



**Southern Taiwan University
of Science and Technology**

**Academic Year 2021
Application and Transfer Guide
for International Students**

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I. Important Dates

2021 Fall Semester

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Application Guide Announcement	January 10, 2021
Application Period	January 15 to May 15, 2021
Review	May 16 to 31, 2021
Admission Result	Before June 10, 2021
Deadline for Confirmation of Acceptance	June 10 to 21, 2021
Acceptance Letter Mailing	Before June 24, 2021
Semester Begins	Mid-September 2021

2022 Spring Semester

Contents	Dates
Application Guide Announcement	July 15, 2021
Application Period	July 15 to November 30, 2021
Review	November 30 to December 15, 2021
Admission Result	Before December 25, 2021
Deadline for Confirmation of Acceptance	December 25, 2021 to January 6, 2022
Acceptance Letter Mailing	Before January 7, 2022
Semester Begins	Mid-February 2022

II. Application Instructions

Step 1	Make sure that you are eligible to apply as an international student. Please refer to “ Who can Apply ”.
Step 2	International students may apply for admission in our Fall and Spring semesters. Please confirm the available admission programs which you intend to apply. Please refer to “ Available Programs for 2021 Academic Year on page 11 ”.
Step 3	1. Please fill out the online application form at STUST Online Application and Status Inquiry System: https://www.stust.edu.tw/en/admission 2. Remember the Account and Password you used for applying. You will need it to log in to the system to check your application result and type of scholarship later.
Step 4	To complete the online procedure, please upload all the required documents to the Online Application System by the deadline. For detailed information, please refer to “ What to Submit ”.
Step 5	Follow each step to fill out and click “ Submit ” to complete the whole application procedure. Applicants will receive a confirmation email once the application is done.

III. Application Eligibility

- A. An applicant shall follow the regulations of the Ministry of Education (MOE) Regulations Regarding **International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan**, please find the attachment A on page 16.
- B. Citizenship: An applicant shall have never held a Republic of China (ROC) passport, and does not possess overseas Chinese student status.

Note 1: An applicant of foreign nationality who, pursuant to the following requirements, has continuously resided overseas for no less than six years is also qualified to apply for admission under this regulation.

1. An applicant holding both foreign and ROC nationalities, but has never been registered as part of a household in Taiwan.
2. An applicant holding foreign nationality, and who once held ROC nationality, but has not been registered as part of a household in Taiwan for at least eight years, as determined by the Ministry of Interior.
3. If the preceding two clauses are relevant to an applicant, then that applicant must not have studied in Taiwan as an overseas Chinese student and have not been approved for student status by the University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students in the enrollment year.

Note 2: Students who have never had a household registration in Taiwan and are admitted to an educational institution in Taiwan in accordance with an education cooperation agreement are not subject to this regulation.

IV. Academic Background

- A. To apply for the bachelor degree programs, Applicants must obtain a diploma from a local Chinese language school, a foreign language high school, or a diploma equivalent to a high school in the Republic of China (Taiwan). Diplomas must be authenticated by the overseas missions of the Republic of China's or the Federation of Alumni Association of Taiwan Universities, Malaysia and its local branches. Applicants who do not have the above qualifications but satisfy the eligibility criteria stipulated in Standards for Recognition of Equivalent Educational Level must submit Certification of Study. Applicants who completed high school at an overseas (including Hong Kong and Macau) school that is equivalent to a senior high school in Taiwan may apply for an undergraduate program at STUST. However, these students must complete **12 extra course credits** within the bachelor degree study period. Individuals with a degree/diploma from an institution of higher education in Hong Kong, Macau, or overseas should also meet the regulations stipulated in Article

9 of the Standards for Recognition of Equivalent Educational Level as Qualified for Entering University.

- B. To apply for a master's degree and a doctoral degree, applicants must have graduated from one of the accredited universities listed on the database of Foreign Universities accredited by the Ministry of Education (MOE) or graduates of independent colleges (please refer to the MOE International and Cross-Strait Education Division website <https://www.fsedu.moe.gov.tw/>). Master's degree applicants must have a university degree and those applying for a doctoral degree program must have a master's degree.
- C. International students who began their studies at a public or private Taiwanese university, but are applying to continue at STUST should note the following provisions. Applicants who have completed two or more semesters at a different educational institution are eligible to transfer to the first semester of the second year; applicants who have completed four or more semesters are eligible to transfer to the first semester of the third year.

V. Proof of Language Proficiency

- A. Students who are applying for a program that is taught in Chinese should be proficient in Chinese listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Students who apply for a program that is taught in English should be proficient in English listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Applicants need to submit proof of language proficiency with their application.
- B. Suggested certificates of language proficiency are as follows:
 - 1. Programs taught in English
 - a. Applicants who have achieved the required score on an internationally recognized English-language proficiency test (minimum TOEFL iBT: 63 or IELTS: 5.0).
 - b. Applicants who graduated from a school where English is the medium of instruction during senior high school, can opt not to take the exam but are required to present an official certificate from the awarding school that is duly signed by the Dean / the Head of the Department stating that the official teaching language is English.
 - 2. Programs taught in Chinese
 - a. Applicants who possess TOCFL Level 2 proficiency or HSK Level 4 proficiency.
 - b. Applicants who graduated from a school where Chinese is the medium of instruction during senior high school, can opt not to take the exam but are required to present an official certificate from the awarding school that is duly signed by the Dean / the Head of the Department (such as graduation

diploma of Malaysian Independent High School) stating that the official teaching language is Chinese.

