Regulations Pursuant to Master's Degree Graduate Students Transferring to the PhD Program at National Tsing Hua University

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Article 1

The postgraduates of our school and the Taiwan Union University System master's program; who have completed more than one year with excellent grades and demonstrated research potential and who have been recommended by two or more professors from the original school or related institutes and degree programs, can apply for a doctoral degree from the departments, institutes, and degree programs in our school that have doctoral programs.

The criteria for the recognition of excellent academic performance and research potential in the preceding paragraph are determined by each department, institute, and degree program. Applications are sent after careful evaluation to the Academic Affairs Office for reference.

Article 2

Postgraduates who apply for a doctoral degree should apply for the prospective program before July 31. Applications submitted by departments, institutes, and degree programs will not be accepted after the deadline. An application that is submitted at the end of the first semester will be accepted only if there are still places yet to be filled in the relevant programs.

Article 3

Postgraduates who apply to pursue a doctoral degree must submit the following documents:

- 1. A copy of the application form to pursue a doctoral degree.
- 2. A copy of the transcripts of the master's degree.
- 3. Two or more recommendation letters from professors.
- 4. Additional relevant documents required by the department, institute, and degree program.

Article 4

Each transfer application to pursue a doctoral degree should be approved at the annual meeting of the department, institute or degree program where the application is submitted and sent to the Dean for approval before August 31. The approval quota is based on 40% of the enrollment quota for the doctoral program of the

department, institute and degree program. Approval of the number of places to study for doctoral degrees across the school is based on some percentage of the entire school's enrollment

Article 5

Postgraduates who are approved to pursue a doctoral degree shall, starting from the approved academic year, be as new as the first grade of the doctoral class. Therefore, the regulations regarding the courses, length of study, and performance examinations that first-year doctoral students should follow apply all the same to them.

Article 6

After the expiration of the postgraduate study period to pursue a doctoral degree; for those who pass the qualification examination but fail the doctoral degree examination, the doctoral examination committee determines whether the doctoral dissertation meets the master's degree standards. If the doctoral dissertation meets the master's degree standards, a master could be awarded given that the other additional requirements were previously met.

Article 7

The doctoral degree transfer students originally from this university failing to pass the qualification assessment or applying for suspension of study for some reason are required to submit the application form for transfer's back to the master program.

Graduate students of the master's program who study for a doctorate across schools are in line with the previous situation. Applicants must check the application form to apply for transfer to the master's degree associated with the doctoral degree program. It is only after being approved by the chief of staff that students are allowed to transfer to the master program.

The graduate students in the preceding paragraphs are not included in the maximum length of study for the master's degree. For those who transfer back (in) during the semester, the semester is counted as the master's class.

Article 8

The above articles shall be implemented after the approval of the Academic Affairs Conference, and the same shall apply when revised.

P.S: In case of any discrepancies between the Chinese and English versions of this document, the Chinese version shall prevail.