

## **National Central University Guidelines for Recognition of Curriculum Teaching Excellence Award in the Inter-Faculty Compulsory Basic Science Course**

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- Article 1 To encourage NCU faculty members to commit themselves to the teaching of the Inter-faculty Compulsory Basic Science Course (hereafter referred to as “the Course”), enhancement of teaching performance and development of students’ character, these Guidelines were stipulated in accordance with the National Central University Regulations on Establishment of Awards for Outstanding Teaching and Teaching Excellence.
- Article 2 Eligibility for this Curriculum Teaching Excellence Award is restricted to teachers of a compulsory basic science course spanning three or more colleges including Calculus, General Physics (including Experiments in General Physics), and General Chemistry (including Experiments in General Chemistry).
- Article 3 Candidates for this Curriculum Teaching Excellence Award must be a full-time (project) member of the NCU faculty who taught a compulsory basic science course spanning three or more colleges for at least four semesters. They may not be faculty members employed on a full-time or joint basis by the curriculum unit.
- Article 4 Judging for this Curriculum Teaching Excellence Award is conducted once per academic year. For the initial review, candidates are nominated and ordered by the department-level curriculum committees of the Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry departments.
- For the re-review, the Judging Committee for Teaching Excellence in the Curriculum (hereafter referred to as the “Judging Committee”) was formed by the College of Science to conduct the judging. The Dean of the College of Science serves as the convener while the Judging Committee members include the Dean of each NCU college which the course was offered, or one faculty member appointed by the dean, as well as the Deputy Dean of the College of Science, the heads of departments and graduate institutes under the College of Science, and the head of the Interdisciplinary Program of Science.
- Article 5 Applicants must choose between applying for this award and other university/college-level awards for outstanding teaching and teaching excellence.
- Article 6 The candidate shall provide the following information in full during each stage of the review process to facilitate judging.
1. The “Recommendation Form for Interfaculty Compulsory Basic Science Curriculum Teaching Excellence Award” and “Summary of Courses Taught in the Four Previous Semesters.”
  2. Teaching assessment: Include the teaching assessment outcomes for the course from the four previous semesters. The average scores must also be higher than the averages of the teaching units to which each

course belongs.

3. Teaching accomplishments: Explain and provide teaching accomplishments such as the design of teaching materials, innovative teaching methods and activities, and e-learning. There should be supporting information and evidence that reflect the candidates' teaching philosophy and enthusiasm.

Article 7 Each recipient of this Curriculum Teaching Excellence Award receives an award certificate and NT\$20,000 in prize money. Where the budgets of college, departments and graduate institutes permit, then each faculty may confer an additional NT\$20,000 (that is, the NCU, the College, and the departments/graduate institutes each contribute NT\$20,000 so each person receives a total of NT\$60,000 in prize money in each academic year). The number of awardees is generally limited to two per academic year (Two awardees are funded by the NCU for a total of NT\$40,000 in prize money. If additional awards are to be conferred, the Judging Committee determines whether to confer this Curriculum Teaching Excellence Award as well as the number of college teaching excellence awards and the amount of prize money; for prize money beyond NT\$40,000, the Judging Committee shall discuss and decide how it is to be shared between the College, departments and graduate institutes). Up to double the number of awardees can be nominated as candidates. Awards may also be left vacant if there are no suitable candidates. The number of awardees for each course unit is allocated on the basis of enrolled student numbers. If the number of awardees involves decimals, then round to the nearest integer, with the remainder or excess accumulated for use in next year. College Teaching Excellence Awards won by a department/graduate institute in the same year are not deducted from their quota. Award winners must cooperate with the College of Science Office by hosting at least 1 teaching and learning development meeting to share their techniques on class management and enhancing teaching performance with other interested faculty members. At least one academic year must pass before the winner of an award can be nominated again.

Article 8 Funding for the prize money comes from the University's own revenue and other government subsidies. If the College of Science and related departments/graduate institutes wish to increase the number of awardees or the amount of prize money, this shall be funded by the surplus or management expenses of the College of Science and related departments/graduate institutes.

Article 9 These Regulations were passed by the College Affairs Committee and Academic Affairs Committee of the College of Science, and the University Endowment Fund Management Committee before being implemented. Revisions shall follow the same procedure.