VI. Beginning of Semester

Fall Semester: Mid-September 2021 (Official dates will be announced on the STUST website)

Spring Semester: Mid-February 2022 (Official dates will be announced on the STUST website)

VII. Study Period

- A. Bachelor: 4 years;
- B. Master: 2 years,
- C. Ph.D.: 3 to 5 years

VIII. How and When to Apply

- A. Application: Please apply online and upload the required documents.
- B. Online application website: <https://www.stust.edu.tw/en/admission>
- C. Application period:
 - 1. Fall Semester: January 15, 2021 to May 15, 2021
 - 2. Spring Semester: July 15, 2021 to November 30, 2021.

Note: Applications after the deadline will not be accepted and applications will be rejected if any of the required documents are not submitted or the form is unreadable.

IX. Required documents

- A. Application form should be completed online.
- B. Copy of passport.
- C. Photocopy of the highest degree and transcripts of all years (additional notarized copy of Chinese or English translation by Taiwan Overseas Missions is necessary if the original transcripts is in a language other than Chinese or English). According to degree levels, you shall provide the following documents:
 - 1. Bachelor program: high school diploma and transcripts of every semester.
 - 2. Master program: undergraduate diploma and transcripts of every semester.
 - 3. Ph.D. Program: master's diploma and transcripts of every semester.
 - 4. Transfer Students: **an original diploma and transcripts of every semester from the previous university.**

Note 1: After you submit the diploma or transcript your highest degree or equivalent we may request you to re-submit the authenticated documents by

the Taiwan Embassy if STUST has doubts about the application document.

Note 2: When you apply, you can scan and upload the documents first. When you come to STUST for registration, **you must submit the diploma and transcripts authenticated by a Taiwan Embassy or overseas mission. Proficiency of language certificates should be issued by the following institutes: TOEFL test score provided by the ETS, IELTS test score by an official testing center, and TOCFL certificate issued by the Ministry of Education, Taiwan. If the documents submitted by the applicants are found to be forged, altered, faked, fraudulent or untrue, the accepted students who have not registered and enrolled will be disqualified, and those who have enrolled will be expelled from university and should bear legal responsibility.**

- D. Study plan or statement of purpose in English or Chinese.
- E. Two recommendation letters.
- F. Resume (if applicants have work experience).
- G. Other relevant certificates or awards.
- H. Those who have foreign nationality at the time of application and who have or have had nationality of the Republic of China, must submit the relevant documents for continuous residence overseas. (At the time of application, the applicant must have been staying overseas for more than six years)
- I. If you have foreign nationality at the time of application and you had citizenship of the Republic of China and have a registered residence in Taiwan, you must submit proof of the loss of the citizenship of the Republic of China for more than eight years with the confirmation certificate from the Ministry of the Interior.
- J. Financial statement: authenticated by the embassy office or by a financial institution to provide sufficient funds to attend school. If the document is issued by Taiwanese institutions, it is exempt from authentication. Please check with the Taiwan Embassy in your country the minimum balance you should have in the bank.
- K. Malaysian students who apply for bachelor programs should submit SPM or STPM or UEC transcripts.
- L. A health certificate issued by a hospital within the last 3 months (including the test report of human immunodeficiency virus). Do this after you receive the Acceptance Letter from STUST.
- M. **Application fees: free**

X. Important notes for applicants

- A. **Prospective graduates do not need to hand in their diploma during application. The**

original diploma and transcript of every semester must be submitted at the time of registration or the admissions offer will be revoked.

- B. Applicant has never applied as an Overseas Chinese student in Taiwan.
- C. **International students applying for schools in Taiwan shall be limited to one application only.** Upon the completion of the course of study, at a school in Taiwan, to which an international student has applied, the student's admission to another school's academic level shall be handled in a manner identical to the admission procedures for local students. An exception is that an application for a master's degree or higher levels of graduate studies can be processed under the procedures of each individual school.
- D. In accordance with MOE regulations, international students who have been forced to drop out of any institution in Taiwan due to behavior problems, failed academic performances and criminal records are not allowed to apply for admission. Should any of the above violation cases be verified, the applicant's student status will be revoked immediately.
- E. International students who have household registration, naturalization or restoration to Taiwan nationality during their period of study will lose their international student status and accept the discontinuation of study by the University.
- F. According to the regulations issued by Taiwan MOE, applicants should present STUST with a valid Medical and Accident insurance for 6 months starting from the date of entry to Taiwan; otherwise, students have to join Cathay Life short-term insurance.
- G. International students who are eligible to study at STUST can apply for Scholarship, please tick off the selection from the online application. After reviewing the application, the Admission Committee will grant the following types of scholarships to qualified students:
 - 1. Scholarship types and number of stipends:
 - 1.1 Undergraduate
 - a. Full tuition fee waiver
 - b. Half tuition fee waiver
 - 1.2 Master's: Full tuition fee waiver
 - 1.3 Ph.D.
 - a. Full tuition fee waiver, a full grant for on-campus housing and a stipend of 10,000 TWD per month
 - b. Full tuition fee waiver and a full grant for on-campus housing

2. The duration of the scholarship:

2.1 Bachelor: 4 years

2.2 Master: 2 years

2.3 Ph.D.: 3 years

The recipients must re-apply each semester in accordance with Attachment B-
The STUST Scholarship Establishment Regulations for International Students on page 30.

- H. The contact information of applicants should be accurate. Applicants unable to reply before the deadline will be regarded as giving up their rights and obligations.
- I. Submitted documents will not be returned to the applicants. Please make copies for your own reference.
- J. In accordance with the provisions of the Personal Data Protection Law, STUST is allowed to hold and keep personal information for the usage of applications and enrollment at STUST. STUST will have the obligation and responsibility to keep applicants' personal informational for the use of enrollment procedures ONLY.

