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NTU Scholarship Awards Ceremony: Nurturing Altruism and Empowering Dreams

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2025 Academic Year Scholarship Awards Ceremony.

On December 10, 2025, National Taiwan University held its 114th Academic Year Scholarship Awards Ceremony, presenting scholarships in 15 categories. These awards represented far more than financial assistance; they embodied the genuine practice of altruism. Scholarship recipients, faculty members, and distinguished guests gathered to celebrate the participants' perseverance and generosity, as well as the pursuit of dreams.

President Wen-Chang Chen affirmed that this academic year's honors included five university-established scholarships and ten awards sponsored by alumni, corporations, and foundations. Each scholarship—from the Mr. Chien Su-Liang Memorial Scholarship to the Lam Research Paper Award and the Outstanding Student Scholarship—carried a legacy of giving. President Chen further



Liwen Jiang, Biochemical Science and Technology student and the recipient of the Fang Song-Ren Scholarship for Indigenous Students, sharing the moment with faculty members.

encouraged the recipients to embrace this spirit, stating, *“I hope you cherish this goodwill and, one day, use your expertise to pay it forward—becoming a force for good that uplifts society.”*

The ceremony was marked by deeply moving student testimonies. Minyoung Shin, a political science student from Korea, recalled arriving in Taiwan with limited proficiency in Chinese. With the support of the International Degree Student Scholarship, she overcame linguistic and cultural challenges to become a fluent orientation ambassador. Her journey illustrates how receiving such support can inspire leadership and a lasting commitment to service.

Equally powerful was the story shared by Liwen Jiang, a student in Biochemical Science and Technology and recipient of the Fang Song-Ren Scholarship for Indigenous Students. Speaking partly in Amis, she recounted losing her mother and battling cancer during her teenage years. Now pursuing cancer research to help others, she asserted, *“No matter how life fluctuates, I can still choose the direction to move forward.”* Her story exemplifies how altruistic support can transform personal hardship into a vision for the public good.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, student representatives led the recipients in a deep bow of gratitude to the faculty members and scholarship sponsors. Everyone in the hall felt their spirit of appreciation and hope. Much more than a celebration of achievement, the ceremony stood as a powerful testament to the synergy between generosity and aspiration—demonstrating how, at NTU, compassion becomes hope and perseverance turns dreams into positive action.



The recipient of Lam Research Paper Award and Outstanding Student Scholarship (left) and the recipient of NTU Outstanding International Graduate Student Scholarship (right) receiving the honor alongside faculty members.