

National Chung Hsing University Guidelines for the Subsidy to Promote Interdisciplinary 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.
- 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.
 - (I) New Interdisciplinary Credit Programs: Programs that have been approved by the University's Curriculum Committee.
 1. Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Credit Programs (including Micro 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 Interdisciplinary Credit Programs (which must be open to undergraduate students for application) are eligible for a subsidy of up to NT\$30,000.
 - (II) Continuation of Credit Programs: 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 two years.
 1. Interdisciplinary Credit Programs for Undergraduate Students (including Micro-Credit Programs) are subject to a maximum limit of NT\$60,000; independently established Interdisciplinary Micro-Credit Programs are subject to a maximum limit of NT\$30,000.
 2. Interdisciplinary Credit Programs for Graduate Studies are subject to a maximum limit of NT\$20,000.
- III. Units that receive the aforementioned funding subsidies are required to submit relevant documentation regarding the implementation of the credit program (including details on actual execution, program evaluation methods, 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 under these Guidelines in the following year.

If a subsidized unit has five or more undergraduate students (inclusive) earning an interdisciplinary credit program certificate 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.

The relevant committee shall review the approval of subsidies or the continuation of subsidies for interdisciplinary credit programs and the determination of funding amounts.

- IV. The subsidy funds under these Guidelines are provided through 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 an interdisciplinary credit program has already received funding from other agencies or organizations, it may not apply for subsidies under these Guidelines.

- 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.