

National Chung Hsing University Guidelines for the Subsidy to Promote Interdisciplinary Credit Programs and Micro-Credit Programs

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- I. To foster interdisciplinary skills among undergraduate students, broaden their academic horizons, enhance employability, and provide greater diversity and flexibility in learning, National Chung Hsing University (hereinafter referred to as "the University") has established these Guidelines. These Guidelines are designed to support students' academic and career development, meet the operational needs of credit programs, and encourage students to actively pursue and obtain interdisciplinary credit program certificates. Moreover, they aim to improve the effectiveness of credit program implementation and enhance teaching quality.

To encourage academic units to actively offer and implement interdisciplinary credit-based programs (hereinafter referred to as "credit programs") and micro-credit programs (hereinafter referred to as "micro programs"), National Chung Hsing University (hereinafter referred to as "the University") has established these Guidelines. These Guidelines aim to cultivate interdisciplinary skills among undergraduate students, broaden their academic horizons, and enhance their employability.

- II. Subsidy Principles: Applicant units must submit their applications by the end of April of the current year. The subsidy amount may be adjusted based on the available budget for that year, and is divided into the following three categories:

(I) New Programs:

1. Definition: Programs that have been approved by the University's Curriculum Committee, within six semesters from the semester of implementation.

2. Subsidy Amount:

(1) Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Credit Programs are eligible for a subsidy of up to NT\$90,000. A standalone Interdisciplinary Micro-Credit Program may receive a maximum subsidy of NT\$50,000.

(2) Graduate Credit Programs (which must be open to undergraduate students for application) are eligible for a subsidy of up to NT\$30,000.

(II) Continuation:

1. Definition: The program must receive applications from at least five undergraduate students in the given academic year and submit a report on the outcomes from the past three years.

2. Subsidy Amount:

- (1) Undergraduate Credit Programs are subject to a maximum subsidy of NT\$60,000; independently established Micro Programs are subject to a maximum subsidy of NT\$30,000.
- (2) Graduate Credit Programs are subject to a maximum subsidy of NT\$20,000.

(III) Continuation with Modification:

1. Definition: Limited to undergraduate credit programs. If fewer than five undergraduate students apply in the given academic year, but more than 10% of the total planned courses have been revised within the past three years, a three-year achievement report must be submitted.
2. Subsidy Amount: The maximum subsidy under this category is NT\$30,000.

- III. Units that receive subsidies under these Guidelines are required to submit relevant documentation regarding the implementation of the program (including details on actual execution, evaluation mechanisms, specific outcomes, and alignment with sustainable development goals) by the end of September of the academic year. The submission must be sent to the Curriculum Division for consideration when allocating funds for the following year. Failure to submit the required materials will result in ineligibility for subsidy application in the following year.

If a subsidized unit has five or more undergraduate students (inclusive) earning certificates of credit programs or micro-credit programs in a given year, additional funding may be allocated based on the remaining budget after the initial subsidies. This additional funding will be distributed proportionally among the eligible units, with a maximum of NT\$30,000 available for each unit.

- IV. The subsidy amounts under these Guidelines shall be reviewed and approved by the relevant committee. The funding comes from the Ministry of Education's *Higher Education Sprout Project* budget and must comply with the project's funding standards and relevant regulations. Subsidies will cease once the allocated funds are exhausted.

If a credit program or micro-credit program has already received funding from other agencies or organizations, it may not apply for subsidies under these Guidelines. If such cases are discovered, the originally approved subsidy shall be revoked, the full amount recovered, and the case shall be considered as an important reference in future reviews.

- V. For any matters not mentioned herein, please refer to related regulations set forth by the University.

- VI. These Guidelines and any amendments hereto shall be approved in the administrative meeting before taking effect.