National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University

Regulations Governing How to Award Featured Courses

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1. To encourage the school's teachers to develop innovative, practical, complete, and inspiring teaching methods, those who have managed to help students learn effectively are qualified to apply for the Featured Courses award in accordance with the regulations.
2. Teachers running courses that meet the following criteria during the academic year are eligible as candidates for a featured course award.
   A. The Innovation Category
   (1) Courses that have been awarded relevant research grants within the past three years.
   (2) Courses that have been awarded grants from the school for inspiring students and getting them involved, or other grants related to promoting teaching innovation over the past three years.
   (3) Featured courses recommended by the colleges to which the teaching units belong. In principle, each college can only recommend one course.
   B. The Trend Category
   (1) Courses recommended by the students' association.
3. The Mechanisms for Awarding Featured Courses
   (1) The Innovation Category
   The Dean of Academic Affairs or his designated representative will serve as the convener, with three to five experts and scholars from within and outside the school, along with one student representative each from undergraduate and graduate programs, being invited to form an evaluation committee.
   If necessary, the results of student-to-teacher feedback questionnaires will be considered during the evaluation process, or an applicant may be invited to give a briefing or an explanation.
   (2) The Trend Category
   Voting will be conducted after the rules are made public by the students' association.
4. Application requirements: The applicant must submit either a formal course with credits offered by the school in the year of application, or a physical education class organized by the Physical Education Center.
5. Application time: Evaluation is conducted once a year. The applicant must submit an

application form and course achievement report, together with supporting materials, to the Center for Teaching and Learning Development.

6. Award: The winners of the following awards will be selected by the evaluation committee. In principle, for each award, a maximum of five courses will be chosen per academic year, with vacancies if necessary. The same course, however, is limited to three awards. The winning courses will be awarded with certificates and bonuses approved by the President depending on the annual funds, and the teachers will also be publicly recognized.
   A. The Innovation Category
      (1) Distinguished Award: In principle, up to five courses per academic year, with five points for each course.
      (2) Outstanding Award: In principle, up to five courses per academic year, with four points for each course.
      (3) Excellence Award: In principle, up to five courses per academic year, with three points for each course.
      Each award must include at least one of the following courses offered by the school: 'general education courses', 'basic science courses', 'courses with English as a Medium of Instruction (EMI)', 'distance courses', or new courses offered over the past two years (including relevant courses organized under the school's social responsibility projects).
   B. The Trend Category
      (1) Best Popularity Award: Featured Courses the student's union has voted for: Three courses per academic year as a principle, with three points for each course.

   The point conversion rate will be determined based on the budgets of the year when evaluation is conducted.
7. Award-winning teachers must serve as speakers to share their teaching experience in related knowledge sharing sessions or activities for enhancing teaching held by the school.
8. The same course, teaching materials, or teaching aids cannot be awarded repeatedly in the same year. Teachers who have won several awards should choose to receive only one of them.
9. If more than two teachers participate in an award-winning course, the rewards should be shared by the winners based on their respective contributions.
10. The regulations and their amendments will be approved by the Academic Affairs Meeting and implemented after approval by the President.

An important notice: The English regulations are translated from the Chinese original. In case of any discrepancies between the two versions, the Chinese version takes precedence.