

# **National Sun Yat-sen University Detailed Rules on Financial Assistance for Research Students of the Department of Marine Biotechnology and Resources**

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1. The detailed rules on scholarships and grants ("financial assistance") for research students with the Department were formulated in accordance with the University regulations.
2. Between 15 ~ 25% of the financial assistance allocated by the University shall be retained for "Key Support Financial Assistance" with the remainder used for "Teaching Support Financial Assistance".
3. The "Teaching Support Financial Assistance" is only open to first and second-year Master's students or first, second and third-year Ph.D. students. It is only to be used for students assisting with teaching and practical training during the academic year.
4. Those who have received other financial assistance, those who are barred from receiving further financial assistance under Ministry of Education rules and in-service students are also ineligible for this financial assistance.
5. Research students who qualify under Articles 3 and 4 may apply for "Teaching Support Financial Assistance". A Ph.D. student may receive an amount equal to two basis points. A Master's student may receive one basis point.
  - i. Obligation as a teaching assistant under "Teaching Support Financial Assistance": Scoring of assignments, assisting with laboratory practice, and assisting with other teaching tasks. A teaching assistant who proves inadequate may have their payments terminated at any time and replaced by other people.
  - ii. The course instructor shall appoint teaching assistants from among research students with the necessary ability.
  - iii. The total amount of the "Teaching Support Financial Assistance" shall be calculated using basis points and paid over 5 installments.
  - iv. Except for research projects and discussions, the quota for each course is in principle one basis point. Courses that require more than one basis point to be provided should submit an application to the Department. The application date shall be announced by the Department.
6. "Key Support Financial Assistance" is divided into the four following categories:
  - i. One slot for working financial assistance. Each person receives 3000 TWD a month and

this is assessed over two semesters. Each semester has a length of five months.

- ii. Paper Presentation Scholarship: Open to Master's and Ph.D. students during the semester. It is divided in two types, lead-author or co-author. The lead author of a SCI paper may apply for a reward of 5000 TWD per paper (for short papers such as a note then it is 4000 TWD per paper). The co-author of a SCI paper may apply for a reward of 3000 TWD per paper (for short papers such as a note then it is 2400 TWD per paper). The academic paper named in the application must have been published within the past two years. It is limited to one application per paper and it must not be the SCI paper that the student is using for his/her Ph.D. degree application. Similar incentives are offered by the University's Office of Research and Development. The applicant should submit a complete application to the University first. Only when their application is not approved should they apply for this scholarship and repeated applications are not allowed; applications for this scholarship from those who fail to go through the complete application procedure as required will not be processed.
  - iii. International Academic Conference Attendance Scholarship: Ph.D. students may apply once before graduation. The maximum amount is 6000 TWD and it is to be used for attending and presenting a paper at an international academic conference overseas. The application documents should include the application for attending an international conference along with the academic conference's program, letter of invitation, airline ticket stub (or photocopy), and paper abstract. Award winners should have a poster of the paper available for posting. The applicant should first go through the complete application procedure with the College of Marine Sciences in accordance with the "Ministry of Education Subsidy Guidelines for National Sun Yat-sen University Ph.D. Students Attending International Conferences". Only if they fail to qualify should they apply for this scholarship; applications who fail to go through the complete application procedure as required above will not be processed.
  - iv. Research Scholarships (Columbus Scholarship) are awarded in the second semester of each academic year based on the results of the thesis/dissertation poster competition. The three divisions are Master's 1, Master's 2 (and higher), and Ph.D. A number of winners are selected from each division. Finalists who do not receive an award may receive a participation prize. The prize amount is announced by the Academic Committee at the start of each year based on budget allocation.

Total amount provided under this article is the remainder of the Key Support Financial Assistance budget after subtracting the amounts from items 1, 2 and 3 above.
7. The application date for "Key Support Financial Assistance" shall be announced by the Department at the start of each semester (or academic year).
  8. An application for "Key Support Financial Assistance" must include a letter of consent from the supervising professor.
  9. Research scholarships shall be reviewed in accordance with the Department's Columbus Scholarship rules. Other financial assistance shall be reviewed by the Department's

Academic Committee.

11. The Detailed Rules were formulated by the Department's Academic Committee. Modifications shall follow the same procedure.