

NATIONAL TSING HUA UNIVERSITY

Institute of Electronics Engineering

Rules Governing Master's Program Students in Direct Pursuit of a Doctoral Degree

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- Article 1 Master's degree program students at National Tsing Hua University (hereinafter, NTHU or "the University") or the University System of Taiwan who demonstrate outstanding academic performance and extraordinary research potential may apply to undertake the direct pursuit of a doctoral program at the Institute at the recommendation of at least two professors (at the rank of assistant professor or above) from their original or a related department, institute, college, or degree program.
- Article 2 Graduate students who wish to pursue a doctoral degree directly shall submit an application to the Institute Office by the announced application deadline. Late submissions will not be processed.
- Article 3 Graduate students who wish to apply to directly pursue a doctoral degree shall submit true and original copies of the following documents:
1. An application form
 2. A transcript of academic record for their master's program coursework (First-year master's program students shall submit a transcript of academic record for their undergraduate coursework.)
 3. At least two recommendation letters from different professors (at the rank of assistant professor or above)
 4. An autobiography (statement of purpose) and a study plan
 5. Other documents conducive to the review
- Article 4 Applications shall be reviewed by the Institute Affairs Office. The quota for the direct pursuit of doctoral degrees shall be subject to the University's *Rules Governing Master's Program Students in Direct Pursuit of a Doctoral Degree*.
- Article 5 Graduate students whose application is approved shall become subject to the coursework, period of study, and assessment regulations applicable to first year doctoral program students starting from the academic year in which the application is approved.
- Article 6 A graduate student who has exhausted their maximum period of study after passing the doctoral candidacy examination but failing the doctoral degree examination may have a master's degree conferred instead, provided that the examining committee determines that their dissertation meets the standards of a master's degree thesis.
- Article 7 Graduate students who are unable to pass the doctoral candidacy examination or continue with their doctoral studies may request a transfer back to their original master's program by submitting an application to the Institute Affairs Meeting for passage and then to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The student's period of study as a doctoral student shall not count towards their period of study as a master's student. If a student transfers in the middle of a semester, then that semester shall count towards their period of study as a master's degree student. Those who transfer back to their original master's program shall no longer be allowed to apply for the direct pursuit of a doctoral program.
- Article 8 These rules and any amendments made hereto shall be implemented upon passage by the Institute Affairs Meeting.

(These regulations are adopted in Chinese, which shall prevail in case of any discrepancy between the English translation and the Chinese original.)