Scholarship Regulations

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Chapter 1 General Provisions

Article 1 (Purpose) These regulations set forth the standard and procedure for the selection of scholarship recipients and the payment of scholarships in accordance with Article 55 of the Statutes of Pohang University of Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as “University”).

Article 2 (Application Scope) The selection of scholarship recipients and the payment of scholarships at the University shall be governed by these regulations unless specified otherwise by scholarship providers such as governmental institutions, outside scholarship foundations, or other donors who stipulated conditions for donation.

Article 3 (Committee) The Student Affairs Committee shall deliberate on the following matters relating to scholarship affairs:
1. Basic policy on the award of scholarship
2. Criteria for the selection of scholarship recipients
3. Other matters related to scholarship management principles

Chapter 2 Applying for Scholarships

Article 4 (Application Period) In principle, applications for all scholarships except for the Work-Study Scholarships and the Special Scholarships shall be accepted only in the beginning of each semester during a period announced by the department in charge of scholarship affairs. Note, however, that this shall not apply to students with changes in their academic status such as those who take a leave of absence or return from a leave. (Amended February 28, 2013)

Article 5 (Required Documents) A student wishing to apply for a scholarship must submit the prescribed “Scholarship Application Form” and any additional documents required by the department in charge of scholarship affairs. Anyone who does not comply with the request from the department in charge of scholarship affairs may be excluded from scholarship selection. (Amended February 28, 2013)

Article 6 (Application for Scholarship by a Returning Student) ① A student returning from a leave who wishes to apply for a scholarship must submit the Scholarship Application Form within 20 days of returning to the University.
② A student who was paid a scholarship in the semester in which his/her leave of absence commenced may not apply for a scholarship upon returning to the University.
A student who was entitled to a scholarship but was unable to avail himself/herself of the scholarship because of a leave of absence can receive the scholarship upon returning to the University. (Amended February 28, 2013)

Chapter 3 Types of Scholarships and Selection of Scholarship Recipients

Article 7 (Department in Charge of Selecting Scholarship Recipients and Selection Cycle) A scholarship officer in the department in charge of scholarship affairs shall be in charge of selecting scholarship recipients on a semester basis; however, recipients of the Special Scholarship may be selected whenever necessary, and the selection cycle for an external scholarship shall be determined by the organization that provides the scholarship. (Amended February 28, 2013)

Article 8 (Types of Scholarships and Selection of Scholarship Recipients) The types of scholarships offered by the University and the recipient selection method for each scholarship are as follows:

1. Internal scholarships
   A. Honorary Scholarship: Students who are entitled to an internal scholarship but choose not to receive the scholarship to give way to other students shall be selected as honorary scholarship recipients.
   B. Jigok Scholarship: The Jigok Scholarship is a basic scholarship awarded to those selected among the first-year students who receive neither a government scholarship such as the National Scholarship (for science and engineering majors) nor Presidential Science Scholarship nor an external scholarship. (Amended February 28, 2013)
   C. Merit-based scholarships
      1) Freshmen: Abolished (Amended February 28, 2013)
      2) POSTECH Excellent Talent Scholarship: A fixed number of students who garnered extremely excellent entrance examination scores and have the potential to grow into international leaders in science shall be selected and awarded the scholarship.
      3) Contest Scholarship: Newly admitted students who have previously won a prize in a contest organized by the University shall be awarded a fixed amount of scholarship based on their scores achieved at the contest.
      4) Continuing Students: Abolished (Amended February 28, 2013)
      5) No one can receive both 2) and 3). The academic standards for the continuous retention of merit-based scholarships shall be the same as those for the award of the National Scholarship (for science and engineering majors) and the Jigok Scholarship. (Amended February 28, 2013)
      6) The number of scholarship recipients, selection criteria, and scholarship amounts for merit-based scholarships shall be determined separately.

D. Work-Study Scholarships
   1) Semester-Based Work-Study Scholarship: Through assessment of individual students’ family financial circumstances, a fixed number of students shall be selected based on financial need, assigned approximately 60 hours’ work, and paid a fixed amount of scholarship.
   2) Hour-Based Work-Study Scholarship: When a need arises for the University to hire help, the University shall accept applications from students who wish to receive a work-study scholarship. The selected students shall provide service for a maximum 50 hours per month, and receive a fixed amount of scholarship upon completion of their service. The work hours during summer or winter sessions, however, shall be limited to approximately 30 hours.
3) Student Mentor Program Scholarship: Students who participate in the Student Mentor Program as mentors shall be provided with a fixed amount of scholarship.

4) Undergraduate Research Program Scholarship: A fixed amount of scholarship shall be provided for undergraduate students to engage in research in their field of interest.

5) Residential College Advisor Scholarship: Students who assist the Master Professor and play the role of a mentor by providing advice on community life and consultation to student groups shall be selected to receive a fixed amount of scholarship.

6) A random sample shall be selected from work-study scholarship applicants for examination and verification of submitted documents; any student found to have provided false documentation shall forfeit his/her scholarship and restitute any scholarship payment he/she has already received. The student may be subjected to disciplinary action as well.

7) Scholarship payment procedures, scholarship amounts, and the method for selecting scholarship recipients shall be determined separately.

E. Donation Scholarship: Recipients shall be selected and paid scholarships in consideration of the conditions set by the donors.

F. Special Scholarship: The Vice President of Student Affairs may provide a special scholarship to a student who is recognized to be in need of immediate financial relief (e.g., sudden deterioration in the student’s family finance situation). The selection method and the scholarship amounts shall be determined separately.

