

## **Nano Science and Technology Program, Academia Sinica Fellowship Support and Stipends**

1. The student's stipend level is set at NT\$34,000/month (about USD\$1,130/month) for the first year.
2. For the second academic year, the student's monthly stipend will be adjusted according to his/her academic and/or research performance. Advisors evaluate students' performance and suggest the stipend level every semester to the Evaluation Ad Hoc Committee. In case of reducing the stipend level, the advisor needs to provide reasons for reduction. Students who have not decided their advisor will be reviewed by the program mentors based on their academic performance. If students do not reach an average grade of A- or B, the mentors may suggest to reduce the stipend level to NT\$31,000/month or NT\$28,000/month, respectively.
3. The Evaluation Ad Hoc Committee will decide the student's stipend level for the following semester referring to the suggestions of advisors and mentors. The stipend of NT\$34,000/month will be given only to those students who perform up to par. For the student whose performance is less satisfactory, the Evaluation Ad Hoc Committee may reduce the student's stipend level to either NT\$31,000/month or NT\$28,000/month.
4. Students who change the thesis advisor during the semester will receive the same amount of stipend decided by the Evaluation Ad Hoc Committee until the next review.
5. In subsequent years (from the 3<sup>rd</sup> year onward), the financial support will be provided by the student's thesis advisor with his/her research grant. The amount of the support will be at the discretion of the advisor.
6. The rules come in force after approved in the program committee meeting, likewise for revision of the rules.