

Department of Oceanography, National Sun Yat-sen University

Enforcement Rules for Scholarships and Grants for Graduate Students

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- Article 1. To improve student performance and support full-time postgraduate students with excellent performance, the Department of Oceanography (hereinafter “the Department”) has established the Enforcement Rules of Scholarships and Grants for Graduate Students of the Department of Oceanography (hereinafter “the Enforcement Rules”), National Sun Yat-sen University (hereinafter “the University”) according to the University’s current enforcement rules of scholarships and grants for graduate students.
- Article 2. In principle, the scholarships and grants offered by the Department comprise the Teaching Assistance Grant, Academic Activity Incentive, and Research Assistance Grant. Regarding the distributed amounts, the Teaching Assistance Grant is prioritized, followed by the Academic Activity Incentive, and Research Assistance Scholarship. Application dates for said grants and incentive are to be announced on the Department’s official website at the beginning of each semester.
- Article 3. The Teaching Assistance Grant is provided for (1) graduate students and (2) reserve graduate students (qualified for the 5-year undergraduate and graduate program offered by the Department) who serve as teaching assistants and have received university- and college-level teaching assistant training and certificates.
The Grant is issued every semester and supports the following course types:

- (1) laboratory and internship courses, and
- (2) lecture courses (eligibility for grant application is stipulated by the Academic Committee of the Department).

The grant is applied for by course lecturers who select in principle an eligible graduate student for each course. The grant candidate, as a teaching assistant, is responsible for matters including assignment grading and provision of assistance for the lecturer with laboratory and internship courses. Grant recipients who perform poorly in their teaching assistance work may be suspended from receiving the grant and replaced by an alternative candidate.

- Article 4. The Academic Activity Incentive supports recipients to publish academic meeting proceedings, participate in academic poster contests, and attend relevant academic events. Recipients are selected at the departmental Academic Committee meeting.
- Article 5. The Research Assistance Grant includes the Grant for Elite Doctoral Students. The eligibility is limited to first- and second-year master's students and first- to third-year doctoral students. Individuals who have already received other grants or scholarships must not apply for this grant per relevant regulations, except for recipients of scholarships granted by the Ministry of Education and individuals undertaking an in-service program. The Research Assistance Grants for master's and doctoral students are provided with 1 and 2 points, respectively. The exact amount of the grant equals the difference after budgets for the Teaching Assistance Grant and Academic Activity Incentive are subtracted from the total scholarship and grant budget of the Department. The Research Assistance Grant is applied for by the candidate's supervisor, and the grant is distributed to eligible students every academic year subject to approval. Grant provision may be suspended at any time if the recipient fails to achieve the required grade or actively participate in academic research (determined by the supervisor).
- Article 6. Applications for said grants and incentives are reviewed by the Academic Committee of the Department, and the surplus of the grant is handled by the department director.
- Article 7. The Enforcement Rules become effective after approval at the Academic Committee and upon approval at the Department Affairs Council. Amendments must follow the same procedure.
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