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NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY

Directives for the Establishment of Excelsior Chair Professorships

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- Article 1 National Taiwan University (NTU or "the University") formulates the *NTU Directives for the Establishment of Excelsior Chair Professorships* ("the Directives") to establish Excelsior Chair Professorships (each "Professorship" or collectively "the Professorships"), in order to inspire NTU's outstanding full-time young faculty members to enhance their academic achievements and advance their careers.
- Article 2 The Professorships shall be funded by NTU's internal resources. In cases where a Professorship is supported by donations, the benefactor may sign a separate agreement with the University if necessary, which shall be passed by the Administrative Meeting before taking effect.
- Article 3 Candidates who may be nominated by a top-level teaching unit (including the Center for General Education and the 11 colleges listed in the University's Organizational Charter) and referred to the University after review and passage by a college-level (or equivalent) meeting shall meet the following criteria:
1. Aged 50 or younger.
 2. Quota-based full-time paid faculty members and research fellows at or above the rank of instructor who have served at NTU for at least three years.
 3. Faculty members and research fellows who have achieved exceptional research outcomes and have received flexible additional pay as mandated by a top-level teaching unit.
- Article 4 Persons who meet any of the following conditions are not eligible for the Professorship:
1. Having won a National Science and Technology Council (NSTC, formerly the Ministry of Science and Technology, or National Science Council) Outstanding Research Award.
 2. Receiving grants for young scholars funded by either the National Science and Technology Council or the Ministry of Education during the calendar year when the application for the Professorship is submitted.
 3. Receiving Faculty Merit Pay in accordance with the *NTU Directives Governing Incentives for Newly Hired Exceptional Talents* during the calendar year when the application for the Professorship is submitted.

The grants for young scholars funded by either the National Science and Technology Council or the Ministry of Education referred to in Subparagraph 2 of the preceding paragraph shall be subject to the scope specified by the University.

Article 5 NTU shall establish the Excelsior Chair Professorship Review Committee ("the Committee"), which consists of a number of members appointed by the NTU President, with an Executive Vice President serving as convener and ex officio member.

Candidates nominated by a top-level teaching unit of the University shall undergo a review conducted by the Committee, if approved, be referred to the President of the University for authorization, and then reported to the University Faculty Evaluation Committee.

Article 6 The maximum number of Professorship recipients is 15. Each recipient shall be awarded with a three-year title, a grant of NT\$500,000 to be issued as a one-time payment, and a medal.

The top-level teaching unit for a recipient of the Professorship may submit a request for the Professorship reappointment, in the one-year period prior to the expiry of their current term, to the University upon passage by a college-level (or equivalent) meeting, and then to the Committee for review and reappointment. Reappointment may only be made once.

A full-time NTU faculty member may only be granted the Professorship for a total of two times (including reappointment).

If the Professorship recipient undertakes a temporary transfer or unpaid leave while receiving the Professorship, that period of absence shall not count towards Professorship's term.

Article 7 Matters not addressed herein shall be subject to the applicable regulations of the University.

Article 8 The Directives shall be passed by the Administrative Meeting and then implemented on the date of promulgation.