

National Chung Cheng University
Advanced Institute of Manufacturing with High-tech Innovations, AIM-HI

Regulations Governing Provisions of the Scholarship Award for Outstanding AIM-HI Master & Ph. D Program Students

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1. Advanced Institute of Manufacturing with High-tech Innovations (hereinafter AIM-HI) at National Chung Cheng University (hereinafter the University) hereby formulate the following regulations to enact the provisions for outstanding postgraduate students with academic merits to study in AIM-HI Master and Ph. D Program (hereinafter AIM-HI Program Students) at the University.
2. The source of the scholarship is as follows:
 - (1) Grant from “The Featured Areas Research Center Program within the framework of the Higher Education Sprout Project by the Ministry of Education (MOE) in Taiwan”.
 - (2) Subsidy from the Ministry of Education or other units.
3. Eligible Recipients of AIM-HI Scholarship Award
An applicant must meet all of the following criteria:
 - (1) Applicants must qualify as international students as stipulated in Article 2 of National Chung Cheng University Provisions for the Admission of Foreign Students.
 - (2) Applicants must be enrolled as full-time international students, working toward degrees or certificates (including transnational joint degrees) in an eligible University department or program.
 - (3) Applicants must be international graduate students, in the process of applying for or already enrolled in the University to study in the department or program related to AIM-HI.
4. Criteria of Eligibility for AIM-HI Scholarship Award:
 - (1) Incoming international AIM-HI Program Students (excluding applicants from Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Macau).
 - (2) Enrolled AIM-HI Program Students (The maximum period of each scholarship is the continuous first two years for master programs, and the continuous first four years for doctoral programs): Applicants must maintain satisfactory academic progress to remain eligible for financial aid according to the following guidelines.
 - A. Applicants must be enrolled as full-time students.
 - B. Graduate students must complete at least four credits hours with a grade point average (GPA) over 80 in the previous semester. Graduate students writing theses/dissertation who do not have a GPA from the previous semester, must provide recommendation letters from advisors, and list their research accomplishments (including thesis proposals and published papers).
 - C. Students must have acceptable moral conduct records, with no recorded offenses/misdemeanors.

D. Students who give up a course are not eligible to apply for any scholarship in that semester. (According to National Chung Cheng University Academic Policy Article 14-2)

- (3) The recipients of the AIM-HI scholarships cannot be awarded with the full provisions of the following scholarships or financial aid concurrently:
- A. Scholarships funded by Taiwanese governmental agencies.
 - B. Additionally full scholarships or financial aid from the University which is equal to or more than the scholarship herein.

If an additional scholarship is approved, the scholarship herein shall be terminated and the overlapping scholarship awards must be returned.

5. Details of AIM-HI Scholarship Awards

- (1) Each recipient will be awarded with either full or partial awards of the followings:
Subsistence allowance: AIM-HI offers a maximum monthly stipend of NTD15,000 for the doctoral students and a maximum monthly stipend of NTD8,000 for master students.
- (2) AIM-HI Scholarship begin from the month of the recipients' registration at the University and end when the award period expires or upon the recipients' graduation, withdrawal, suspension, expulsion, or revocation of the scholarship.
- (3) Quotas for scholarships offer by AIM-HI are contingent upon the annual budget of AIM-HI program. If there is no planned budget for this program, this regulation will be terminated.

6. Application Materials

(1) Incoming AIM-HI Program Students:

- A. Application Form for AIM-HI Scholarship Award (Created by AIM-HI)
- B. Statement of Purpose
- C. Scanned Copy of the applicant's passport or other nationality certificates
- D. A copy of the highest degree and academic transcripts, and the provisions in Subparagraph 2 of Paragraph 1 of Article 7 of the MOE Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan shall be complied with. Documents in a language other than Chinese or English must be translated into Chinese or English and the translated documents must be authenticated.
- E. A copy of a language proficiency certificate. TOEFL test scores or other English language proficiency exam documents or an English program diploma (English-speaking nationals are exempt from this rule) recognized by the local government.
- F. Two letters of reference (i.e. from the principals, professors, or supervisors).

(2) Enrolled AIM-HI Program Students:

- A. Application form for AIM-HI scholarship award (Created by AIM-HI)
- B. Official transcript for the previous year
- C. Proof of study (scanned-copy of student's ID card)
- D. Valid Alien Resident Certificate (ARC)
- E. Copy of post office account book
- F. Graduate students writing theses who do not have a GPA from the previous academic year, must provide recommendation letters from advisors, and list their research accomplishments (including thesis proposals and published papers).

7. Application Deadline and Procedures

- (1) Incoming international students could apply for the scholarship when apply the admission to the University.
- (2) Enrolled international students for the fall semester must submit all the required application materials to AIM-HI within one month before the semester begins.

- (3) The Review Committee of the AIM-HI Scholarship will evaluate the incoming international students' application documents before awarding any AIM-HI Scholarships to the faculty mentor.
- (4) All the completed application documents must be submitted to the AIM-HI email address.

8. Selection Criteria and Process

The applications will be evaluated based on the applicant's GPA, English language proficiency test scores, extra curriculum or outstanding accomplishment and the personal statement. AIM-HI staff will compile all the applications and send them to Review Committee Council for review.

9. Selection Notification

The official notification of the result will be sent to individual applicants by email after the semester begins.

10. Application and Note

- (1) Complete applications in full must be submitted to AIM-HI by Taiwan Time 5PM the day term begins.
- (2) All incomplete applications are ineligible for consideration, and persons submitting incomplete applications will be withdrawn from the selection process without further notice. All submitted documents will not be returned after submission.
- (3) AIM-HI may permanently disqualify recipients from the Scholarship if they:
 - A. Fail to submit a photocopy of their Alien Resident Certificate (ARC), marked "Study", to their educational institution at the time of enrollment.
 - B. Reside in Taiwan for reasons other than pursuing studies.
 - C. Are expelled or suspended from their studies or given any major demerits by their educational institution as a consequence of violating ROC laws.
 - D. Cut classes seriously or leave Taiwan without permission from their educational institution except for excluding school breaks. Upon verification, the recipients' subsistence allowances shall be suspended with the recipients' scholarships subject to revocation.
 - E. Fail to comply with the policy of the National Chung Cheng University regarding scholarship students, and do not participate in official activities related to AIM-HI.
- (4) When return to homelands, shall maintain contact with the University and participate in Taiwan representative offices organized post-study presentations and seminars to helping share experiences of studying and living in Taiwan with others. And shall helping with recruiting foreign students.
- (5) This Regulation is in both Chinese and English and should any conflict arise, the Chinese text will prevail.

11. These provisions and their revisions will be put into effect after the approval of the AIM-HI's administrative meeting.