

National Central University Outstanding Academic Research Award Regulations

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Article 1 (Purpose)

National Central University (below, the “University”) has formulated these Regulations to recognize the outstanding academic research performance of faculty members and research fellows, and to promote the University’s academic research atmosphere.

Article 2 (Awards)

These Regulations cover two categories of awards: the Distinguished Professor (Research Fellow) Award and the Outstanding Research Award.

Article 3 (Funding sources)

The awards covered by these Regulations shall be funded by the University’s own revenues and the government’s other subsidies.

Article 4 (Award eligibility & criteria)

1. Distinguished Professor Award: To be eligible, a candidate must be a current full-time (or project-based) professor (or research fellow) with at least three years of service at the University and outstanding research record in the past five years demonstrated by any of the following achievements:

(1) Has won an NSTC (National Science and Technology Council) Outstanding Research Award one or more times.

(2) Has won an NCU Outstanding Research Award or any other equivalent award three or more times.

(3) Has made a distinguished contribution in an academic or professional field.

2. Outstanding Research Award: To be eligible, a candidate must be a teaching/research staff member with at least three years of service at the University and a position of full-time (or project-based) assistant professor (or assistant research fellow) or higher, as well as an outstanding research record in the past five years as demonstrated via any of the following achievements:

- (1) Has won a NSTC Ta-You Wu Memorial Award, Academia Sinica Early-Career Investigator Research Achievement Award, or any equivalent award.
- (2) Has made significant academic contributions through published journal papers or monographs, or outstanding achievements realized through industry-academia collaboration, with research results successfully transferred to industry and resulting in outstanding outcomes.
- (3) Holds or has held an important position in a domestic or international academic organization, or was awarded an important award for outstanding academic achievements.

3. If an eligible candidate who meets the qualification requirements outlined in the preceding two paragraphs experienced pregnancy, child delivery, or unpaid parental leave within the past five years of service at the University, then upon submission of supporting documents, said candidate may extend their research performance recognition period to “seven years” for each research performance category.

Article 5 (Members of the Review Committee)

The awards for outstanding research covered by these Regulations shall be reviewed by the Research Award Review Committee (below, the “Committee”). Separate regulations shall be formulated for the establishment of the Committee.

Article 6 (Award content, grant amount, and implementation period)

Each distinguished professor (or research fellow) award winner shall receive an award certificate from the University. The grant amount shall be determined by the Committee; the award winner may in principle receive a monthly payment for a period of three years starting with the January after the award is granted. The Committee shall deliberate on and determine the grant amount every year based on each year’s budget. In special circumstances, the grant-awarding period shall not be subject to the aforementioned restriction, but shall be determined by the Committee.

Each Outstanding Research Award winner shall receive an award certificate from the

University and a sum of award grant. The grant amount shall be determined by the Committee; the award winner may in principle receive a monthly payment for a period of one year starting with the January after the award is granted. In special circumstances, the grant-awarding period shall not be subject to the aforementioned restriction, but shall be determined by the Committee.

Article 7 (Recommendation acceptance timeframe and procedures)

All recommendation applications must be submitted by November 15 each year, except in the event of special circumstances (as designated by the President), which should be handled separately and assigned different deadlines.

A recommended candidate must submit one copy of their recommendation forms and supporting documents to the department/college/center faculty award review committee (or other such meeting); there, the recommendation shall be reviewed, and approved recommendations shall be listed in accordance with their priority for recommendation. The college/center shall then submit the recommendation forms and related documents as well as the meeting minutes from all levels of review committee to the Research and Development Office for follow-up processing. If special circumstances require it, the President may recommend candidates.

Article 8 (Review process)

Meetings shall be held to review the recommendation applications, and to select winners for the Distinguished Professor Award and the Outstanding Research Award from among the recommended candidates. After the review results are approved by the President, they shall be announced.

Article 9 (Termination of award grant)

If a teaching or research staff award winner resigns or retires during the grant-awarding period, the award shall be terminated.

During a period of secondment, unpaid leave, or while the recipient is subject to disciplinary action, grants shall be withheld, and shall only be resumed upon the recipient's return to service (after secondment or unpaid leave) or the conclusion of disciplinary actions.

Article 10 (Limit on award recommendations)

A single candidate may only win one Distinguished Professor Award or one Outstanding Research Award.

The title of the University's Distinguished Professor (or Research Fellow) is a lifetime

honor. The grants shall be awarded in principle for a period of three years, and applications for follow-up grants may be submitted within one year before the original grant-awarding period expires.

Winners of the Outstanding Research Award may submit grant renewal applications every year.

For an award winner whose award has been suspended due to reasons specified in Article 9, Paragraph 2, the winner's re-recommendation applications shall only be accepted within one year before the original grant-awarding period expires.

Article 11 (Award-winners' obligations)

Winners of the awards are expected to advance the University's academic standing through their research achievements, and to strive for further recognition.

They must submit annual performance/achievement reports to the Committee for review.

Article 12 (Other honorary awards)

If, during their Distinguished Professor Award or Outstanding Research Award grant-awarding period, a winner is also awarded the Ministry of Education's Academic Award, National Chair Professorship, or any other equivalent award, the grant amount they receive may be adjusted upon deliberation by the Committee. Proposals recommending such an award winner for a chair professorship must also be submitted to the Committee for review.

Article 13 (Promulgation and implementation)

These Regulations shall be promulgated after being approved by the Research and Development Meeting and the NCU Endowment Fund Management Committee.