XI. Available Degree Programs

College	Departments/Programs	New Student			Transfer Student	
		Bachelor	Master	Doctoral	Sophomore	Senior
Engineering	Graduate Institute of Mechatronic Science and Technology			●▲		
	Department of Mechanical Engineering	●	●▲		●	●
	Department of Electrical Engineering	●	●▲	●▲	●	●
	Department of Electro-Optical Engineering	●	●		●	●
	Department of Electronic Engineering	●	●	●▲	●	●
	Department of Computer Science and Information Engineering	●	●		●	●
	Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering	●	●		●	●
	Department of Biotechnology and Food Science	●	●		●	●
Business	Ph.D. Program in Business and Management			▲		
	Department of Industrial Management and Information	●			●	●
	Department of Information Management	●	●		●	●
	Department of Business Administration	●	●		●	●
	Department of Marketing and Logistics Management	●	●		●	●
	Department of Leisure, Recreation and Tourism Management	●	●		●	●

College	Departments/Programs	New Student			Transfer Student	
		Bachelor	Master	Doctoral	Sophomore	Senior
	Department of Hospitality Management	●	●		●	●
	Global Master of Business Administration (GMBA)		●▲			
	Department of International Business	●			●	●
	Department of Finance	●	●		●	●
	Bachelor's Degree in International Business, Department of International Business	▲			▲	▲
	Bachelor's Degree in International Finance, Department of Finance					▲
	Department of Accounting Information	●			●	●
	Graduate Institute of Financial and Economic Law		●			
Digital Design	Department of Information and Communication	●	●		●	●
	Department of Visual Communication Design	●	●▲		●	●
	Department of Creative Product Design	●	●		●	●
	Department of Multimedia and Computer Entertainment Science	●	●		●	●
	Department of Popular Music Industry	●			●	●
Social Sciences Humanities and	Department of Applied English	●	●		●	●
	Department of Applied Japanese	●	●		●	●
	Department of Child Care	●			●	●

College	Departments/Programs	New Student			Transfer Student	
		Bachelor	Master	Doctoral	Sophomore	Senior
	Department of Senior Welfare and Services	●				
	College of Humanities and Social Sciences Master of Educational Administration		●			

● Chinese-taught degree programs ▲ English-taught degree programs

Medium of Instructions	Proof of Language Proficiency Required Documents
Chinese-taught Degree Programs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL), Level 2 or above 2. Chinese Proficiency Test (HSK), China, Level 4 or above.
English-taught Degree Programs	English Proficiency test: TOEFL iBT test score 63 and above or IELTS 5.0. Ph.D. in Business and Management, College of Business (COB) requires higher scores: TOEFL iBT 80 or IELTS 6.0.

For other related proof of language proficiency, please refer to **Proof of Language Proficiency on page 6.**

XII. Tuition and other fees

College	Tuition Fees/Semester	Dorm Fees/Semester	Language Lab Fees/Semester	Computer Lab/Semester	Internet Fees/One Time	Student Safety Insurance	National Health Insurance
Engineering and Digital Design	NT\$55,270	NT\$12,500	NT\$500	NT\$900	NT\$400 (Graduate) 、 NT\$800 (Bachelor)	Accordance with bidding each year	NT\$4,494
Business	NT\$48,135						
Humanities and Social Sciences	NT\$47,425						

Note 1: In accordance with bidding with the insurance company each year. For example, this semester the premium is NT\$298.

Note 2: International students who are qualified to join the National Health Insurance (NHI) 6 months after getting ARC, it is compulsory to join. The premium is NT\$749 per month, students pay NT\$4494 per semester.

Note 3: Students taking language related courses, NT\$500 language lab fees will be charged per semester.

Note 4: Students taking computer related courses, NT\$900 computer lab fees will be charged per semester.

Note 5: New students pay internet fees ONE TIME, NT\$400 for graduate students, NT\$800 for bachelor degree students.

Note 6: If a student leaves the dorm after 1 year (including the first day), the deposit will not be refunded.

Note 7: All the above fees might increase each year.

Remarks:

1. For any matters mentioned in this brochure, please follow the relevant laws and regulations and the resolutions of the Admissions Committee of the University.
2. When the Chinese version of this application and transfer guide differs from the English translation, the Chinese version will prevail.
3. For Admission, please contact the Office of International Affairs:
Mr. Darby Liao at darby56@stust.edu.tw or call +886-6-2533131, Ext. 1601.

Title : Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan

Amended Date : 2017-09-08

Category : Ministry of Education

Article 1

These Regulations are formulated in accordance with the provisions of Article 25, Paragraph 3 of the University Act, Article 32, Paragraph 1 of the Junior College Act, Article 41, Paragraph 1 of the Senior High School Education Act, and Article 6, Paragraph 3 of the Primary and Junior High School Act.

Article 2

A person of foreign nationality who has never held Republic of China (“R.O.C.”) nationality and who does not have overseas Chinese student status at the time of their application is permitted to apply for admission to an educational institution, in accordance with these Regulations.

A person of foreign nationality who meets the following requirements and who in the immediate past has resided overseas continuously for at least six years is also permitted to apply for admission to an educational institution, in accordance with these Regulations. However, a person who plans to apply to study in a university department of medicine, dentistry, or Chinese medicine must have resided overseas continuously for at least eight years.

