Kong, or Macau students are not eligible.

### Article 3. Number of Awards

The number of fellowship recipients shall be determined in accordance with the annual quota approved by the NSTC.

### Article 4. Fellowship Duration and Amount

Each doctoral student shall receive a monthly fellowship of NT\$40,000 for a maximum period of three years.

If a recipient graduates within the three-year period, the fellowship shall terminate in the month of graduation. The vacancy shall be filled by a candidate from the alternate list submitted by the relevant department/institute. If no alternate candidate is available, the vacancy shall be reassigned in accordance with Article 5, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 1 and the replacement recipient shall continue to receive the remaining fellowship funding for the applicable period.

The full fellowship amount shall be funded by the NSTC.

### Article 5. Principles for Fellowship Quota Allocation

- (1) Fellowship quotas shall be allocated based on the proportion of NSTC research grant funding received by each department/institute during the four years preceding the award academic year relative to the university's total funding. Research funding in the humanities shall be weighted at 150%.

If quotas remain unassigned after allocation, they shall first be distributed in descending order according to the total amount of NSTC research funding received by

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departments/institutes that have not yet received any quota. If quotas still remain, additional allocations shall continue according to the same ranking order until all quotas have been assigned.

- (2) Within the deadline announced annually by the Office of Academic Affairs, each department/institute shall submit its list of recommended students, including alternate candidates, based on the allocated quota for review and approval by the Office of Academic Affairs.

#### **Article 6. Selection Criteria and Periodic Evaluation Mechanism**

- (1) Departments/institutes may establish their own selection procedures in accordance with these Guidelines. Selection criteria may include academic performance, master's theses, published academic journal articles, books, creative works, patents, research achievements, awards received in international competitions, or other supporting materials deemed relevant.
- (2) Fellowship recipients shall submit a complete report to their department/institute one month before the end of each academic year. The report shall include academic performance, research achievements, portfolio of creative works, proof and description of participation in international events, and any other materials required by the department/institute for renewal recommendation. After evaluation and review, the department/institute shall submit the approved list to the Office of Academic Affairs for renewal of the fellowship for the following academic year.
- (3) Fellowship recipients in their third (final) year shall submit a complete final report to their department/institute one month before the conclusion of the fellowship period. The report shall include academic performance, research achievements, portfolio of creative works, proof and description of participation in international events, and any other required materials for final review and program completion.

#### **Article 7. Mechanism for Tracking Fellowship Outcomes and Effectiveness**

- (1) NTNU shall conduct annual evaluations based on departmental/institutional admissions conditions, student enrollment status, departmental/institutional efforts in cultivating academic research and foreign language proficiency, as well as graduates' career development and post-graduation outcomes, and shall revise these Guidelines accordingly when necessary.
- (2) Departments/institutes shall regularly conduct follow-up evaluations of fellowship recipients within three years after graduation through telephone interviews, questionnaires, or other appropriate methods. Information regarding recipients' academic research performance and contributions to industry or employment outcomes shall be submitted to

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the Office of Academic Affairs for recordation before the end of July each year. Fellowship recipients may not refuse to participate in such follow-up procedures.

### **Article 8. Revocation of Fellowship Eligibility**

Recipients who fall under any of the following circumstances during the fellowship period shall have their eligibility revoked, and the fellowship shall be terminated beginning in the month following the occurrence of the event. The fellowship shall not be reinstated.

Vacancies shall be filled by candidates from the alternate list submitted by the relevant department/institute. If no alternate candidate is available, replacement shall proceed in accordance with Article 5, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 1, and the replacement recipient shall continue to receive the remaining fellowship funding for the applicable period.

- (1) Engaging in full-time paid employment in the public or private sector, or applying for admission as an in-service student.
- (2) Taking a leave of absence, deferring admission, or failing to complete registration after admission.
- (3) Students directly admitted to the doctoral program who subsequently transfer back to a master's program.
- (4) Concurrently receiving fellowship funding or subsidies of a similar nature from other government agencies.
- (5) Failure to obtain continued recommendation from the department/institute.

### **Article 9. False or Fraudulent Documentation**

If any submitted documents are found to be forged, falsified, altered, or otherwise fraudulent, the recipient's fellowship eligibility shall be revoked. Any fellowship funds already received shall be repaid, and relevant legal responsibility shall be pursued in accordance with applicable regulations.

### **Article 10. Matters Not Covered**

Any matters not specified in these Guidelines shall be handled in accordance with relevant NSTC regulations and applicable university policies.

### **Article 11. Implementation and Amendments**

These Guidelines shall take effect upon approval by the University Admissions Committee and submission to the NSTC for recordation. The same procedure shall apply to any subsequent amendments.

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