

**NATIONAL CHENGCHI UNIVERSITY**  
**Regulations for the Establishment of Thesis and Dissertation Awards**

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Article 1      National Chengchi University (NCCU or “the University”) formulates the NCCU *Regulations for the Establishment of Thesis and Dissertation Awards* (“the Regulations”) to oversee the establishment of the Thesis and Dissertation Awards (“the Awards”) in order to recognize thesis and dissertation authors with academic contributions and research potential, along with their advisors.

Article 2      The recipients of the Awards are doctoral and master’s graduates who obtained their degrees from the University within the two academic years prior to the announcement of nominations, as well as their advisors.

The Awards are granted once each academic year, with the number of awards, in principle, based on 50 percent of the total recommendations from the colleges. Master’s theses and doctoral dissertations are calculated separately, and the Awards may remain unfilled. Relevant schedule shall be managed in accordance with the announcement from the Office of Academic Affairs.

Article 3      To evaluate the nominated theses and dissertations, the University shall establish the Thesis and Dissertation Awards Selection Committee (“the Committee”) consisting of eleven to thirteen members. The President,

Executive Vice President for Administrative Affairs, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Vice President for Research and Development shall serve as ex-officio members, with the President serving as the convener. The remaining committee members shall be recommended by each college, with one to two experts or scholars from relevant fields, either within or outside the University. The President shall appoint seven to nine members to serve for a term of one year.

The Committee meeting requires the attendance of at least two-thirds of the appointed members to proceed, and decisions shall be made with the consent of two-third of those present.

Article 4 The recipients of the Awards may be recommended by the advisors or degree examination committee members to each college; each college shall establish relevant college-level regulations for the review of these recommendations.

Each college's nomination shall include the following documents:

1. Recommendation letter.
2. Nomination form (including relevant review materials).
3. Electronic file of the nominated thesis or dissertation.
4. College-level review regulations and related meeting records files.

The recommendation letter and nomination form shall detail the justification for the Award, including the academic contributions and research potential of the thesis or dissertation.

Article 5 The review procedure for the Awards is as follows:

1. Each college shall convene a review committee meeting in accordance with its review regulations for the initial review.

External reviewers shall be invited to conduct substantive reviews of dissertations.

2. Each college shall submit the results of the review and recommendations to the Committee for final review. The recommended quota is limited to one doctoral candidate and two master's candidates; however, if there are more than ten doctoral graduates from a college in the current academic year, one additional doctoral candidate may be recommended.
3. The Committee shall conduct the final review and determine the list of awardees based on the fairness of the award lists and the ranking of recommendations from each college.

Article 6 To ensure that the theses and dissertations nominated by each college are subject to public evaluation, the electronic full text of the nominated theses and dissertations shall be made publicly available at the time of recommendation.

Article 7 For the Thesis Award, each awardee shall receive a certificate and a cash prize of NT\$30,000, with their advisors receiving a certificate and a cash prize of NT\$10,000.

For the Dissertation Award, each awardee shall receive a certificate and a cash prize of NT\$50,000, with their advisors receiving a certificate and a cash prize of NT\$20,000.

In the event that a thesis or dissertation with multiple advisors is awarded, the cash prize shall be distributed equally among the advisors.

The Awards shall be presented at a public ceremony.

Article 8 If the awarded theses or dissertation is found, in the accordance with the

University's *Guidelines for Review of Violations of Academic Ethics*, to involve plagiarism, forgery, copyright infringement, or other violations of academic research ethics, the award shall be revoked. The certificate and cash prize received by both the awardee and the advisor shall be reclaimed.

Article 9     The Awards in the Regulations are funded by the University's self-raised funds and other government subsidies. The number of awardees may be adjusted based on the allocated budget, or the implementation of the Regulations may be suspended.

Article 10    The Regulations shall be passed by the University Endowment Fund Management Committee and the University Council Meeting, and then promulgated and implemented. Any amendments shall be processed accordingly.