1. A person who at the time of their application also holds dual R.O.C. nationality shall have never had household registration in Taiwan.
2. A person who before the time of their application also held dual R.O.C. nationality but no longer does at the time of their application shall have renounced their R.O.C. nationality with the approval of the Ministry of the Interior on a date at least eight full years before making their application.
3. The persons referred to in the preceding two subparagraphs must have never previously undertaken studies in Taiwan as an overseas Chinese student nor have accepted a placement by the University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students in the current academic year

A foreign national who was selected by a foreign government, organization, or school to study in Taiwan in accordance with the Education Cooperation Framework Agreement, and who has never had household registration in Taiwan may be given exemption from the restrictions set out in the preceding two paragraphs if the competent education administrative authority gives approval.

The periods of six years and eight years stipulated in Paragraph 2 shall be calculated using the starting date of the semester (February 1, or August 1) as the end date of the period.

The term “overseas” used in Paragraph 2 refers to countries or regions other than the Mainland Area, Hong Kong, and Macau; the term “reside overseas continuously” means that an international student has stayed in Taiwan for no more than a total of 120 days in each calendar year. When calculating the number of consecutive years spent overseas, if the initial or final year of the period is not a complete calendar year, any time spent in Taiwan in the initial or final year must not exceed 120 days. However, time that a person has spent in Taiwan is not subject to this restriction and it is not counted when calculating how long they were in Taiwan in a particular year if the person has documentary proof that they:

1. Attended an overseas youth training course organized by the Overseas Compatriot Affairs Council or a technical professional training program accredited by the Ministry of Education;
2. spent a total period of less than two years undertaking Chinese language classes at a Chinese language center at a university or tertiary college which has Ministry of Education approval to recruit students overseas;
3. spent a total period of less than two years in Taiwan as an exchange student; or
4. spent a total period of less than two years undertaking an internship that they came to Taiwan to undertake with the approval of the designated central competent authority;

A person who held both foreign and R.O.C. nationalities and applied for annulment of their R.O.C. nationality before the date of effect of the February 1, 2011 amendment to these Regulations may apply for admission as an international student in accordance with the provisions in place before the amendment and is not subject to the restrictions set out in Paragraph 2.

Article 3

An applicant of foreign nationality, who is eligible for permanent residence in Hong Kong or Macao, who has never had household registration in Taiwan, and who at the time of their application has resided in Hong Kong, Macao, or elsewhere overseas continuously for at least six years may apply for admission in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations. However, a person who plans to apply to study in a university department of medicine, dentistry, or Chinese medicine must have resided overseas continuously for at least eight years.

The term “resided [...] continuously” in the preceding paragraph means that a person did not spend more than a total of 120 days in Taiwan in each calendar year. However,

this restriction does not apply if a person can present documentary proof that any of the circumstances listed in Paragraph 5, Subparagraphs 1 to 4 of the previous article apply. The time that they spent in Taiwan in the ways listed is not counted when calculating the period of continuous residence referred to in the previous paragraph. A person who was formerly from the Mainland Area and who has foreign nationality and has never had household registration in Taiwan, and who at the time of their application has resided overseas continuously for at least six years may apply for admission to an educational institution, in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations. However, a person who plans to apply to study in a university department of medicine, dentistry, or Chinese medicine must have resided overseas continuously for at least eight years.

The term “resided [. . .] continuously” in the preceding paragraph means that a person did not spend more than a total of 120 days in Taiwan in each calendar year. However, this restriction does not apply if a person can present documentary proof that any of the circumstances listed in Paragraph 5, Subparagraphs 1 to 4 of the previous article apply. The time that they spent in Taiwan in the ways listed is not counted when calculating the period that they resided continuously overseas referred to in the previous paragraph.

The periods of six years and eight years stipulated in Paragraph 1 and in Paragraph 3 shall be calculated using the starting date of the semester (February 1, or August 1) as the end date of the period.

The definition of “overseas” given in Paragraph 5 of the previous article also applies, *mutatis mutandis*, to Paragraphs 1 to 4.

Article 4

An international student applying to study at an educational institution in Taiwan in accordance with the provisions of the two previous articles is limited to only applying once [English note: a person may apply to more than one educational institution, but if one of these applications is successful and they then study in Taiwan, they cannot subsequently apply to study at another educational institution for a course at that level]. After completing the course of study at the educational institution to which they applied, unless the student is applying for admission to a program for a master’s degree or a higher degree, which may be handled by each university in accordance with its regulations, if the student wants to continue studying in Taiwan, their application shall be handled in the same manner as the admission procedures for domestic students.

Article 5

In principle, the actual number of places available for international students to be admitted to universities and two-year programs at junior colleges (hereunder referred to as “universities and tertiary colleges”) is limited to an additional ten percent above the institution’s admission quota approved for that academic year by the Ministry of Education, and that number shall be incorporated into the total admission quota and reported to the Ministry of Education for approval. A university or junior college applying to recruit more than an additional ten percent shall submit a report of the planned increment (including associated quality control strategy and supportive measures) to the Ministry of Education for approval. Degree programs offered by collaborating domestic and foreign universities that have been approved on a case by case basis by the Ministry of Education are not subject to this restriction.

The actual number of international students that may be admitted to a five-year program at a junior college, or to a senior secondary school, junior high school, or an elementary school is limited up to an additional ten percent above the institution’s admission quota for that academic year that was approved by the competent education administrative authority, and that number shall be included in the total number of students admitted for that academic year and be reported to the competent education administrative authority for approval.

Universities and tertiary colleges may admit international students to take up places at their institution available to local students within the approved admission quota for that academic year which remain vacant.

The admission quotas referred to in Paragraph 1 and Paragraph 2 do not include international students who are not officially registered as a current student.

