

THU Regulations Governing the Establishment of Tien Yuan Chair

Professorships

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- Article I These Regulations are established to attract and retain internationally distinguished academic talents and scholars or experts with outstanding industry experience, and to enhance THU's capacities in teaching, research, and social service.
- Article II The Tien Yuan Chair Professorships referred to in these Regulations shall be funded through donations made in the name of private individuals or private institutions.
- Article III Candidates applying for a Tien Yuan Chair Professorship must satisfy at least one of the following qualifications:
- I. Having received the NSTC Outstanding Research Award, a national-level award (such as the National Award for Arts, Ministry of Education Academic Award, National Chair Professorship, Executive Yuan Award for Outstanding Science and Technology Contribution, Executive Yuan National Cultural Award, or National Industry-Academia Master Award), or an equivalent international award.
 - II. Having served continuously as a THU Distinguished Professor for ten years or more.
 - III. Having served as a professor at THU for ten years or more and, within the preceding three years, published an original academic article in a journal with an Impact Factor greater than 25 (such as Science, Nature, or Cell), while serving as the first author or corresponding author of the publication.
 - IV. Having served as a professor at THU for ten years or more and, within the preceding three years, obtained industry-academia collaboration project funding from public or private for-profit enterprises or foundations averaging at least NT\$15 million per year, with average annual administrative management fees of at least NT\$1 million.
- Article IV The appointment term for a Tien Yuan Chair Professor shall not exceed

two years per appointment. Appointees shall receive a special stipend ranging from NT\$500,000 to NT\$600,000 per year and may receive a reduction of up to two teaching credits per semester. Faculty members granted a teaching reduction under the preceding provision shall not receive compensation for additional teaching hours. The special stipend shall be granted in accordance with THU's guidelines on merit pay. The stipend shall be distributed over twelve months each year. The stipend shall terminate immediately upon appointment as a THU Chair Professor, retirement, resignation, or secondment.

Article V A Tien Yuan Chair Professor shall deliver one public lecture open to the entire university each year and shall contribute to enhancing THU's teaching quality, service standards, and research competitiveness, including mentoring newly appointed faculty members in academic research.

Article VI Applications and nominations shall be accepted during the first semester of each academic year. Applicants or nominees shall submit supporting documents, including major publications and evidence of specific academic (artistic or professional) achievements to the Office of Research and Development for verification. A review committee composed of the president and several internal and external chair professors shall conduct the review and determine the selected candidates, after which the appointments shall be submitted to the president for approval.

Article VII The total number of Tien Yuan Chair Professors appointed in any given academic year shall not exceed 1% of the total number of THU full-time faculty members. Positions may remain vacant if necessary.

Article VIII The president shall confer appointment certificates upon Tien Yuan Chair Professors at a university-wide public event.

Article IX These Regulations shall take effect upon approval by the Administrative Council.