

National Chung Cheng University
Advanced Institute of Manufacturing with High-tech Innovations, AIM-HI
Regulations Governing Provisions of the Scholarship Award for International 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 international postgraduate students with academic merits to study in the fields related to the Advanced Institute of Manufacturing with High-tech Innovations at the University.
2. The source of the scholarship is as follows:
 - (1) Grant from “Aim for the Top University Project”.
 - (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 advanced institute of manufacturing with High-tech Innovations.
4. Criteria of Eligibility for AIM-HI Scholarship Award:
 - (1) Incoming international doctoral students: Applicants must apply for PhD admission to the University (excluding applicants from Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Macau).
 - (2) Enrolled international students: Applicants must maintain satisfactory academic progress to remain eligible for financial aid according to the following guidelines. Enrolled applicants are hereinafter referred to as “enrolled international students”.
 - 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 75 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.
 - (3) Exchange students approved for study must comply with the provisions of the Institute scholarship for application, on the principle of reciprocal favored treatment. If an exchange student skips more than one month of classes, the scholarship award will be terminated.
 - (4) 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:
 - A. Tuition and payment of academic fees, including credit fee. Upon validation of tuition and above fees, AIM-HI awards each recipient per semester up to NTD40,000. If the total amount of these fees should exceed NTD40,000, the remainder of all costs shall be covered by the recipient. Tuition and academic fees do not include any of the following: administration fees, thesis advising fees, insurance premiums, accommodation, Internet access, all of which are payable by the recipients.
 - B. 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. The maximum period of each scholarship is two years for master programs, and four years for doctoral programs. The maximum length of the total awards for recipient undertaking a combination master and doctoral studies is five years.
- (3) To encourage each faculty mentor to provide mentorship to each international student accepted, the faculty mentor will be awarded with a maximum of 40,000 NTD for academic, research operating expenses per each international student mentored.
- (4) 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 international 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 international students:
 - A. Application form for AIM-HI scholarship award (Created by AIM-HI)
 - B. Official transcript for the previous year
 - C. Proof of study (obtained from the Registrar's office)
 - D. Valid Alien Resident Certificate (ARC)
 - E. Valid Passport (including Taiwan visa)
 - F. Copy of post office account book
 - G. 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 Advanced Institute of Manufacturing with High-tech Innovations 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 list of the recipient will be posted in the AIM-HI website after the semester begins. The official notification of the result will be sent to applicants, and the successful candidates will need to send back the Agreement within two weeks after the official notification has been sent out. Failure to submit the Agreement within the specified time period will result in disqualification.

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, and a public announcement by the President of the University and the Ministry of Education.