

Yuan Ze University Regulations on the Young Scholar Research Award (YSRA)

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- Article 1 These regulations are specifically formulated to encourage YZU's young faculty members to undertake research work, cultivate the ability to create academic works independently, and attain the credentials for promotion, thereby improving YZU's research atmosphere.
- Article 2 Number of recipients and award amount: The award shall be granted to 1–5 YZU faculty members in each academic year. Each award amounts to NT\$200,000.
- Article 3 Qualifying criteria
All full-time faculty members **within the official staffing complement YZU** who are below the age of 45, hold the appointment of associate professor, and conform to the below may apply. For female applicants who have given birth before the age of 45, an extension of two years shall be granted for each birth, subject to the submission of the relevant certifying documents. Applicants must have published outstanding research findings in YZU's capacity and received recommendations by their faculties/institutes/centers. **However, they must not have previously received any YZU awards above the level of the Research Excellence Award for Faculty Members and not have received the Young Scholars Research Award within the past three years, including the current year, as indicated in the official award confirmation document.** Applicants' age and years of service are determined as at August 31 of the current year.
- Article 4 Supporting documents:
1. Application form
2. List of research achievements and photocopies of representative works
3. Brief statement of research journey and important achievements
- Article 5 A YSRA review committee comprising 7–11 members shall be convened. Each college shall recommend 1–2 outstanding scholars and experts in the related fields from within and outside YZU. The Office of Research and Development shall compile a list of nominees and obtain the approval of the YZU's President for the final list of committee members and the convener to be designated.
- Article 6 Procedures for application and review:
1. *Application*: Applicants shall submit the relevant supporting documents to their respective colleges before the end of August each year.
2. *Preliminary review*: This shall be conducted at college-level meetings and completed before the end of October. The reasons for the final recommendations shall be duly stated. A maximum of two applicants shall be selected for the final review by the YSRA committee.
3. *Final review*: More than two-thirds of the YSRA committee members shall be present to deliberate each application. The approval of more than two-thirds of the committee members shall be obtained before each award winner is confirmed.
- Article 7 The confirmed YSRA winners are obliged to participate and host research activities relevant to strengthening YZU's research achievements. **They must remain in service at YZU for two years following the completion of the award period, as specified in the official award agreement.** If they were to resign for any reason and transfer to another college before the expiration of their term of office or during the period within which they are to be in office, they shall reimburse YZU the full amount awarded within one month of submitting their resignations.
- Article 8 These regulations, as well as all subsequent revisions therewith, shall be duly adopted by the Administrative Council prior to implementation.