Article 6

A university or tertiary college that recruits and admits international students shall formulate its own admission regulations and make these public after they have been approved by the Ministry of Education, and formulate a set of international student admission guidelines that outline details of the degree programs that admit international students, the length of time in which each program must be completed, admission quotas, admission eligibility requirements, reviewing and screening methods, and any other related regulations.

Article 7

International students applying for admission to a university or tertiary college shall submit the following documents and apply directly to the university or college during

its designated application period, and applicants who pass the review or screening process will be issued an admission notice:

1. An enrollment application form

2. Academic credentials:

(1) Academic credentials from the Mainland Area: shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Academic Credentials for Mainland Area.

(2) Academic credentials from Hong Kong or Macao: shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations Governing the Examination and Recognition of Educational Qualifications from Hong Kong and Macao.

(3) Academic credentials from other areas:

A. Academic credentials issued by an Overseas Taiwan School or a school for Taiwan business people in the Mainland Area shall be regarded as equivalent to academic credentials issued by an educational institution of the same level in Taiwan.

B. Academic credentials from overseas other than those referred to the preceding two items shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Academic Credentials for Institutions of Higher Education. However, academic credentials issued by a campus or branch that a foreign educational institution has established in the Mainland Area by a foreign educational institution shall be notarized by a notary public there and authenticated by an agency established or designated by the Executive Yuan, or by a private organization commissioned by the Executive Yuan.

3. Proof of applicant's having sufficient funds to live on while studying in Taiwan, or proof of having a full scholarship or grant provided by a government, university, college, or private organization.

4. Other documents required by the educational institution being applied to.

When an educational institution reviews an international student's admission application, if any of the documents specified in Subparagraphs 2 and 4 of the preceding paragraph have not been authenticated by an overseas mission, or by an agency established or designated by the Executive Yuan, or by a private organization commissioned by the Executive Yuan, and the educational institution has any doubts about them, it may request authentication by an overseas agency. If documents that have already been authenticated raise any doubts, the educational institution may request examination of the documents.

Article 7-1

An international student who submits any certificate or document as part of their application for admission to an educational institution that is found to be forged, fabricated, or that has been altered in some way shall have their enrollment eligibility revoked. If the student has already registered and begun classes, their registration as a current student shall be cancelled and they will not be awarded any certification whatsoever regarding their related academic undertakings. If any such circumstances are first discovered after a student has already graduated, the educational institution shall revoke the former student's eligibility to graduate and shall require any degree already awarded to be returned and shall rescind it.

Article 8

An international student who has completed a bachelor's degree or a higher degree in Taiwan and is applying to be admitted to do a master's degree program or a higher degree may submit copies of their graduation certificate from a university or tertiary college in Taiwan and transcripts for each year of their studies and apply in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 and is not subject to the provisions of Article 7, Paragraph 1, Item 2.

An international student who has graduated from a private elementary or secondary school for international residents in Taiwan, or from a bilingual division (program) affiliated to a domestic senior secondary school, or from a program teaching a foreign curriculum that is offered by a division of a domestic private elementary school, junior high school or senior secondary school may submit copies of their graduation certificate and transcripts for each year and apply for admission in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 and is not subject to the provisions of Article 4, or of Article 7, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 2.

Article 9

A university or tertiary college that admits international students shall promptly register details of the following into the international student data management information system designated by the Ministry of Education: the international students admitted and registered, any transfer, deferral or abandonment of studies, and any change to or loss of student status.

Article 10

An international student is not permitted to apply to study any recurrent or continuing education bachelor's degree program or in-service master's degree program, or any other program which is only taught in the evening or during vacations, at a university

or tertiary college in Taiwan. However, an international student who already has legitimate resident status or who is undertaking a program approved on a case by case basis by the Ministry of Education is not subject to this restriction.

Article 11

An international student who reports to register at a university or tertiary college, a five-year program at a junior college, or a senior secondary school, junior high school, or an elementary school before it is already one-third of the way into the first semester of the current academic year shall be registered for the first semester. If it is already more than one-third of the way into the first semester, the international student shall register for the second semester or the next academic year. However, this restriction does not apply if each competent education administrative authority has some provision that overrides it..

Article 12

An international student who with Ministry of Education approval is undertaking an internship after graduating from a university in Taiwan may have their international student status extended for up to one year after their graduation.

An international student who has been permitted to undertake initial household registration, resident registration, naturalization, or restoration of R.O.C. nationality procedures during the course of their studies in Taiwan will forfeit their international student status and shall be dismissed by their educational institution.

An international student who is dismissed from a university or tertiary college after admission as a result of unsatisfactory conduct, or poor academic performance, or a conviction in criminal case proceedings is not permitted to re-apply for admission to an educational institution under these Regulations.

Each university or tertiary college shall formulate its own regulations regarding transfers of international students, incorporate these into its admission regulations, and submit these to the Ministry of Education for approval. However, an international student who has been dismissed by the educational institution that admitted the student as a result of unsatisfactory conduct or of a conviction in criminal case proceedings is not permitted to transfer to another university or tertiary college.

Article 13

A university or tertiary college may sign an education cooperation agreement with a foreign educational institution and recruit and admit international exchange students, provided that this does not affect normal teaching. A university or tertiary college

may also apply, *mutatis mutandis*, its own international student admission regulations to accept suitable international students as non-degree students.

With approval from each competent education administrative authority, senior secondary schools, junior high schools, and elementary schools may recruit international students for short-term periods of study in Taiwan of one year or less.

