

National Pingtung University of Science and Technology (NPUST)

Guidelines for Awarding Scholarships to Excellent Foreign Students



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1. Purpose:

These guidelines are promulgated to encourage outstanding foreign students to study at NPUST, and to assist them with living on campus without difficulties and successfully completing their studies.

2. Award targets:

All foreign students currently studying at or applying for enrollment in NPUST are qualified. Those who are receiving scholarship(s) from other sources are not eligible.

3. Awarded student qualification, awarded items, and duration of scholarship

3.1 Awards to undergraduates

- A. Application starts from the sophomore year of undergraduate studies.
- B. For freshmen undergrads, barring unusual circumstances or outstanding performance, scholarships will be awarded according to the decisions of the “Foreign Student Scholarship Evaluation Committee”.
- C. Awarded items include partially or fully waived tuition and waived miscellaneous fees, or free lodging in the student dormitories of NPUST

3.2 Awards to graduate students

- A. Partially or fully waived tuition, waived miscellaneous fees and credit fees (Students will receive subsidies of the actual credits taken every semester. The maximum number of credits subsidized every semester is twelve.)
- B. Free lodging in the student dormitories of NPUST.
- C. Scholarships will be awarded on a yearly basis. Renewal applications will be evaluated based on student’s academic performance. The expected duration of earning a master and a Ph. D degree are 2 and 3 years, respectively. Students who need to study longer than the expected duration are entitled to only partially or fully waived tuition and waived miscellaneous fees, free lodging in dormitories, and subsidies for up to twelve actual credits. Monthly stipend equivalent to that of Taiwan doctoral students can also be awarded to doctoral student for up to one year until the month of applicant’s graduation.
- D. The awards for new students shall be decided by the Committee for Admission of Foreign Students, while those for currently enrolled students (including renewal applicants) shall be reviewed and granted by the Scholarship Review Committee, and finally approved by the President of NPUST.

4. Scholarship eligibility requirements:

- 4.1 Students with a foreign nationality
- 4.2 New foreign students are eligible for such application while applying for admission to NPUST.
- 4.3 Currently enrolled foreign students (including renewal applicants) applying for a scholarship are required to submit a copy of their transcript for the previous academic year showing an average of **75 points** or more for undergraduates and **80 points** or more for graduate students. In addition, the

grade of conduct must reach **80 points** or more.

5. Deadline for Application:

- 5.1 For new foreign students: The application must be submitted along with the application for admission to NPUST by **April 30** for the following academic year.
- 5.2 For currently enrolled foreign students (including renewal applicants): Applications must be submitted between **July 20** and **August 5** for the following academic year.

6. Required documents:

- 6.1 For new foreign students: The recruitment regulations were established under NPUST and may be found in the regulations (document #0960021880) posted by the Ministry of Education, Taiwan.
- 6.2 For currently enrolled foreign students (including renewal applicants):
 - A. A copy of their transcript for the previous academic year
 - B. Two recommendation letters written by a class mentor or an academic adviser

7. Application procedures and notices:

- 7.1 New foreign students are required to send the applications to the Office of International Affairs when applying for admission to NPUST.
- 7.2 All applications which are submitted by the currently enrolled international students (including renewal applicants) will be evaluated by the Scholarships Review Committee, and then approved by the President of NPUST. Applicants will be notified the results before August 15 of each year.

8. Obligations of awarded international students

- 8.1 Students who qualify for admission and scholarships at NPUST and are awarded waived miscellaneous fees, credit fees and stipends will be given school service assignments weekly by their departments or by the Office of International Affairs.
- 8.2 A feedback report on the quality of the student's school service will be appended to the scholarship's application the following year.

9. Mandarin Certificate

Scholarship students who are non-native speakers of Chinese are encouraged to attempt to pass the basic level of Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL, formerly TOP) before graduation. Those who pass could apply to the reward according to the referring regulation of NPUST.

10. Sources of Funding

NPUST annually allocates a portion of its income from the collection of tuition and miscellaneous fees, funds from the Ministry of Education, and funding from its university foundation or other related resources to scholarships for foreign students.

11. These guidelines become validated after the approval of the Administrator Meeting and the authorization of the President of NPUST.

These guidelines are adopted in Chinese, which shall prevail in case of any discrepancy between the English translation and the Chinese original.