

# NO POVERTY



2019-2023  
Publications

70



2019-2023  
Percentage of all  
Taiwan Publications

9.8%



Course Units

180



Student Engagements  
with Units on SDG 1

4,519

## Research

### Protecting the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Persons with disabilities often face significant financial challenges due to the high medical costs they may incur, putting them at an economic disadvantage. Professor Christy Pu from the university's Institute of Public Health conducted a study investigating the sources of income for persons with disabilities and how these sources impact their overall income. The study found that work income constitutes the largest portion of their income, but the effect on total income varies depending on the income source. Additionally, the study observed significant differences in income sources across different age groups. The research suggests that disability policies should be designed to ensure the long-term sustainability of income sources for persons with disabilities. These findings have been published in the international journal *Plos One*.

### Association Between Socioeconomic Status and Cancer Risk

Cancer is the second leading cause of death worldwide and in the United States. A research team led by Associate Professor Jason Liu from the university's Institute of Public Health analyzed data from the U.S. National Health Interview Survey to study participation in breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer screenings. The results showed that individuals with lower educational levels, no health insurance, or living in poverty had a higher prevalence of never having been screened for these cancers. Additionally, the usage rate of colorectal cancer screening procedures was particularly low. These research findings have been published in the international journal *Cancer Causes & Control*.

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## Social Impact

### International Volunteer Team

#### Serving the Underprivileged in India

The university's "India International Volunteer Team Jullay" has collaborated with Jamyang School in India for 14 years. In addition to planning themed courses, the team continues to raise educational funds for the school's children and promote sponsorship programs to help impoverished students complete their education. They have also launched a library project to help the school build a reading space. The 2024 service plan includes more diverse themed courses, such as local news, digital education, recycled art, and menstrual equity. The team also helped the school acquire 23 refurbished computers donated by ASUS, 8 second-hand cameras, 7 sets of the Coding Ocean board game, and 419 English books to enhance the school's digital equipment for teachers and expand reading resources for students.

### In-Depth Community Visits to the Elderly

Under the "Health and Happiness in Yilan City" project by the university-affiliated Yang Ming Chiao Tung University Hospital, Professor Pesus Chou from the Master's Program in Public Health established the "Crusaders Yilan Team," which has been operating for 12 years. In 2023, with the theme "In-Depth Community, Exploring the Future," the team continued its outreach services in rural areas, providing care and promoting the vision of healthy aging in Daxin, Shennong, and Minquan neighborhoods in Yilan City during a six-day service event. Historically, the team has mostly consisted of students from the medical school. However, in 2023, it welcomed new members from the College of Electrical Engineering, College of Management, and College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, introducing innovative ideas and experiences through interdisciplinary collaboration.

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## Education & Cultivation

### Admission Channels for Disadvantaged Students

To help more disadvantaged students improve their circumstances through higher education, the university's undergraduate individual application program established the "Tunmeng Track." This track provides a special admission screening mechanism for disadvantaged students, including lowering the entrance exam score requirements, simplifying the screening process, reducing application fees, and offering transportation and accommodation subsidies during the exam period. These measures aim to increase admission opportunities for disadvantaged students, narrow the educational resource gap caused by wealth and urban-rural divides and differences, and create new opportunities for talent cultivation in higher education.

### Courses for Caring for the Disadvantaged

The university's Service Learning Center offers a course titled "Healthy Meals and Caring for the Disadvantaged." This course teaches students about ingredients, equipment, and the practical skills needed to prepare healthy meals through hands-on snack-making exercises. The meals prepared by the students are sold for charity, with the proceeds donated to social welfare organizations to support disadvantaged groups. The course aims to raise awareness of the needs of marginalized populations and provide tangible help, fostering positive social change and promoting kindness and compassion in society.

## Stewardship

### Short-Term Overseas Scholarship Program for Economically Disadvantaged Students

To ensure that economically disadvantaged students have the opportunity and sufficient resources to participate in short-term overseas exchange programs, the university has implemented the "Short-Term Overseas Scholarship Program for Economically Disadvantaged Students." This program provides financial assistance for economically disadvantaged students to participate in semester exchanges, dual-degree programs, short-term courses at partner universities, and overseas internships. Eligible students include those from low- and middle-income households, individuals with disabilities, children from families facing special circumstances, and indigenous students. In 2024, the university sponsored 12 economically disadvantaged students for overseas exchanges, including 8 for semester exchanges and 4 for short-term courses at partner universities, with subsidies totaling NT\$700,000. The students' exchange destinations included South Korea, France, the Czech Republic, Belgium, and Singapore. This program reduces the impact of inequality and poverty, enhances the university's international reputation, and expands global partnerships.

### Emergency Financial Assistance

The university has established the "Emergency Financial Assistance Program" in collaboration with campus and social resources to assist students facing financial difficulties due to illness, family emergencies, or unexpected crises. This program provides appropriate financial support through a dedicated account governed by the "NYCU Student Emergency Assistance Regulations." The financial aid ranges from NT\$5,000 to NT\$30,000, depending on the severity of the situation, to alleviate students' financial burdens caused by illness or unforeseen events, helping them continue their studies without disruption.