

Directives for the Allocation of Joint Scholarships for Top and Outstanding Overseas Chinese Students at University of Taipei

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Article 1 University of Taipei (hereinafter referred to as "the University") formulates these Directives to encourage top and outstanding overseas Chinese students to pursue undergraduate degrees at the University, in accordance with the "Overseas Community Affairs Council Directives for Awarding Scholarships to Top and Outstanding Overseas Chinese Students Studying in Universities and Colleges in Taiwan," and in partnership with the Overseas Community Affairs Council (hereinafter referred to as "OCAC") to jointly provide scholarships.

Article 2 The eligible recipients of this Joint Scholarship are undergraduate overseas Chinese students of the University who have been awarded the Top or Outstanding Overseas Chinese Student Scholarship by the OCAC. Recipients shall complete the check-in and registration procedures as notified. Those who fail to arrive in Taiwan to commence their studies within the prescribed deadline shall be deemed to have forfeited their scholarship eligibility, which may not be deferred or reserved.

Article 3 The maximum duration of this scholarship is four years. For recipients who take a leave of absence for any reason, their scholarship eligibility shall be revoked, and disbursement of the scholarship shall cease. With respect to the scholarship received during the academic year of the leave of absence, refund obligations shall be determined based on the period of enrollment prior to taking leave:

- (1) If the enrollment period is less than one-half of the term, the scholarship shall be refunded in full.
- (2) If the enrollment period is at least one-half but less than three-fourths of the term, fifty percent (50%) of the scholarship shall be refunded.
- (3) If the enrollment period is three-fourths or more of the term, no refund shall be required.

Article 4 The scholarship amounts provided by the University under the Joint Scholarship Program (excluding the amounts awarded by the OCAC) are as follows:

- (1) Joint Scholarship for Top Overseas Chinese Students: NT\$130,000 per academic year, totaling NT\$520,000 over four years.
- (2) Joint Scholarship for Outstanding Overseas Chinese Students: NT\$50,000 per academic year, totaling NT\$200,000 over four years.

Article 5 Eligibility criteria for scholarship renewal are as follows:

(1) Recipients must enroll in a minimum of nine (9) credits per semester during their study period, maintain an overall academic average of 85 points or above for the academic year, and achieve an overall conduct grade of 80 points or above. If a recipient participates in an exchange program during enrollment, the overseas credits and grades earned during the exchange period must be officially recognized and approved by the University.

(2) Recipients whose academic performance in the preceding academic year fails to meet the aforementioned standards shall be ineligible to apply for renewal. However, if their academic performance meets the required standards in subsequent academic years, they may reapply.

Article 6 The annual quota for first-time recipients shall not exceed the limit specified in the Joint Scholarship Commitment Letter executed between the University and the OCAC. If the number of University students awarded the Top or Outstanding Overseas Chinese Student Scholarship by the OCAC in a given academic year exceeds the committed quota, a Review Committee shall convene to deliberate and select recipients based on a comprehensive evaluation of criteria including academic performance (academic year average, class ranking) and other outstanding achievements.

The Review Committee shall consist of four faculty members from within or outside the University appointed by the President, and one faculty representative from each college. The term of office shall be one year and members may be reappointed. One member shall be designated by the President to serve as the Convener and Committee Chairperson. If the Chairperson is unable to preside over a meeting due to unforeseen circumstances, another member may be designated to act as proxy.

Article 7 If a recipient is found to have submitted forged or fraudulent application documents, or if the recipient withdraws from the University, the entire scholarship amount received for that academic year must be refunded in full, and legal liability shall be pursued in accordance with the severity of the circumstances.

Article 8 Funding for this scholarship shall be allocated from the University's budget and approved by the Self-Funded Allocation Committee.

Article 9 Matters not specified in these Directives shall be handled in accordance with the "Overseas Community Affairs Council Directives for Awarding Scholarships to Top and Outstanding Overseas Chinese Students Studying in Universities and Colleges in Taiwan" and relevant institutional regulations of the University.

Article 10 These Directives shall take effect upon deliberation and approval by the International Affairs Committee of the University and final approval by the President.