Grand Review and Competition for PhD Student and Postdoctoral Research Fellow Research

I. Purpose:

In order to encourage excellent PhD students and postdoctoral research fellows of NCKU with potential to engage in innovative research actively, present their excellent academic publications, improve the possibility for NCKU to win important academic and research awards, and demonstrate the excellent research innovation results, we organize the academic competition, hoping to inspire PhD students and researchers of NCKU to accumulate their excellent experience in research and build the power to develop their academic career.

II. Qualifications:

NCKU's PhD students and current postdoctoral research fellows. To encourage the participation of promising researchers, previous outstanding award winners will not be included for consideration of awards in this competition.

- III. Procedure: The Competition consists of the PhD student group and postdoctoral research fellow group. The applicants for each group shall submit the following documents:
 - (I) For the postdoctoral research fellow group:
 - 1. Application form
 - 2. Representative academic publications: The publications refer to those published during the employment by NCKU as the postdoctoral research fellow within two years prior to the application deadline (i.e., after June 30, 2021), and may be enrolled into the Competition if the affiliation identified by the applicant in such publications is NCKU. The types of publications that can be used in the Competition are as follows.
 - (1) Journal papers:

Any papers already published in or accepted for publication by (to attach the acceptance letter or related proof) SCI or SSCI journals. The applicant must be the first or corresponding author, and the journal papers' impact factor (IF) should rank Top 25% in specific field(s) in the year when the papers are published. Please attach the papers and journal information about IF and ranking (i.e., from Clarivate Journal Citation Reports).

(2) Internationally Renowned Conference papers:

The papers already presented at internationally renowned conferences, or accepted (yet to be presented) by the organizer of the conference (to attach the acceptance letter or related proof). The applicant must be the first or corresponding author.

(3) Special Books or Book Chapters:

The special books or book chapters with originality and important academic value, as published by domestic or foreign publishers adopting some review system (including critical introduction under the Project for Translation and Annotation of Classic Literature, but excluding textbooks, artwork, translation publications or published paper compilations). If the work is accepted, but not yet published, please attach the related proof hereto.

- (4) Other professional publications with academic value.
- 3. Certificate of Joint Authorship.
- 4. Lists of publications, and other awards and experience highlights.
- (II) For the PhD student group:
 - 1. Application form
 - 2. Academic publications: Those satisfying the following requirements prior to the application deadline, for which the applicant must be the first author. Qualified papers must be published during the study period in NCKU, and the affiliation identified by the applicant must be NCKU. The applicant could list all papers that meet the qualification requirements in the application form in order to demonstrate his/her research capability. The types of publications that can be used for the Competition are as follows.
 - (1) Journal papers:

Any papers already published in or accepted for publication (to attach the acceptance letter or related proof) by SCI or SSCI journals. The journal papers' impact factor (IF) should rank Top 25% in specific field(s) in the year when the papers are published. Please attach the cover pages of the papers and journal information about the IF and ranking thereof (i.e., from Clarivate Journal Citation Reports).

(2) Internationally Renowned Conference papers:

The papers already presented at internationally renowned conferences, or accepted (yet to be presented) (to attach the acceptance letter or related proof) by the organizer of the conference.

The applicant shall attach said materials which shall be complied into an electronic file in PDF form(including the excel sheet) and mail to the handling officer before July 31, 2023.

Time	Activities
From May to Jun. 2023	The applicant shall submit the required application documents to the Office of Research and Development of NCKU.
From Jul. to Aug. 2023	Upon compilation, the Office of Research and Development transfers the applications to the colleges that will complete the professional reviews, and provide the review meeting minutes and photo.
By end of Aug. 2023	Winners of the competition finalized.
November 2023	Awarding ceremony.

IV. Schedule:

- V. Review method: (Document Review and Presentation)
 - (1) Preliminary selection: The document review, accounting for 50%, will preliminarily enroll those outperforming the others among the applicants into the second selection.
 - (2) Second selection: Requiring that the publications or works are demonstrated to the public through briefed presentation (subject to the college's characteristics, encouraged to be presented in English completely). The presentation and examiners' interview, according to the overall results, will select awardees of Outstanding Award and Excellence Award.
 - (3) The selection committee authorizes the name list of winners according to the overall results of the preliminary selection and second selection. The awarding ceremony will take place during the school's anniversary celebration.
- VI. Rewards: For each college or discipline group, no more than 1 awardee for Outstanding Award (NT\$12,000 per person, adjustable depending on the number of participants); and several awardees for Excellence Award (NT\$8,000 per person), and winners will be awarded prize and medals as the incentive. In order to promote this activity, the Principal Investigators or advisors who recommend and encourage their postdoctoral research fellows and PhD students to participate in the competition will be awarded a medal, if any of the research fellows and students win the Outstanding Award in the competition.
- VII. Handling officer

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