

# **National Tsing Hua University Directions Governing Direct Admission of Graduate Students to Doctoral Programs**

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1. Graduate students of NTHU and the University System of Taiwan (“UST”) with excellent academic performance and research potential during their study years may, upon recommendation by more than two assistant professors of their own or related departments, institutes, colleges or degree programs, apply with any department, institute, college or degree program of NTHU which offers a doctoral program for direction admission to the doctoral program.

The criteria for excellent academic performance and research potential referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be set forth by the various departments, institutes, colleges or degree programs and then posted on the webpages of the departments, institutes, colleges or degree programs.

Graduate students of the UST who apply for cross-university direct admission to a doctoral program shall follow the “Regulations for Direct Admission of Students of the University System of Taiwan to PhD Programs” and the Directions.

2. Graduate students who wish to apply for direction admission to a doctoral program shall file an application with the department, institute, college or degree program desired by them within the announcement period. Any application filed beyond the application period will not be accepted.
3. A graduate student who applies for the direct admission to a doctoral program shall submit the following documents:
  - (1) One copy of the application form for direct admission to the doctoral program;
  - (2) One copy of the full academic transcript of the master’s program;
  - (3) Two recommendation letters from assistant professors or above;
  - (4) Submissions designated by the department, institute, college or degree program.
4. A graduate student from any department, institute, college or degree program who applies for the direct admission to a doctoral program shall be subject to approval per the resolution of the department, institute, college or degree program meeting or authorized meeting, and the list of admitted students shall be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs and subject to authorization by the President. The total of said direct admission quota and that of the NTHU current bachelor’s program graduates and UST students enrolled to doctoral programs (including domestic students and foreign students) shall be no more than 40% of the total admission quota authorized to the doctoral program of the department, institute, college or degree program for the current academic year, unless the direct admission quota of the doctoral program are transferred by another department, institute or degree program of the same college.

The admission quota authorized for various departments, institutes, colleges and degree programs shall not be met through direction admission to doctoral programs in whole, except in any of the following circumstances:

- A. Only one person is authorized as the admission quota of the doctoral program of the department, institute, college or degree program.
- B. A talent cultivation plan or project authorized by the Ministry of Education.

The quota referred to in the preceding paragraphs shall be included in the total number of students approved by the Ministry of Education for admission to the NTHU in each academic year.

The number of students approved by the UST for cross-university direct admission to doctoral programs shall not exceed 5% of the admission quota of the school.

A master's program students admitted via the "Taiwan International Graduate Program" ("TIGP") organized in cooperation between NTHU and Academia Sinica may be exempted from the quota restrictions referred to herein, when applying for direct admission to the TIGP doctoral program.

If any master's program student who enrolls one semester earlier, i.e. in February, is admitted to a doctoral program directly, the semester in which he/she is admitted to the doctoral program directly shall not be the same semester when he/she enrolled.

- 5. For a graduate student who is admitted to a doctoral program directly, the regulations governing required courses, study years and performance appraisal applicable to 1st-year doctoral students shall govern.
- 6. Graduate students who pass the qualification assessment but fail to pass the doctoral degree examination upon expiration of the study years may be conferred a master's degree, if their doctoral degree papers are held by the doctoral degree exam committee as satisfying the master's degree criteria.
- 7. If a student directly admitted to the doctoral program fails to pass the qualification assessment, ceases his/her study in the doctoral program for any reason or fails to pass the doctoral degree examination and comply with the requirements referred to in Article 6 herein, he/she may submit an application form for transfer back to the original master's degree program upon approval of the current doctoral program and that of the meeting of the department, institute, college or degree program of the master's program, and authorization by the Vice President for Academic Affairs and President.

The study period of a graduate student referred to in the preceding paragraph in the doctoral program shall be excluded from the maximum study period for the master's program. For graduate students who transfer back (in) to the original master's program in the middle of a semester, that semester will be regarded as the first semester of his/her master's study.

Students who resume or transfer to a master's program from a doctoral program may not apply for direct admission to a doctoral program again.

- 8. In addition to NTHU and UST master's program students who may apply for admission to NTHU doctoral programs, NTHU may offer graduate students from other schools direct admission to its doctoral programs, if necessary. Application qualifications include excellent academic performance and research potential during the study years and recommendation by more than two assistant professors of the student's original or related departments, institutes, colleges or degree programs. Other conditions and selection or examination methods shall be set forth by various doctoral programs independently or governed by NTHU's related admission regulations.
- 9. The direct admission quota of each doctoral program applicable to graduate students from other schools shall be included in the quota referred to in Article 4 herein.
- 10. Graduate students who are admitted to an NTHU doctoral program directly may not enroll in the doctoral program until their student status in the original school is terminated.

Those who are admitted to more than two doctoral programs (inclusive) of NTHU or the UST at the same time shall choose one of them in which to study, or apply for dual student status.

11. The Directions shall be enforced upon approval of the faculty meeting.