

TKU Regulations on Direct Admission to Ph.D. Programs

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(英文譯本僅供參考，法規之實施概以中文版為準。)

The English version is provided for reference only. The practice of the regulations shall be based on the Chinese version.)

Article 1

These regulations have been enacted in accordance with the MOE's "Regulations on Direct Admission to PhD Programs" and TKU's other related regulations.

Article 2

Students who study in this school and are graduating this academic year as bachelors and master's students who have completed their first academic year, and who have demonstrated outstanding academic performance and research potential during their period of study, may submit a research proposal for direct admission to the doctoral program. Such proposal shall be recommended by at least two faculty members of the rank of Assistant Professor or above from the student's current or related department, institute, college, or degree program, and shall be accompanied by the application form and complete academic transcripts. Upon review and approval by the relevant meetings of the intended doctoral department, institute, college, or degree program, the application shall be submitted to the University Admissions Committee no later than July 31 for deliberation, and shall be forwarded to the President for final approval. The criteria for determining "outstanding academic performance" and "research potential" shall be established by each relevant department, institute, college, or degree program.

The term "undergraduate students who are graduating this academic year," as set forth in the preceding paragraph, includes students who, in the same academic year, graduate one semester or one academic year early due to outstanding academic performance. Undergraduate students approved in the same academic year for direct admission to the doctoral program shall obtain their bachelor's degree prior to enrollment therein.

Article 3

The quota for direct admission to the Ph.D. program in any department, institute, or degree programs shall be limited to forty percent (40%) of the total number of doctoral student admissions approved for the MOE for that academic year, and the number can be reallocated within the college. Upon completion of the final external doctoral

admissions channel for the relevant academic year by the academic department, graduate institute, college, or degree program, any unfilled doctoral admission quota may be converted into quota for direct admission to doctoral degree programs. After such reallocation, the total quota for direct admission to doctoral degree programs shall not exceed forty percent (40%) of the total doctoral program admission quota approved by the Ministry of Education for the University for the relevant academic year.

Following the reallocation prescribed in the preceding paragraph, the doctoral admission quota of any academic department, graduate institute, college, or degree program shall not be filled entirely through direct admission to doctoral degree programs. This restriction shall not apply under either of the following circumstances:

1. The doctoral admission quota approved for the academic department, graduate institute, college, or degree program in one student.
2. The quota is allocated under a talent cultivation program or special project approved by the Ministry of Education.

The quotas prescribed in the preceding two paragraphs shall be included within the University's total student admission quota approved by the Ministry of Education for the relevant academic year.

Article 4

Students admitted to the doctoral program through direct entry shall not be permitted to apply for deferred enrollment. Those who, for any reason, discontinue their doctoral studies, fail to pass the doctoral candidacy examination, or fail to pass the doctoral degree examination and do not meet the requirements set forth in Article 5, may, upon review and approval by the relevant meetings of the department, institute or degree program, and upon submission by the Office of Academic Affairs to the President for final approval, apply to return to their original department, institute, or degree program, or transfer to a related department, institute, or degree program to continue their master's degree studies. Such students shall complete all courses required for the master's program, submit a thesis, and, upon passing the master's degree examination, conducted by the Master's Degree Examination Committee, shall be conferred a master's degree. The period of study completed in the doctoral program shall not be counted toward the maximum time limit for completing the master's program.

Article 5

For those students who are admitted with direct admission to Ph.D. programs and have obtained their Ph.D. candidate status but have not yet passed their dissertation defense,

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the dissertation, work, achievement approval, a written report or a technical report will be evaluated by the committee, a master's degree will be conferred if the standard of a master's degree is achieved.

Article 6

This set of regulations will take effect on the date of its publication after being passed in an academic affairs meeting. The same applies to any later amendments made.