



University : National Chin-Yi University of Technology
 Country : Taiwan
 Web Address : www.ncut.edu.tw

[SDGs 1] No Poverty

[1.4.4] Does your university as a body participate in policy making at local, regional, national and/or global level to implement programmes and policies to end poverty in all its dimensions?

In alignment with the government's new southbound policy and to encourage academic cooperation with NCUT from countries in the southbound region, NCUT promotes the active learning of Chinese among foreign master's and bachelor's students. This initiative aims to improve their Chinese language skills, enhancing their academic and career competitiveness upon graduation. The key points in establishing scholarships and bursaries involve conducting Chinese proficiency tests twice every semester. Based on pre- and post-test scores in Chinese, full or half scholarships will be awarded to students of the same nationality, during the same period, and in the same academic system. Over the past three years, the effectiveness of scholarships for foreign students has been demonstrated, as illustrated in following Table.

Number of foreign students obtaining scholarships in the past three years

Year	New southbound_ Bachelor (2+i added)		Foreign Student Bachelor		Master/Ph. D. programs	
	No. of students	Scholarship (NT\$)	No. of students	Scholarship (NT\$)	No. of students	Scholarship (NT\$)
2021	154	6,160,000	25	1,036,212	129	6,411,265
2022	231	6,934,009	31	1,172,358	170	8,497,405
January-July, 2023	91	1,365,000	16	596,349	112	4,814,070

The Vocational Dual System Training Project, enjoy half the tuition fee

The Vocational Dual System Training Project in Taiwan combines resources of businesses, colleges, universities, and vocational high schools to support trainees with discounts on tuition fees and a monthly allowance from business groups to ease students' financial burden. The Project provides a way of simultaneous learning and working for learners who wish to further their studies while getting paid for work. Official diplomas and a certificate of study by the MOL and the employer are issued to those who complete the training and pass the grades. The Project has offered half tuition fees for class students in the past three years. Scholarships and emergency relief funds were also available to apply for, as shown in the below table.

No. of continuing education students applying for scholarships and emergency relief funds

Year	Scholarship	Emergency relief funds	Total
2021	3,378,000	216,000	3,594,000
2022	3,317,000	291,550	3,608,550
January-July, 2023	230,000	181,550	411,550

Ministry of Education Disadvantaged Student Assistance Program:

To further support disadvantaged students in successfully attending school, NCUT assists college students whose family annual income is approximately in the bottom 40% bracket to receive subsidies from the government or the school. This ensures they can attend school with peace of mind and promotes positive academic outcomes, as demonstrated in the below Table.

Table Implementation results of the Disadvantaged Student Aid Program for day-school colleges

Year	Students	Total subsidy funds
2020	290	3,911,750
2021	295	4,050,250
2022	246	3,415,000

NCUT's Commitment to Becoming a World-Class Industrial University

NCUT has been dedicated to becoming a world-class industrial university by actively training industrial talents and supporting students from disadvantaged backgrounds. The university aligns with the government's policies to eradicate poverty and help students complete their studies, focusing on various initiatives to assist economically disadvantaged students.

Key Initiatives and Programs

1. Student Assistance Plan for Disadvantaged Students:

○ Electronic System for Fee Exemptions and Scholarships:

- In collaboration with the Computer Center, NCUT has developed an electronic system for tuition and miscellaneous fee exemptions and scholarship applications.
- This system facilitates student applications and improves administrative efficiency, ensuring that economically disadvantaged students can attend school without financial stress.

2. Digital Learning Companion Team:

○ Connecting University Students with Remote Disadvantaged Students:

- NCUT has established a digital learning companion team that connects university students with remote disadvantaged students through information equipment.
- The team provides academic guidance, encourages further studies, and enhances students' sense of belonging to the school.

