

National Taiwan University of Science and Technology

Directives for the Young Scholar Research Grant Program

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1. The National Taiwan University of Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as the “University”), in accordance with the National Taiwan University of Science and Technology Regulations for Faculty Performance Awards, established the National Taiwan University of Science and Technology Directives for the Young Scholar Research Grant Program to foster excellent and promising young faculty members and to enhance the academic research environment.
2. For faculty members from the University to be eligible for the Young Scholar Research Grant Program, they must be a newly appointed full-time (or project-based) assistant professor (appointed within the previous five years) and no older than the age of thirty-seven or a newly appointed full-time (or project-based) associate professor (appointed within the previous ten years) and no older than the age of forty-two. These faculty members must have demonstrated outstanding performance and significant potential in their research activities in the previous five years; such activities include academic research, industry–academia collaboration, and creative works. Applications may be submitted directly by a faculty member or through a recommendation by a supervisor at any level.

Newly appointed female faculty members may extend the aforementioned limits for age, service period, and document interval by two years for each pregnancy and childbirth during their tenure.

Faculty members who are on leave without pay, seconded to another institution, or recipients of special talent grants from the University’s National Science and Technology Council (hereinafter referred to as the “NSTC”) during the grant period shall not be eligible to apply for this grant.

3. The grant is divided into two categories: the Associate Professor category and Assistant Professor category. The title held by the faculty member at the time of application shall determine the grant category that is applicable. Applications are accepted during the first semester of each academic year, and specific deadlines are announced in official correspondence.

Each academic year, a maximum of ten grants are awarded. Each eligible faculty member may receive the grant only once.

4. The selection of grant recipients is conducted by a selection committee. The members of the committee are appointed by the university president and consists of five to seven scholars and experts from both within and outside the University. One member is designated as the chairperson of the committee.

Meetings of the selection committee must be attended in person by all committee members. A quorum for convening a meeting is achieved when more than two-thirds of the members are

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present. A decision can be made only if more than half of the members present at the meeting approve of the decision.

5. Grant recipients shall be issued a certificate and granted a monthly incentive of fifteen points for a period of two years. During the grant period, the University may adjust the amount and the number of incentive points awarded depending on its financial situation.
6. During the grant period, a grant shall be suspended if the recipient of the grant is involved in any of the following situations:
 - (1) The individual ceases to be a current full-time (or project-based) faculty member at the University.
 - (2) The individual goes on leave without pay.
 - (3) The individual receives a special talent grant from the NSTC.
 - (4) The individual has violated applicable laws, regulations of the University, or the terms of their employment contract, or has committed other serious misconduct that damages their professional integrity or the reputation of the University.

Should the reasons for suspension cease to exist and the grant period has not yet expired, grant payments may resume and continue until the end of the grant period.

7. The funding required to implement these directives shall be covered by the allocated budget approved by the relevant department and the self-generated income from the University's endowment fund.
8. These directives and any amendments thereof shall take effect following their approval at an administrative meeting.

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