

Rita Yeh Tao-Lei Scholarship Regulations

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Article 1 The “Fu Jen Catholic University Department of Sociology Rita Yeh Tao-lei Memorial Scholarship” was established in 2020 with a donation of US\$350,000 from Mr. Patrick Huang and Mrs. Sharon Huang, fellow alumni from Yeh’s studies in the United States. It is the hope of the Department of Sociology that other alumni can continue to contribute to the fund to benefit future generations. The fund may not be used for any other purposes without the consent of the donor (including their representative).

In order to commemorate, promote, and pass on the spirit and inspiring example of Ms. Rita Yeh Tao-lei, part of the first generation of Department of Sociology (hereinafter referred to as “the Department”) alumni and someone who cared for the society, her country and her fellow people, and dared to speak up and take action, the Department has formulated the “Rita Yeh Tao-lei Scholarship Regulations” (hereinafter referred to as “the Regulations”) in accordance with the “Guidelines to the Establishment of the Fu Jen Catholic University Department of Sociology Rita Yeh Dao-lei Memorial Scholarship.” In the first three years, up to US\$100,000 will be withdrawn from the initial donation, and from the fourth year on, the Rita Yeh Dao-lei Scholarship (hereinafter referred to as “the Scholarship”) will be funded annually through the fund’s earnings and the Department’s dedicated scholarship funds.

Article 2 Awards and Amounts

1) Entrance Scholarship

After review, the Entrance Scholarship will be awarded to newly enrolled students in the master’s program who show great interest and in-depth knowledge of the Department’s key research topics; in the first year of their master’s program, recipients will receive up to NT\$50,000, which will be awarded after successful registration for the second semester.

2) Academic Excellence Scholarship

After application and review, students in the Department who demonstrate outstanding pursuit of academic excellence may be awarded with the Academic Excellence Scholarship for further encouragement. The scholarship amount will be decided upon by the Scholarship Review Committee.

3) Talent Cultivation Scholarship

Bachelor’s graduates from the Department who enroll in the Master’s program and meet one of the criteria listed below may be selected for a

merit-based award upon the recommendation of full-time (including project-based) faculty members and approval by the Review Committee. Each year, a maximum of three awardees will be rewarded. Awardees may receive a scholarship of up to NT\$50,000, which will be equally distributed and disbursed after registration is completed in the first and second semesters of the academic year. The criteria are as follows:

1. Students from disadvantaged family situations who have achieved an average university grade of 75%.
2. Students with excellent academic performance, ranking in the top 30% of their graduating class.
3. Students who have demonstrated outstanding academic or competition performance.

Article 3 A review committee has been established for this scholarship with the department chair as its convener and the full-time (including contract) faculty as ex-officio members. The review committee shall be convened within one month after receiving an application and decide by consensus based on the information provided by the applying student.

Article 4 Application instructions:

- 1) The Entrance Scholarship and Academic Excellence Scholarship are only handed out once per student; the Department will check the eligibility of new students and submit the list to review committee for confirmation and evaluation of the scholarship amount.
- 2) Students applying for a scholarship must fill out the application form and be recommended by at least one full-time (including contract) faculty member of the Department.
- 3) Applicants for the Talent Cultivation Scholarship must be recommended by a full-time (including project-based) faculty member of the Department, and must complete the application form and submit all required documents for review to the Department by May 1st of each year.

Article 5 Scholarship recipients must send an appreciation letter to the Department within one month after the scholarship amount is approved by the review committee. Additionally, recipients must acknowledge the receipt of the Scholarship in the acknowledgments section of their Master's thesis, indicating that the scholarship supported them during the period of their thesis writing.

Article 6 These regulations are applicable to students enrolled starting from the 2025-2026 academic year, and will be announced and implemented after being approved by the Department Council and the Dean. Any amendments will follow the same procedure.