

Hungkuang University Guidelines for the Review of Financial Aid for Economically Disadvantaged Overseas Chinese Students

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1. Purpose

To assist economically disadvantaged overseas Chinese students at Hungkuang University (hereinafter referred to as “the University”) in completing their studies on time, these guidelines are established in accordance with the Ministry of Education's “Guidelines for Financial Aid for Economically Disadvantaged Overseas Chinese Students in Senior Secondary and Higher Education Institutions.”

2. Eligibility

Financial aid may be applied for by currently enrolled overseas Chinese students who meet the following criteria:

- (1) Students studying in Taiwan by the “Regulations Regarding Study and Counseling Assistance for Overseas Chinese Students.” Graduate students and students who have extended their study period are not eligible.
- (2) Students are considered economically disadvantaged under the following circumstances:
 - Submission of official overseas financial status proof or proof of financial hardship. The school may request verification from the Overseas Community Affairs Council when necessary.
 - Students experiencing financial hardship while living in Taiwan with supporting evidence.
- (3) Students in their second year or above must have:
 - An average academic score of at least passing in the previous academic year.
 - An average conduct score of 80 or above.
 - No disciplinary record of demerit or higher.
- (4) Students who have already received government subsidies for tuition and fees, reductions, or other financial aid are not eligible for this aid.

3. Application Procedure

- (1) Students must submit the following documents to the Office of International Affairs within two weeks of the beginning of the first semester of each academic year:
 - First-year students: Application form and proof of financial hardship.
 - Second-year and above students: Application form, proof of financial hardship, and academic transcripts.
- (2) Transfer students must submit:
 - Proof of financial hardship as outlined in Article 2.
 - Transfer certificate or certificate of attendance/withdrawal from the previous school,

including academic transcripts that meet the criteria in Article 2(3).

4. Funding Principles

(1) Quota Calculation:

- The University shall report the number of eligible overseas Chinese students (excluding graduate students) to the Ministry of Education by September 30 each year.
- The Ministry will allocate quotas based on the annual budget and reported student numbers by October 25 each year.
- Approximately 30% of quotas are allocated to first-year students, with the rest flexibly distributed to second-year and above students.

(2) Subsidy Amount:

- Monthly subsidy amounts are determined by the Ministry of Education's annual budget.

(3) Subsidy Duration:

- One year, from September 1 of the academic year to August 31 of the following year.
- For graduating students, the subsidy ends in the month of graduation.

(4) Disqualification/Termination:

- Students found to have submitted forged or false documents will have their aid revoked and must return received funds. Legal responsibility may also be pursued.
- Students who are irresponsible in student leadership roles will have subsidies halted from the following month and may be required to return funds.
- Students punished for serious disciplinary violations will have subsidies halted from the following month and may be required to return funds.
- Students who take a leave of absence, withdraw, or are expelled after aid approval will have subsidies stopped. If this occurs after the 15th of the month, funds for that month will not be reclaimed.

5. Review Process

(1) The Review Committee for Financial Aid for Economically Disadvantaged Overseas Chinese Students consists of four members: the Dean of International Affairs, a secretary, the Head of the International Student Services Division, and the responsible officer. Reviews are conducted based on the Ministry of Education's approved quotas, and all records are retained by the University.

(2) Review Criteria:

- Applicants are evaluated using the University's designated scoring table for economic hardship.
- Awards are given to applicants with the highest scores within the quota; ties are resolved based on the scores of individual criteria in order.
- Priority is given to student leaders, those actively involved in school or overseas Chinese student affairs, and applicants not currently receiving other University financial aid in cases of identical preliminary review scores.

6. Applicability to Hong Kong and Macau Students

Students from Hong Kong or Macau admitted under the "Regulations Regarding Study by Hong Kong and Macau Residents in Taiwan" are eligible under these guidelines.

7. Implementation and Amendments

These guidelines are implemented following approval by the Review Committee and ratification by the President of the University. Revisions shall follow the same process.

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