

# **Kaohsiung Medical University Implementation Guidelines**

## **for Overseas Student Financial Aid**

1. Kaohsiung Medical University (hereinafter referred to as “the University”) establishes these Guidelines to provide financial assistance to overseas Chinese and international students who are financially disadvantaged or have encountered unexpected hardships. The aim is to support their basic living needs, enable them to focus on their studies, and foster self-reliance through learning-based assistance.
2. Eligibility and Qualifications: Currently enrolled overseas Chinese and international students at the University who meet **one of the following conditions** may apply with supporting documents:
  - (1) Students from financially disadvantaged backgrounds.
  - (2) Students facing significant financial burden due to injury, illness, or hospitalization.
  - (3) Students facing significant financial burden due to force majeure, natural disasters, or family emergencies.
  - (4) Students experiencing life changes due to family financial pressure caused by shifts in the international conditions.
  - (5) Other circumstances resulting in significant financial burden.

Supporting documents mentioned above may include overseas financial statements or proof of financial hardship, and shall be reviewed and **verified by a licensed social worker**.

### 3. Types and Standards of Financial Aid

#### (1) **Study Assistance Grant**

1. Eligible recipients: Students meeting Article 2 criteria; however, students in the following situations may **not** apply for this aid:
  - (1) Those who have **ever** received full or partial tuition and fee waivers/subsidies from government agencies or the University.
  - (2) Those who have **ever** received scholarships from government agencies or the University under designated talent cultivation programs.
2. The application period and funding criteria shall be announced each semester by the administering unit.
3. Grant amount: Issued once per semester, based on the funding allocated by the Ministry of Education for that year.

#### (2) **Learning Assistance Grant**

1. Eligible recipients: Students meeting Article 2 criteria.
2. This financial aid shall be granted based on participation in academic tutoring,

independent learning, and self-development activities as described below.

- (1) Academic Tutoring: This includes tutoring sessions conducted by Teaching Assistants (TAs) or faculty members (including interdisciplinary courses), as well as faculty-led tutoring courses.
- (2) Independent learning and self-development activities: This includes participation in peer study groups and a variety of campus-based learning activities, including lectures and seminars. All such activities shall be conducted under the supervision of, or with assistance from, faculty members, Teaching Assistants, or personnel of the administering unit.
3. Grant amount: The grant shall be awarded based on the number of sessions per month in which the student participates in academic tutoring or independent learning and self-development activities. Each session is subsidized at NT\$500, up to a maximum of **ten sessions per month** (NT\$5,000). The amount may be adjusted by the Student Scholarships and Financial Aid Review Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”) based on the number of applicants and available funding.
4. Funding Period: The grant shall be issued once per semester. The fall semester covers **September to November (three months)**, while the spring semester covers **March to May (three months)**.
4. Students who fall under any of the following circumstances shall not be eligible to apply for the financial aid. Any funds already granted shall be suspended or recovered.
  - (1) Having received a disciplinary action of a demerit or above in the previous semester.
  - (2) Having been convicted in a criminal case by a final court judgment without being granted a commutable fine or probation.
  - (3) Submission of false or forged application documents.
5. Students who take a leave of absence, withdraw, or are expelled during their enrollment shall lose eligibility for the financial aid starting from the month in which the event occurs.
6. Applications for this financial aid shall be accepted and preliminarily reviewed by the Division of Student Assistance, Office of Student Affairs. The grant amount and number of recipients shall be determined based on the total funding approved by the Ministry of Education for the current year, and shall be awarded upon approval by the Committee.
7. The funding for this financial aid is provided by the Ministry of Education under the Program for Enhancing Institutional Operations of Universities and Colleges and the Higher Education Sprout Project.

8. This financial aid shall be implemented from Academic Year 114 to Academic Year 116 and may be adjusted in accordance with the Ministry of Education's subsidy program requirements.
9. These Guidelines shall be approved by the Committee and shall take effect from the date of promulgation. The same shall apply to any amendments.