

Implementation Directions of National Kaohsiung University of Hospitality and Tourism on "Voyage of Discovery Scholarship: Uncover New Frontiers" for Study Abroad

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In order to encourage students to study abroad (at least one semester) to expand their international horizons and promote transnational academic and cultural exchanges, the National Kaohsiung University of Hospitality and Tourism (hereinafter referred to as the university) has established the Implementation Directions (hereinafter referred to as the Directions) on "Voyage of Discovery Scholarship: Uncover New Frontiers" (hereinafter referred to as this scholarship).

1. Qualifications for application:

- (1) Current students of this university.
- (2) Those who have passed the overseas exchange study selection or dual degree selection conducted by the International Affairs Office of our university (hereinafter referred to as the International Office) and foreign universities (including Hong Kong and Macao) in the academic year.
- (3) Students are not allowed to apply for this scholarship if they register for exchange study selection or dual degree selection at our university for the second time, or if their study abroad period is terminated for any reason.

2. The application method and time for this scholarship shall be handled in accordance with the announcement of the International Affairs Office of our university.

3. The quota for this scholarship is determined by the International Affairs Office based on the actual number of applicants and the current year's funding situation.

4. Scholarship amount

- (1) For those who apply for exchange for one semester, the maximum total amount is NT\$40,000.
- (2) For those who apply for exchange for one academic year, the maximum total amount is NT\$60,000.
- (3) For those who apply for a dual degree and study abroad for one academic year, the maximum total amount is NT\$60,000.
- (4) The above amount can be adjusted by 30% up or down by the review committee according to the admission priorities of exchange universities and areas where students go abroad.
- (5) Those who receive this scholarship are not allowed to receive the Ministry of Education scholarship or other domestic and overseas scholarships at the same time.

5. Application related regulations:

- (1) This scholarship is appropriated in two installments. After the application is approved, 60% of the total scholarship amount will be disbursed first, and the remaining 40% will be disbursed after returning to Taiwan to submit experience reports and other relevant information and attend the results presentation conference, and assist in the implementation of activities related to the Sprout Project (such as serving as a TA or learning partner, etc.)
 - (2) Scholarship recipients should submit their study experience reports, videos, and course records/official transcripts during the exchange period within two weeks after returning to Taiwan. If the submission is overdue, and if the submission is not made after two or more notifications, the remaining balance may not be disbursed, and the disbursed scholarship may be recovered depending on the circumstances.
 - (3) Scholarship recipients should sign an administrative contract with the university before they can receive this scholarship. If students who receive this scholarship fail to obtain admission or fail to enroll on time, they will lose their qualifications for this scholarship.
6. The review criteria for this scholarship include students' semester grade performance, EMI course records, students' conduct, learning records of extracurricular participation or award-winning records, etc. For those under the age of 20, a consent form from a legal representative is required.
 7. The Dean of International Affairs will serve as the convener and a review committee will be convened for the review of this scholarship and the approval of the list of scholarship winners. Committee members must include the Executive Director or Associate Director of Higher Education Sprout Project, the Section Chief of the International Affairs Office, etc.
 8. If the overseas exchange program is canceled or postponed due to force majeure such as natural disasters, wars, strikes, riots, epidemics, etc. or reasons that are not attributable to the university, the eligibility for this scholarship will not be retained unless otherwise notified by the International Affairs Office.
 9. The funds for the Directions are supported by the Higher Education Sprout Project. When the annual subsidy funds run out, applications for that year will no longer be accepted.
 10. If there are any matters not covered in the Directions, they will be handled in accordance with relevant laws and regulations and announcements from the International Affairs Office.
 11. The Directions shall come into force on the date of promulgation after being adopted by the executive meeting of International Affairs Office.