3. Flexible Study and Learning Mechanism:

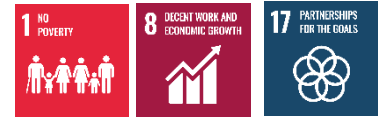
○ Policy Alignment with the Ministry of Education:

- NCUT has established a flexible study and learning mechanism that aligns with the Ministry of Education's policies.
- The university has loosened the academic year credit system for the four-year bachelor's degree program in the Department of Continuing Education.
- Students are encouraged to work first and then study, or study while working, with the option to switch from a "year credit system" to a "credit accumulation system" with a 10-year study period.
- This approach allows students to balance their career and academic pursuits without being constrained by financial or academic pressures.

4. Pilot Program for Disadvantaged Students:

● Balancing Studies and Employment:

- Disadvantaged students can balance their studies and employment according to their abilities, using their time flexibly.



- The program combines technical and vocational education theory with workplace practice, enhancing students' professional skills and employment advantages.
- The aim is to enable students to achieve workplace skills and obtain a degree flexibly.

5. Flexible Study Pilot Plan for Continuing Studies:

● Eligibility and Implementation:

- The four-year bachelor's degree program in the Department of Continuing Studies applies for the "Flexible Study Pilot Plan."
- Participants include registered juniors, seniors, extension students, and working students (including those returning from suspension, excluding special classes like the Industry-Academic Cooperation Program).
- The plan provides flexible study years for current employees and encourages young students to "employ first, then study" or "employ and study simultaneously."

NCUT's commitment to becoming a world-class industrial university is evident through its comprehensive support programs for disadvantaged students. By providing flexible study options, digital learning support, and streamlined administrative processes, NCUT ensures that all students, regardless of their financial or academic background, can pursue their education and professional development with confidence.

Establishment of the Yunus Social Enterprise Center at NCUT

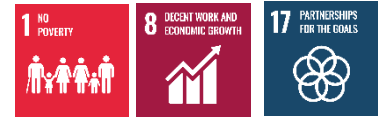
The Taiwan Yunus Foundation signed an agreement with NCUT's President Chen, Wen-Yuan and Professor Deng, Mei-Chen from the Department of Business Administration to establish the Yunus Social Enterprise Center. This center is the 12th Yunus Social Enterprise Center in Taiwan and the second in central China. Its creation underscores a commitment to addressing critical global challenges through social enterprise initiatives inspired by Dr. Muhammad Yunus, the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize laureate.

Goals and Vision

The Yunus Social Enterprise Center at NCUT aims to realize Dr. Yunus's vision of the "Three Zeros":

1. **Zero Net Carbon Emissions:** Promoting sustainable practices to reduce the carbon footprint and foster environmental stewardship.
2. **Zero Unemployment:** Creating opportunities for employment through innovative social enterprises and supporting entrepreneurial ventures.
3. **Zero Poverty:** Addressing poverty through social business models that empower communities and provide sustainable economic solutions.

Key Activities and Initiatives



To achieve these ambitious goals, the center engages in a variety of activities, including:

Tree Planting:

Organizing tree planting drives to enhance green cover, combat climate change, and promote ecological balance.

Food Waste Reduction:

Initiatives aimed at minimizing food waste through awareness campaigns, food recycling programs, and partnerships with local organizations to distribute surplus food to those in need.

Long-Term Care:

Providing support and services for the elderly and other vulnerable populations, ensuring they receive the care and attention they need.

Promoting Love Without Barriers:

Advocating for inclusivity and social cohesion by organizing events and programs that bridge social divides and promote understanding and acceptance among diverse communities.

Collaborative Efforts

The center collaborates closely with various stakeholders, including:

- **Academia:** Leveraging the expertise of faculty and the enthusiasm of students to drive research and implement innovative solutions.
- **Industry:** Partnering with businesses to develop sustainable practices and create job opportunities.
- **Community Organizations:** Working with local groups to address specific community needs and foster a spirit of collective action.

The Yunus Social Enterprise Center at NCUT represents a significant step towards achieving sustainable development goals through social enterprise. By focusing on zero net carbon emissions, zero unemployment, and **zero poverty**, the center aims to create a positive impact both locally and globally. Through activities such as tree planting, **food waste reduction**, **long-term care**, and promoting inclusivity, the center is dedicated to building a more sustainable and equitable future.