Article 14

Educational institutions at all levels that establish programs exclusively for international students as part of an international academic cooperation program or to meet some other special need shall do so in accordance with the regulations governing overall scale of and resources for development of an educational institution at their level, and the competent education administrative authority will forward details of such programs for appraisal and approval by the Ministry of Education.

Article 15

In order to provide incentive awards for outstanding international students who are studying at universities and tertiary colleges in Taiwan, the Ministry of Education may set up international student scholarships or may subsidize universities and tertiary colleges to do so.

To encourage international students to come and study in Taiwan, universities and tertiary colleges may allocate funds to set up scholarships or financial study assistance to international students.

Article 16

Universities and tertiary colleges shall designate units or personnel to be responsible for handling international student admission applications, counselling, and liaison matters. These units or personnel shall also boost the arrangement of homestay accommodation for international students, and of assistance for them to learn Mandarin Chinese and about Taiwan culture in order to better enhance their understanding of Taiwan.

At different times each academic year, universities and tertiary colleges shall organize counselling activities for international students or accelerate campus internationalization, to help to foster exchanges and interactions between local students and international students.

Article 17

A five-year program at a junior college, or a senior secondary school, junior high school, or an elementary school that admits international students shall, apart from complying with the provisions of Article 20 when handling applications from international students who have legitimate resident status in Taiwan, prepare an international student recruitment plan and submit the plan to the competent education administrative authority for approval no later than November 30 each year, before recruitment may begin. The competent education administrative authorities at the municipality, county, and city levels shall submit their approved lists of the approved quotas for each educational institution in their jurisdiction to the Ministry of Education no later than December 31 each year for future reference.

The plan referred to in the preceding paragraph shall include the establishment of a dedicated unit responsible for international students, planning to increase Chinese language and culture courses, and measures for arranging accommodation for international students.

When necessary, the categories of countries and quotas for the admission of international students referred to in Paragraph 1 may be stipulated by the Ministry of Education in consultation with the Ministry of the Interior, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Article 18

Unless otherwise specified in Article 20, an international student applying for admission to a five-year program at a junior college, or a senior secondary school, junior high school, or an elementary school shall directly apply to the junior college or school during its designated admission period and submit the following documents. If an applicant passes the review or screening process, the junior college or school will issue an admission notice.

1. An enrollment application form.

2. Academic credentials:

(1) Academic credentials from the Mainland Area: shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Academic Credentials for Mainland Area.

(2) Academic credentials from Hong Kong or Macao: shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations Governing the Examination and Recognition of Educational Qualifications from Hong Kong and Macao.

(3) Academic credentials from other areas:

A. Academic credentials issued by an Overseas Taiwan School or a school for Taiwan business people in the Mainland Area shall be regarded as equivalent to academic credentials issued by an educational institution of the same level in Taiwan.

B. Academic credentials from overseas other than those referred to the preceding two items shall be handled in accordance with the relevant provisions of the applicable Ministry of Education regulations governing the assessment and recognition of international students' academic credentials and records. Academic credentials issued by a campus or branch of a foreign educational institution which it has established in the Mainland Area shall be notarized by a notary public office there and authenticated by an authority established or designated by the Executive Yuan, or by a private organization commissioned by the Executive Yuan.

3. Proof of applicant's having sufficient funds to live on while studying in Taiwan.

4. Documentary evidence of the eligibility of a guardian in Taiwan.

5. A power of attorney from the student's parents or other legal representative, which has been authenticated by an overseas mission, appointing the guardian in Taiwan.

6. A letter of agreement from the guardian in Taiwan which has been notarized by a notary public in Taiwan.

7. Any other documents required by the school, college, or university.

The academic credentials stipulated in Subparagraph 2 of the preceding paragraph are not required to be submitted for an application to be admitted for the first semester of the first grade of elementary school.

Adult international students are not required to submit the documents stipulated in Paragraph 1, Subparagraphs 4 to 6.

When a junior college, or school is reviewing an international student's admission application, if any of the documents specified in Paragraph 1, Subparagraphs 2, 3, and 7 have not been authenticated by an overseas mission, or by an agency established or designated by the Executive Yuan, or by a private organization commissioned by the Executive Yuan, and the junior college or school has any doubts about them, it may request authentication by an overseas agency. If documents that have already been authenticated raise any doubts, the junior college or school may request examination of the documents.

Article 19

The guardian in Taiwan referred to in the preceding article shall be an R.O.C. citizen who has household registration in Taiwan and shall submit a Police Criminal Record Certificate, and an income tax inventory for the most recent year checked and issued by a taxation organization itemizing personal taxable income from all sources of at least TWD 900,000.

A person who satisfies the requirements prescribed in the preceding paragraph may serve as the guardian in Taiwan of only one international student. However, a school principal, or the chair of the board of directors of an incorporated school or a board member may act as the guardian in Taiwan of up to five international students.

Article 20

An international student who has legitimate resident status in Taiwan and is applying to study a five-year program at a junior college, or at a senior secondary school, junior high school, or an elementary school shall submit the following documents and apply directly to the junior college or school, and report to register there if their application is approved:

1. An enrollment application form;
2. A photocopy of a legitimate resident permit;
3. Academic credentials:

(1) Academic credentials from the Mainland Area: shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Academic Credentials for Mainland Area.

(2) Academic credentials from Hong Kong or Macao: shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations Governing the Examination and Recognition of Educational Qualifications from Hong Kong and Macao.

(3) Academic credentials from other areas:

A. Academic credentials issued by an Overseas Taiwan School or a school for Taiwan business people in the Mainland Area shall be regarded as equivalent to academic credentials issued by an educational institution of the same level in Taiwan.