G. Overseas Training Scholarship: Students who meet certain qualifications may be selected and paid the Overseas Training Scholarship. The types and amounts of the scholarship and the number of scholarship recipients shall be determined separately.

H. Textbook subsidies for external scholarship awardees: Students who win a scholarship from a scholarship foundation or a private company may receive a fixed amount of study incentive. Payment standards on this shall be determined separately. (Established February 28, 2013)

2. External scholarships (Amended February 28, 2013):

A. National Scholarship: Recipients of the National Scholarship shall be selected and paid scholarships according to the standards set by the government.

B. Other outside scholarships: Recipients of the scholarships provided by outside organizations other than the government shall be selected and paid scholarships in consideration of the standards set by the scholarship providers.

C. Various matters concerning external scholarships such as eligibility, number of recipients, amount of scholarships, etc. shall be governed by the rules and regulations and the payment guidelines established by each scholarship provider. However, matters on the operation of external scholarships for which the University can have leeway shall be stipulated separately.

Article 9 (Restriction on Multiple Scholarship Awards) ① In principle, no student can receive more than one scholarship at any given point of time. However, the Work-Study Scholarships, merit-based scholarships, the Special Scholarship, and the Overseas Training Scholarship shall be made an exception to the foregoing. (Amended February 28, 2013)

② A student in violation of the policy against multiple scholarship awards shall forfeit the scholarships and restitute any scholarship payment he/she has already received. The student may be subjected to disciplinary action as well. (Established February 28, 2013)

Article 10 (Offset Payment) In the case of external scholarships and donation scholarships, if a scholarship amount is smaller than the tuition, the difference can be paid to the scholarship recipient as an offset payment. (Amended February 28, 2013)
Article 11 (Payment Method) A scholarship shall be provided in the form of tuition reduction, except when it is impracticable as in the case of external scholarships and the like.

Article 12 (Scholarship Cap) ① Scholarships shall not be provided to students who have been enrolled in the undergraduate program of the University for nine semesters or more. Double major students, however, may receive scholarships through the 10th semester, provided that they complete all requirements for double major; if a student pursuing a double major fails to complete all requirements for the double major, he/she must return the paid scholarship later on. Note, however, that the semester cap shall not apply to the Hour-Based Work-Study Scholarship and the Undergraduate Research Program Scholarship.

② The Semester-Based Work-Study Scholarship shall be paid according to the following schedule based on the results of end-of-semester individual performance evaluation:
1. Grade A = The student shall be paid 100% of the scholarship amount.
2. Grade B = The student shall be paid 80% of the scholarship amount.
3. Grade C = The student shall be paid 50% of the scholarship amount.
4. Grade D = No payment shall be made, and the student shall be excluded from scholarship selection in the following year.

③ A Semester-Based Work-Study Scholarship recipient who discontinues his/her service during the arranged period because of leave of absence, dismissal, abandonment of work, or other reasons shall return the entire amount of scholarship he/she has received up to that point.

④ A student who is disqualified from scholarship selection cannot apply for any scholarship in the following semester.

⑤ Students who earn less than 10 credits or obtain a grade point average below 2.0 in a semester shall be excluded from all internal scholarship selection in the following semester except for the National Scholarship (for science and engineering majors) and the Jigok Scholarship (including any merit-based scholarship which adopts the same payment criteria as the foregoing scholarships). Note, however, that this provision shall not apply to the Hour-Based Work-Study Scholarship and the Undergraduate Research Program Scholarship. In the case of external scholarships, the scholarship payment criteria determined by the scholarship providers shall apply. The Jigok Scholarship shall impose the same conditions for continuous support as the National Scholarship (for science and engineering majors). (Amended February 28, 2013)

Article 13 (Mutatis Mutandis Application) The resolutions of the Student Affairs Committee and the decisions by the President of the University shall determine matters other than those provided for by these regulations.

Addendum

These amended regulations shall take effect on March 1, 1992.

Addenda

1. These regulations shall be amended on December 26, 1994 and applied retroactively as of September 1, 1994.
2. Note, however, that the amendment under which “Pohang College of Science and Engineering” changes to “Pohang University of Science and Engineering”, “Dean” to “President”, and “Head of the Planning Department” to “Vice President of Planning” shall be deemed to have been made and taken effect on March 1, 1994.

Addenda

1. These amended regulations shall take effect on October 1, 1996.
2. (Interim Measures) For students entering the University in 1996, the fee for the on-campus language training program shall be waived once during the period of their study in the University.

Addendum

These regulations shall be amended on December 1, 1997 and shall take effect as of March 1, 1998.

Addendum

These amended regulations shall take effect on March 4, 1999.

Addendum

These regulations shall be amended on March 28, 2000 and applied retroactively as of January 1, 2000.

Addendum

These amended regulations shall take effect on August 1, 2001.

Addendum

These amended regulations shall take effect on March 1, 2004.

Addendum

These regulations shall be amended on March 29, 2006 and shall take effect as of September 1, 2006.

Addendum

These regulations shall be amended on March 24, 2009 and shall be effective starting the first semester of the 2009 Academic Year.
Addendum

These regulations shall be amended on March 1, 2010 and shall be effective starting the second semester of the 2010 Academic Year.

Addenda

1. These regulations shall be amended on February 28, 2013 and shall be effective starting the first semester of the 2013 Academic Year.
2. The abolishment of the semester-based academic achievement scholarship shall be effective starting the second semester of the 2013 Academic Year.