Guidelines for FCU enrollment scholarships for overseas Chinese and international students

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Article 1: These guidelines were formulated to encourage and assist outstanding overseas Chinese and international students to enroll in this University.

Article 2: “Overseas Chinese students” are defined as overseas Chinese students and students from Hong Kong and Macau who have been granted admission to an undergraduate, Master’s or doctoral degree program at this University by the University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students, as well as overseas Chinese students that were directly recruited by this University. Overseas Chinese student status shall be established by the Overseas Compatriot Affairs Commission. Hong Kong and Macau student status shall be established by the Ministry of Education.

International students are defined in accordance with Article 2 and 3 of the Ministry of Education’s “Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan.”

Article 3: This scholarship/financial aid scheme is offered to overseas Chinese and international students for up to four years (up to five years for those enrolled in the Department of Architecture undergraduate program) for undergraduate degree programs and up to two years for Master’s degree and doctoral degree programs.

Article 4: Scholarship/financial aid Types, Decisions and Issuance

Two types of scholarships/financial aid are provided: scholarship and a stipend. The Office of Academic Affairs, Office of Student Affairs, Office of International Affairs, colleges and other related units shall form a scholarship application review committee to review scholarship applications. The number of recipients and amounts awarded shall be determined according to the annual budget. Scholarship decisions shall be announced each semester before the registration deadline.

Scholarships/financial aid, for the full amount of tuition and incidental expenses or half the amount of tuition and incidental expenses, are issued in two installments, one per semester. Scholarship funds are deposited directly into recipient bank accounts in March and October.

Article 5: Application Procedures

Once Overseas Chinese students have been accepted for admission by the University
Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students, or recruited directly by the University, they shall submit a scholarship application form to the Office of Academic Affairs. From the second academic year, applications for a continuation of financial aid shall be submitted to the Office of International Affairs before the announced deadline.

International students shall submit a scholarship application in conjunction with the application for admission to the Office of Academic Affairs. From the second academic year, application for a continuation of financial aid shall be submitted to the Office of International Affairs before the announced deadline.

Article 6: Application Assessment

1. Scholarship application conditions for the first academic year are as follows:

   A. For overseas Chinese students admitted to undergraduate degree program and applying for an admission scholarship, scholarship decisions for the first academic year shall be decided based on grades achieved for the academic year prior to admission by the University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students; first year scholarship decisions for students directly recruited by the University shall be decided based on grades achieved in previous program(s) for the academic year prior to admission. For Master’s and doctoral degree students applying for scholarship for the first academic year, scholarship decisions will be based on grades achieved in previous program(s) and other supplemental documents that indicate the student’s potential.

   B. For international students admitted to undergraduate, Master’s or doctoral degree program and applying for an admission scholarship, scholarship decisions for the first academic year shall be based on grades achieved in previous program(s) and other supplemental documents that indicate the student’s potential.

2. From the second academic year, assessment of applications for a continuation of financial aid shall be based on the following:

   A. Overseas Chinese students enrolled in undergraduate programs shall have earned an average score of 70 or higher in courses during the previous academic year and a ranking in the top 50% of their class, as well as a conduct score of 80 or higher. Overseas Chinese students enrolled in Master’s or doctoral degree programs shall have earned an average score of 80 or higher in courses and conduct score of 80 or higher during the previous academic year.

   B. International students enrolled in undergraduate programs shall have earned an average score of 65 or higher in courses during the previous academic year and a ranking in the top 60% of their class, as well as a conduct score of 80 or higher.
International students enrolled in Master’s or doctoral degree programs shall have earned an average score of 75 or higher in courses and conduct score of 80 or higher during the previous academic year.

Article 7: Students who meet the above criteria may submit application for scholarship/financial aid. Following decision by the scholarship application review committee, scholarships/financial aid will be issued to recipients who have completed registration and course selection procedures for the academic year for which the scholarship/financial aid is awarded.

Article 8: International students desiring to apply for this scholarship/financial aid scheme shall first apply for the Taiwan Scholarship offered by the Taiwan government through Taiwan overseas mission or representative office in their country of origin (unless the Taiwan Scholarship is not offered in that country). If it is not possible to receive or apply for the Taiwan Scholarship, students may apply for this scholarship/financial aid if they meet the requirements. International students who have received the Taiwan Scholarship may not apply for this scholarship/financial aid.

Article 8-1: In accordance with guidelines of individual departments, those students who receive admission scholarships may be required to engage in work, assistance or research that is relevant to the department; those who receive the full tuition and incidental fees scholarship will be required to work eight hours per week; those who receive half the cost of tuition and incidental fees scholarship will be required to work four hours per week. Each college will use their own procedures to enforce the scholarship/financial aid rules.

Article 9: For students who meet the criteria for this scholarship/financial aid but have not completed registration procedures or applied for admission deferral or pre-enrollment leave for the academic year in which they are to receive the scholarship/financial aid, the scholarship/financial aid decision shall be revoked. Students who apply for leave following enrollment will not be allowed to continue to receive scholarship funds from the starting date of the approved leave period. Students returning to the University following an approved leave forfeit scholarship/financial aid eligibility and may not re-apply for this scholarship/financial aid.

Article 10: If it is found that a scholarship/financial aid recipient has falsified any information on his/her scholarship/financial aid application, the scholarship/financial aid decision shall be revoked. Any scholarship funds received by the recipient shall be returned.

Article 11: These guidelines were passed during University administrative affairs meeting, ratified by the University president and promulgated. Revisions shall be handled in the same manner.