

NATIONAL SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY

Institute of Education Regulations for Direct Pursuits from Master's Programs to Doctoral Programs

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- I. The present regulations are established according to Article 23, Paragraph 4 of “Regulations for Direct Pursuits to Doctoral Programs” proposed by the Ministry of Education.
- II. Master's students who have completed one year or more of study, show research potentials, and have manifested other exceptional performances (e.g., published theses, papers, or inventions) may apply for direct pursuits to doctoral programs with recommendations of two or more professors (including adjunct professors) in the Institute of Education (hereafter referred to as “the Institute”).
- III. Applicants must meet the following regulations:
 - A. An applicant must complete one year or more in a master's program offered in the Institute and attained 24 credits (including the credits that shall be received in the semester of application). Each applicant is limited to one application.
 - B. Applicants must publish one article or more in TSSCI, SSCI, SCI, and/or AHCI journals (or receive an acceptance letter).
 - C. An applicant must rank in the top 30% of their respective program in both semesters in the first year.
 - D. An applicant must undertake an oral examination and be approved in an institute affairs meeting.
- IV. The number of students allowed to directly enter doctoral programs in the Institute shall be no more than 40% of the total places of general doctoral student admissions of the school year for the Institute determined by the Ministry of Education. However, when the number of places is less than five, only two students shall be allowed to directly pursue the programs. The aforementioned places shall be included in the overall number of admissions determined by the Ministry of Education.
- V. Applicants must submit their applications to the Academic Affairs Office in accordance with the Institute's calendar. Late applications will not be accepted.
- VI. An applicants must submit the following documents:
 - A. Application form
 - B. All transcripts from the previous years
 - C. Letters of recommendation from two professors (including adjunct professors)
 - D. Research proposal
 - E. Certificates of exceptional performances, as stated in Article II
- VII. Approved applicants must each take 30 credits of non-thesis subjects.
- VIII. A student with direct pursuit that is unable to complete their doctoral programs or fail their doctoral candidature qualification exam shall be reviewed by the Institute. Once approved by the president, the students shall return to his/her master's program in the Institute. A student that has been transferred (back) to a master's program and successfully completes

the program, submits a thesis, and passes the qualification exams set by the Master's Degree Examination Committee may receive his/her graduate degree. The student's time in the doctoral program shall not be included in the maximum years of study.

- IX. Graduate students with direct pursuits to doctoral programs are prohibited from attending master's degree exams. If students are simultaneously approved for master's degree exams and for direct pursuits to doctoral programs, their direct pursuit eligibility shall be forfeited.
- X. The present regulations shall be implemented following approvals of institute general meetings. The same procedure shall be carried out when amendments are to be made.