B. Academic credentials from overseas other than those referred to the preceding two items shall be handled in accordance with the relevant provisions of the applicable Ministry of Education regulations governing the assessment and recognition of international students' academic credentials and records. Academic credentials issued by a campus or branch of a foreign educational institution which it has established in the Mainland Area shall be notarized by a notary public office there and authenticated by an authority established or designated by the Executive Yuan, or by a private organization commissioned by the Executive Yuan.

The academic credentials stipulated in Subparagraph 3 of the preceding paragraph are not required for an application for admission to the first semester of first grade at an elementary school.

When a junior college, or school is reviewing an international student's admission application, if any of the documents specified in Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 3 have not been authenticated by an overseas mission, or by an agency established or

designated by the Executive Yuan, or by a private organization commissioned by the Executive Yuan, and the junior college or school has any doubts about them, it may request authentication by an overseas agency. If documents that have already been authenticated raise any doubts, the junior college or school may request examination of the documents.

After the admission of the international students referred to in Paragraph 1, a senior secondary school, junior high school, or an elementary school shall submit a list of their details to the competent education administrative authority for future reference. If a senior secondary school, junior high school, or an elementary school cannot admit the international student referred to in Paragraph 1 applying to study there because the school has already filled its admission quota, the student may apply to the competent education administrative authority for a transfer to be admitted to a school that has a vacancy.

A senior secondary school, junior high school, or an elementary school may assign the international student referred to in Paragraph 1 applying to study there to an appropriate grade level or give them a 'provisional' admission status, based on their results during the screening process. This 'provisional' status is valid for up to one year, and their student registration shall be confirmed if they pass the examinations.

Article 20-1

If a chaotic war situation, major disaster, or major epidemic occurs in the country of an international student, and educational institutions in the region become unable to operate normally as a result, that student's admission to senior secondary school or junior college may be given special consideration on a case by case basis, if details of those circumstances have been assessed and submitted by an R.O.C. overseas mission or by the embassy, consular office or authorized representative office of the student's country in Taiwan, and then confirmed by the Ministry of Education in conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the National Immigration Agency of the Ministry of the Interior.

In principle, the additional student admission quota referred to in the previous paragraph for students given special consideration on a case by case basis shall be one percent of the total student recruitment quota approved for that school or junior college.

Article 21

The tuition related fees that international students in Taiwan shall pay are determined as stipulated below:

1. Students who have been admitted to study in Taiwan in accordance with the provisions of the previous two articles, or who have received a MOFA Taiwan

Scholarship following recommendation by an overseas mission, or who have the status of permanent residents in Taiwan shall pay tuition and other fees in accordance with the standard fees that their educational institution applies to domestic students.

2. Students admitted to an educational institution in Taiwan in accordance with an education cooperation agreement shall pay their tuition and other fees as specified in the agreement.

3. If an international student is not covered by the provisions of either of the preceding two subparagraphs, an educational institution may charge the student based on the standard tuition and other fees for international students that it has determined, and these are not permitted to be lower than the fees levied by other private educational institutions at the same level.

A student who was admitted to an educational institution in Taiwan before the date of effect of the February 1, 2011 amendment to these Regulations shall pay tuition and other for this stage of education fees in accordance with the pre-amendment provisions.

Article 22

When a new international student registers, they shall submit proof of being covered by a medical and injury insurance policy which is valid for at least six months from the date that they entered Taiwan. Current students shall present documentary proof that they have joined Taiwan's National Health Insurance Plan.

If the proof of insurance referred to in the previous paragraph was issued in a foreign country it shall be authenticated by an overseas mission.

Article 23

If an investigation verifies that an international student has violated the provisions of the Employment Services Act, their educational institution, or the appropriate competent authority shall immediately handle the matter in accordance with the regulations.

Article 24

If an international student defers or abandons their studies, or if there is any change to or loss of their student status, their educational institution shall notify the Bureau of Consular Affairs of the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs, the service center(s) of the National Immigration Agency of the Ministry of the Interior where their educational institution is located, and send copies of these notifications to the Ministry of Education.

Article 25

If it is considered necessary, the competent education administration authority may visit educational institutions that admit international students. Any institution found in violation of the provisions of these Regulations shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the applicable laws and regulations.

If an educational institution is not acting in accordance with the provisions of Article 23, depending on the circumstances, the appropriate competent education administration authority may also adjust the international student enrollment quotas for that educational institution.

Article 26

The provisions of Article 7, Paragraph 4, Subparagraphs 1, 3, and 4, and of Articles 9, 15, 16, 22, and 24 also apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the application procedures, scholarships and subsidies, supervision and guidance, absences from one quarter or more of the total scheduled class hours of a semester, and the reporting of changes to or loss of student status for international students who come to Taiwan to study Mandarin at a Chinese Language Centers affiliated with a university or tertiary college in Taiwan.

Article 27

The format of the forms referred to in Article 7, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 1; in Article 18, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 1; and in Article 20, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 1 shall be determined by each educational institution. The format of the forms referred to in Article 18, Paragraph 1, Subparagraphs 5 and 6 shall be prescribed by the Ministry of Education.

Article 28

These Regulations shall take effect on August 1, 2012.

The amendments to these Regulations shall take effect on the date of promulgation, with the exception of the amendments promulgated on December 24, 2012 which shall take effect on January 1, 2013, and the amendments promulgated on August 23, 2013 which shall take effect on September 1, 2013.

The STUST Scholarship Establishment Regulations for International Students

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Article 1

The STUST Scholarship Establishment Regulations for International Students (hereinafter referred to as "the STUST SERIS") are established to encourage outstanding international students to study at Southern Taiwan University of Science and Technology (STUST).

