

## **TIGP-BIODIV Program Fellowship Stipend and Renewal Guidelines**

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1. The fellowship grantee receives a stipend of NT\$34,000 (approximately US\$1,100) per month from TIGP in the first year.
2. The fellowship has to be renewed at the end of the student's first year and at the end of the second year. The renewed stipend begins on September 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. The renewal evaluation for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year student will be made by two lab rotation faculty members, or a lab rotation faculty member and the organizer of a required course if only one lab rotation faculty member is available. The evaluation for a 3<sup>rd</sup> year student will be made by the thesis advisor and another member of the thesis advisory committee chosen by the student.
4. To apply for fellowship renewal, students should submit the following documents to the BIODIV program office by July 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - (1) A properly completed evaluation form.
  - (2) Transcripts of the previous academic year (from the NTNU system).
5. The renewal evaluation is based on the student's performance in coursework and in the lab.
6. The evaluation has four possible results:

Result	Average Grades	Amount of Fellowship	Term
Pass	85	34,000	One year stipend renewal granted
	80-84	31,000	
Conditional Pass	75-79	28,000	One more semester of fellowship is granted on the condition that it will be reevaluated before the next semester  The re-evaluation is done by the two previous faculty members. The evaluation form and transcript again must be submitted to the BIODIV program office
No Pass	70-74	0	Fellowship denied
Fail	~ 69	The student is not eligible to enroll for the following semester.	

7. A student who fails one or more required course will suffer a deduction of NT 3,000 per month per required course failed until the course has been passed.
8. The student should take the first Preliminary Examination before the end of the second semester (7/31); if the student does not pass the first Preliminary Examination, the student's monthly fellowship will suffer a 10,000 reduction until the student passes the examination. A "Conditional pass" status will not qualify as a "Pass".
9. The student should complete the first Thesis Proposal Oral Defense before the end of the fourth semester (7/31); if the student does not pass the first Thesis Proposal Oral Defense, the student's monthly fellowship will suffer a 10,000 reduction until the student passes the defense. A "Conditional pass" status will not qualify as a "Pass".
10. In order to receive a fellowship for the second and third years of the program, a student must also have a thesis advisor. A student who does not have an advisor will not be eligible for a

fellowship renewal. Furthermore, if a student ceases to have an advisor at any time during the second and third years of his or her fellowship, then his or her fellowship payments will cease after six months until a new advisor has been appointed.

11. Starting from the fourth year, the financial aid may be provided by student's thesis advisor. The provision of financial aid is at the advisor's sole discretion, and if an aid is given the amount may be different from that of the TIGP fellowship stipend.
12. Scientific misconduct is the violation of the standard codes of scholarly conduct and ethical behavior in professional scientific research. A student who is recognized having serious and willful scientific misconduct while handing in the assignments of every course or cheating at exams will suffer the suspending of the stipend immediately, and the course will be failed.