

2026 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(including Assistant 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(including Assistant Researchers) group:

1. Application form(Including 30% for research achievements, 30% for research content.)
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, 2024), 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(Including 30% for research achievements, 30% for research content.)
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.

IV. Due date: The applicant shall attach said materials which shall be compiled into an electronic file as a single PDF form(included excel sheet), and mail to the handling officer before July 17, 2026.

V. Schedule: (The schedule will be adjusted based on the actual receipt of application)

Time	Activities
From Jun. to Jul. 2026	The applicant shall submit the required application documents in PDF format to the Office of Research and Development of NCKU via email.
From Jul. to Oct. 2026	After being compiled compilation by the Office of Research and Development, a review will be implemented.
From Oct. to Dec. 2026	The physical poster exhibition and the awarding ceremony.

VI. Review method:

- (1) Preliminary selection: The document review, will preliminarily enroll those outperforming the others among the applicants into the second selection.
- (2) Second selection: The physical poster exhibition will be held in public. Judges will evaluate based on various criteria:40% for the poster competition (including an on-site Q&A). Outstanding and Excellent Awards will be selected and presented on-site.

The R&D office will assist with printing the poster.

Poster naming convention: (Department) (Name) – (Project Title).
(The date for the poster competition will be announced separately.)

VII. Rewards:

- (1) 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), winners will be awarded prize and medals as the incentive. The Principal Investigators or advisors will be awarded a medal.
- (2) Several awardees for Excellence Award (NT\$8,000 per person, adjustable depending on the number of participants), winners will be awarded prize and medals as the incentive. The Principal Investigators or advisors will be awarded the certificate of merit.

VIII. Handling officer

Researches and the Project Administration and Assessment Division

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