Article 2

The STUST SERIS are formulated based on the Ministry of Education's Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan.

Article 3

The Scholarship Review Committee is set up to initiate and review the criteria for awarding this scholarship, finalize the number of recipients, and deal with other relevant issues. Members consists of Executive Vice President, Dean of Academic Affairs, Dean of Student Affairs, Dean of International Affairs, and Deans from all the colleges. Executive Vice President serves as the Chairperson, and Dean of International Affairs as the Executive Secretary.

Article 4

Types of Scholarships for different programs of study

1. Undergraduate
 - (1) Full tuition fee waiver.
 - (2) Half tuition fee waiver.
2. Master: Full tuition waiver.
3. Ph.D. :
 - (1) Full tuition waiver, a full grant for on-campus housing, and a stipend of 10,000 TWD per month.
 - (2) Full tuition waiver and a full grant for on-campus housing.

Article 5

Applicants should apply through the Online Application and Status Inquiry System. The procedures are as follows:

1. Upload the following application documents:
 - (1) Photocopies of original graduation diploma and official transcript
 - (2) Two reference letters
 - (3) Study plan or research proposal
 - (4) Autobiography
 - (5) Certificate of Language Proficiency: English-taught programs require an English-language certificate such as TOEFL iBT or IELTS; Chinese-taught programs require a TOCFL certificate (Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language) or an HSK certificate (Chinese Proficiency Test).

- (6) United Examination Certificate (UEC), SPM or STPM (only required for Malaysian students)
2. The application deadline for the spring semester is November 30, and the results will be published on the online application system on December 25. The application deadline for the fall semester is May 15, and the results will be published on the online application system on June 10.

Article 6

New students who receive this award are required to register at the Office of International Affairs and attend the orientation BEFORE the semester starts. If recipients fail to register or attend the orientation before the semester starts, their award will be cancelled with no deferrals. If recipients are not able to attend the orientation due to VISA issues, they are required to register within 2 weeks after the semester starts, or the award will be cancelled.

Article 7

Starting from the THIRD semester after admission, current enrolled students who have received the scholarship are required to submit transcripts from the previous semester to the Office of International Affairs WITHIN the first week of the semester for renewal verification. The review criteria for renewal are as follows:

1. Undergraduate International Business and Finance Programs

(1) Half tuition fee waiver:

- i. Students should maintain an average GPA of 2.70 (72 out of 100) or higher or be ranked in the top 50% of the class in the previous semester.
- ii. Students who fail to maintain the above academic criteria will be disqualified from receiving the scholarship. Once their academic performance meets the above criteria in the subsequent semester, they may apply to have the scholarship reinstated.

(2) Full tuition fee waiver:

- i. The third and fourth semester scholarship will be renewed if students maintain a minimum GPA of 2.70 (72 out of 100) or higher or are ranked in the top 50% of the class in the previous semester.
- ii. For the fifth through eighth semesters, students should maintain a GPA of 3.76 (85 out of 100) or higher or be ranked in the top 10% of the class in the previous semester for scholarship renewal.
- iii. Students who fail to get the full tuition fee waiver will be considered for the half tuition fee waiver. When students qualify again, the full tuition waiver will be resumed.

2. Other programs of study

- (1) Ph.D. students must maintain a minimum semester average score of 80, or a GPA of 3.38 on a 4.30 scale, pass the evaluation of their supervising advisor, and select an advisor prior to the completion of the first semester in the program. Entitlement to the stipend of NT\$10,000 monthly will be cancelled if recipients fail to meet the listed requirements. Students that fail to meet requirements can apply for special considerations for other extenuating circumstances. If successful, the students will receive the stipend as per usual if the application is granted by the President.
- (2) Master's students must maintain a minimum semester average score of 80, or GPA 3.38 on a 4.30 scale.
- (3) Undergraduate students who are eligible for full tuition fee waiver must maintain a minimum semester average score of 85, or a GPA 3.76 on a 4.30 scale; or they must

be within the top 10 percent of the class ranking. Students who are eligible for half tuition fee waiver must maintain at least 72 or a GPA of 2.7; or they must be within the top 50 percent of the class ranking.

The award will be cancelled if recipients fail to complete registration within the first week of the semester or if their academic performance falls below the requirements as listed in their scholarship offer. The scholarship can be reinstated through application if the recipients meet the required academic performance later.

Article 8

The maximum length for a recipient to receive this scholarship after enrollment is the first four years for an undergraduate students, the first two years for master's students and the first three years for Ph.D. students. If students have special reasons, their application needs to be approved by the President. The number of scholarship recipients will be based on STUST's budget for the current academic year. If the recipients graduate early, their scholarship will be terminated immediately.

Article 9

Those recipients who have received a Taiwan Scholarship, foreign governmental scholarships (such as Mekong 1000 Project Scholarship, Elite Study in Taiwan Scholarship, etc.) or other scholarships will not be eligible to receive this award. If it is discovered that any students are receiving scholarships in addition to this award, they will have to choose one.

Article 10

The award will be terminated immediately when recipients:

1. Provide fake application materials, for which the recipients are demanded to return the award given and then would be expelled.
2. Transfer to other schools/universities or fail to complete the registration process.
3. Apply for suspension, withdrawal, or dismissal from STUST.
4. Defer tuition payment from the previous semester.
5. To be cited with minor demerits and above.
6. Damage the university reputation.

Article 11

These Regulations were officially approved at the STUST's Administrative Meeting and are made public by the President, any amendments will undergo the same process.