

National Central University Guidelines for Paper and Industry-Academia Contribution Awards

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1. In accordance with the Ministry of Education's Higher Education SPROUT Project indicators; to achieve medium- and long-term academic research goals; to promote academic research performance at National Central University (below, the "University"); and to enhance the University's international academic research reputation, the University formulates the National Central University Guidelines for Paper and Industry-Academia Contribution Awards (below, the "Guidelines").

2. Target award recipients

The Paper Contribution Award is open to the University's current full-time teaching/research personnel, either within or outside the staff complement.

The Industry-Academia Contribution Award is open to the University's project PIs.

The two Paragraphs above include personnel temporarily transferred to external organizations, and personnel temporarily transferred from external organizations to the University. A person who has received a flexible salary from the University, or whose resignation or retirement is being processed when the award is granted, is not eligible.

3. Grant awarding process

The incentive grants under these Guidelines shall be given on an annual basis. First, the Research and Development Office shall recommend eligible teaching/research personnel for the annual Paper Contribution Award and Industry-Academia Contribution Award, in accordance with the University's academic research performance data compiled by the Office; alternately, teaching/research personnel may submit applications on their own accord to the University's Outstanding Research Promotion Committee by preparing all required documents and submitting them to the Committee for review. Grants for the year shall be awarded in the fourth quarter of the year.

For monetary grants for the Industry-Academia Contribution Award, recommended personnel may prepare a grant-allocation list agreed upon by all members of the research team and submit a unified application.

4. Principles for grant data calculation

(1) Calendar-year (January 1 to December 31) data is used when compiling statistics for the awards and grants under these Guidelines.

- (2) Papers must be in article or review format; papers must list National Central University as the publishing organization. Papers published in journals “Requiring Enhanced Substantive Scrutiny” shall not be considered. Paper lists and paper metric statistics shall be processed in accordance with the National Central University Rules for Calculating Outstanding Research Promotion Program Paper Metric Data.
- (3) Only the management fees for an Industry-Academia Project or NSTC Project may be considered for calculation. However, this does not include revenue from individual organization’s projects, technology transfer and technical services, and funds transferred to external institutions. Industry-academia metric statistics shall be compiled in accordance with the University’s R&D system data. If a project has not been concluded by six months after its end date, then management fees shall not be included in the calculation.

5. Award categories and grant amounts

- (1) Academic research papers that have been published in compliance with the University’s criteria shall be recognized with the annual Paper Contribution Award. For details, see the appendix, National Central University Paper and Industry-Academia Contribution Awards & Grants List. Where multiple awards are qualified for, only the best grant shall be awarded; overlapping grants shall not be obtained.
- (2) Projects that meet the University’s criteria for total project management fees shall receive the annual Industry-Academia Contribution Award. For details, see the appendix, National Central University Paper and Industry-Academia Contribution Awards & Grants List. Where multiple awards are qualified for, only the best grant shall be awarded; overlapping grants shall not be obtained.
- (3) Where both the annual Paper Contribution Award and the annual Industry-Academia Contribution Award are qualified for, overlapping grants may be obtained.

6. If an award-winning academic research paper mentioned above is found to involve an academic integrity breach, and this is confirmed by the University’s Academic and Research Integrity Committee, the incident may be transferred to the University’s Outstanding Research Promotion Committee for discussion of monetary grant claw-back, suspension of associated rights or privileges, and other such disciplinary actions.

7. The incentive grants under these Guidelines shall be funded by the University’s Higher Education SPROUT Project funds, which shall be used in accordance with

Higher Education SPROUT Project regulations.

After these Guidelines are approved by the University's Outstanding Research Promotion Committee, then approved by the Administrative Meeting, they shall take effect; the same shall apply to all amendments.

Appendix: National Central University Paper and Industry-Academia Contribution Awards & Grants List

Award category	Award	Criteria for award-granting (One criterion must be satisfied)	Grant amount
Annual Paper Contribution Award	Remarkable Paper Contribution Award	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A paper for which the candidate served as first or corresponding author fulfills the criterion that “A paper published within the last decade has reached the top 1% threshold globally for citation count”; a paper can be listed only once for the award. 2. The candidate ranked in the top 25% at the University in terms of number of papers published in Q1 journals (for which the candidate served as first or corresponding author) in the previous year. 	NT\$100,000
	Excellent Paper Contribution Award	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The candidate’s number of papers published in Q1 journals in the previous year was above the University’s average. 2. College of Liberal Arts, College of Hakka Studies, and Office of Teaching Centers: In the previous year, the candidate published paper(s) in Q1 journals and exceeded the college average. 3. College of Liberal Arts, College of Hakka Studies, and Office of Teaching Centers: The candidate published a monograph in the previous year, which has been reviewed and approved. 4. College of Liberal Arts, College of Hakka Studies, and Office of Teaching Centers: In the previous year, the candidate published papers (for which the candidate served as first or corresponding author) in TSSCI (Level 1), A&HCI, or THCI (Level 1) journals and exceeded the college average. 5. School of Management: The candidate published TSSCI Level 1 papers in the discipline of law, and exceeded the college average. 	NT\$50,000
	First-class Paper Contribution Award	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The candidate published at least one Q1 journal paper, and his or her total output in Q1 and Q2 journals exceeded the University’s average. 2. College of Liberal Arts, College of Hakka Studies, and Office of Teaching Centers: In the previous year, the candidate 	NT\$30,000

		<p>published papers (for which the candidate served as first or corresponding author) in TSSCI (Level 2) or THCI (Level 2) journals, and exceeded the college average.</p> <p>3. School of Management: The candidate published TSSCI Level 2 papers in the discipline of law, and exceeded the college average.</p>	
	<p>Best Paper Progress Award (May be awarded a maximum of two times)</p>	<p>1. Have published at least one Q1 journal paper in the previous year.</p> <p>2. Have published at least two Q2 journal papers in the previous year.</p> <p>3. In the previous year, the candidate published internationally co-authored papers (for which the candidate served as first or corresponding author) in TSSCI, A&HCI or THCI journals.</p> <p>4. College of Liberal Arts, College of Hakka Studies, and Office of Teaching Centers: The candidate published Q2 journal papers in the previous year, and exceeded the college average.</p>	NT\$15,000
Annual Industry-Academia Contribution Award	Remarkable Industry-Academia Contribution Award	Total management fees within industry-academia collaboration projects and NSTC programs in the previous year amounted to NT\$2 million or more.	NT\$100,000
	Outstanding Industry-Academia Contribution Award	Total management fees within industry-academia collaboration projects and NSTC programs in the previous year amounted to NT\$1 million or more.	NT\$50,000
	Excellent Industry-Academia Contribution Award	Total management fees within industry-academia collaboration projects and NSTC programs in the previous year amounted to NT\$500,000 or more.	NT\$30,000