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[SDGs 1] No Poverty

[1.3.3] Does your university as a body provide support (e.g. food, housing, transportation, legal services) for students from low income families to enable them to complete university?

NCUT upholds the principle of educational equity by providing strong institutional support for students from low-income families. The university ensures that financial hardship does not hinder academic success through integrated assistance mechanisms encompassing tuition, housing, meals, transportation, and emergency support. These initiatives form part of NCUT's "Safe Schooling Program" under the **Ministry of Education's Higher Education Deep Cultivation Plan (2024–2025)**, aimed at reducing inequality (SDG 1), promoting quality education (SDG 4), and fostering inclusive growth (SDG 10).

1. Financial and Academic Support

1.1 Tuition and Fee Waivers

- Full or partial tuition exemptions for students officially classified under low-income or mid–low-income categories.
- Scholarships such as the *Hope for Admission* and *Diligence Subsidy* reward perseverance and reduce dropout risks.
- Emergency aid funds provide immediate assistance during crises (e.g., family illness or job loss).

1.2 Work–Study and Employment Opportunities

- Over 400 work–study positions created annually in administration, laboratories, and campus maintenance.
- The "Meet Your Mentor Program" pairs economically disadvantaged students with industry mentors who offer career guidance and scholarship funding.

1.3 Academic Counseling and Learning Support

- One-on-one tutoring, remedial programs, and professional counseling are available through the *Student Counseling Center*.
 - Specialized career planning courses help disadvantaged students align study choices with viable employment pathways.
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2. Living and Well-Being Assistance

2.1 Housing Support

- NCUT guarantees affordable dormitory placement for low-income students and offers **rent subsidies** up to NT\$6,000 per semester.
- Dormitories provide safe, supervised, and inclusive environments, equipped with common kitchens for cost-effective meal preparation.

2.2 Food Assistance

- The university cafeteria and partnered convenience stores offer “**low-cost meal plans**” subsidized by NCUT’s welfare fund.
- In emergencies, the *Student Life Support Committee* provides food coupons or grocery subsidies.
- Nutrition campaigns promote healthy and economical eating habits, aligning with the university’s sustainability policies.

2.3 Transportation Assistance

- Free or discounted campus shuttle services and subsidies for public transportation enable commuting students to attend classes safely.
- For students from remote areas, NCUT covers partial travel expenses at semester start and end.

2.4 Health and Counseling Services

- Free annual health examinations and mental-health workshops are provided.
- The *Well-Being Counseling Center* ensures psychological support, particularly during academic stress periods.

3. Legal and Emergency Assistance

- NCUT’s *Office of Student Affairs* collaborates with legal clinics and local government welfare departments to provide free legal consultation for students encountering financial or family-related disputes.
- The university maintains a confidential “Emergency Response Fund” that provides immediate financial aid within 24 hours of application approval.

4. External and Community Partnerships

4.1 Corporate Sponsorships

- Since 2018, NCUT has raised over NT\$28 million from industry partners to fund low-income student scholarships and internships.

- Companies including HIWIN, SINKO, and Panasonic support disadvantaged students through job placements and mentorships.

4.2 Government and NGO Collaboration

- Collaboration with the Ministry of Education enables matching funds for student support programs.
- Joint initiatives with NGOs and alumni foundations extend resources to community outreach, improving access to higher education for rural youth.

5. Monitoring and Evaluation

- NCUT's *Office of Student Affairs* and *Center for Institutional Research* conduct biannual reviews of student welfare data, measuring:
 - Retention and graduation rates among disadvantaged students.
 - Utilization rates of financial aid programs.
 - Feedback from student satisfaction surveys.
- Results inform ongoing policy refinement to ensure program effectiveness and transparency.

NCUT Support Mechanisms for Low-Income Students

Category of Support	Program/Measure	Key Features	Target Group	Scale (2023–2024)	Outcome / Impact
Financial Assistance	Tuition and Fee Exemptions	100 % exemption for low-income; 60 % reduction for middle-income students	Verified low-income & middle-income households	> 250 students in 2024 benefited	Reduced financial burden and improved retention rate
Examination Fee Subsidies	Full subsidy for registration, transportation and accommodation fees for entrance exams	Free interview shuttle service and lodging support	Low-income, Indigenous and remote-area students	259 students supported in 2024	Enhanced admission equity and access to higher education
Free Accommodation	“Free Dorm Beds for Disadvantaged Students” policy	At least 3 % of on-campus and 1 % of partner beds reserved for eligible students; priority by family income and academic record	Low-income, special-circumstance families, students with disabilities, Indigenous students	≥ 50 free beds per year (2022 – 2024)	Ensured safe and affordable housing for financially vulnerable students

Food and Living Support	Work-study and Living Allowance Programs	Monthly learning-based subsidies (NT\$ 7,500–20,000 per month); funded through MOE and external donations	Economically disadvantaged students	638 students assisted in 2023 with NT\$ 11.9 million aid	Average grant NT\$ 47,658 per student; increased study time and academic progress
Transportation Support	Free Shuttle Service and Travel Allowance for Interviews and Internships	Shuttle between Taichung Rail / HSR Stations and campus for exam days	Students participating in second-stage admissions or externships	> 750 rides served in 2024	Improved mobility and reduced logistical barriers
Mentorship & Career Support	“Meet Your Mentor (Benefactor) Program” and “Rotary Bridge for Life” Plan	Corporate mentors provide career guidance and NT\$ 120,000 annual scholarship each	Students from low-income backgrounds	15 beneficiary students (2023); total aid NT\$ 1.8 million	Enhanced career readiness and social capital
Academic Support	MOOCs, Self-Learning and Certificate Subsidy Programs	Online learning rewards and certification grants (NT\$ 2,000 – 7,500 per student per course)	All disadvantaged students	> 1,100 participants in 2023 – 2024	Promoted academic confidence and skills development
External Fundraising for Aid	Corporate and Alumni Donations Fund (C2)	Annual corporate and foundation donations support financial aid pool	Economically disadvantaged students	NT\$ 3.7 million raised in 2024 (100% execution rate)	Long-term financial sustainability of aid programs



6. Impact and SDG Alignment



Area of Impact	NCUT Initiative	Relevant SDGs
Financial accessibility	Tuition waivers, scholarships, fundraising programs	SDG 1 (No Poverty)
Equal opportunity	Safe Schooling and flexible study systems	SDG 4 (Quality Education)
Gender inclusion	Scholarships for women in STEM	SDG 5 (Gender Equality)
Community partnership	Corporate mentorship and NGO collaboration	SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities)
Sustainable welfare	Long-term support through alumni and industry funding	SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals)

NCUT’s integrated welfare and support systems ensure that every student—regardless of economic background—has equitable access to education, housing, nutrition, and well-being services. By addressing both financial and non-financial barriers, NCUT not only enhances student retention and graduation outcomes but also upholds its mission of education for all, sustainability for the future, aligning firmly with Taiwan’s national development goals and the UN SDGs.