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## Research on the Connotation Development of Multi-Scholarship Policy System for Postgraduates Under the New Situation

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**Abstract:** Under the background of full tuition for graduate education, the scholarship system is an important measure for graduate students to obtain study life security and stimulate their enthusiasm for scientific research, and it is also an important part of the postgraduate training system. Through the analysis, it is found that there are some problems in the postgraduate scholarship policy system, such as being out of touch with ideological and political education, imperfect system construction and unclear ideological efficiency. To continuously establish and improve a long-term and diversified policy system for graduate students' scholarships will help to fully stimulate the vitality of graduate education and promote the development of graduate education quality. In addition, the research strives to make the postgraduate scholarship system more diversified, further improve the quality of postgraduate training, and run the education-supporting work through the whole process of postgraduate training to promote the sustainable and healthy development of postgraduate education. Constantly establishing and perfecting a long-term and diversified policy system for postgraduate awards and assistance will help to fully stimulate the vitality of postgraduate education and promote the development of postgraduate education quality.

**Keywords:** postgraduate scholarship; award and assistance system; connotation development

### 1. Introduction

Graduate students are the new force of scientific research and innovation in the new era. Under the new situation, the funding system for graduate students in colleges and universities should be constantly improved and developed in line with the needs of the times and the turn of the times. As an important part of the postgraduate training mechanism, the construction and perfection of postgraduate scholarship policy plays a fundamental and vital role in promoting the development of postgraduate education. It is not only a prerequisite to ensure the steady improvement of graduate education quality, but also a key link to realize fair distribution, flexible regulation and optimization of education structure. In-depth exploration and implementation of a diversified postgraduate scholarship policy system can not only effectively improve the training level of postgraduate students, but also inject strong impetus into the long-term and steady development of postgraduate education. In addition, it is of inestimable value to construct a long-term and diversified scholarship policy framework for fully activating the inherent potential of graduate education and promoting the harmonious progress of graduate education in scale, structure, quality and efficiency.

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To strengthen the support and investment for postgraduate education is of great significance to enhance the comprehensive national strength of the country. According to the introduction of national policies, at present, China has established an all-round funding system led by the government and actively participated by schools and society, mainly including national scholarships and grants, national student loans, tuition reduction and exemption, living allowances, work-study programs and other policies. In 2023, the national financial investment was 93.2 billion yuan, and more than 31 million college students were funded. Through financial discount and other policies, banks were supported to issue 70 billion yuan of national student loans.

## **2. The Importance of Postgraduate Scholarship Policy**

### *2.1. Scholarship Concept*

Scholarship is a form of economic reward, which aims to commend and encourage students who have made outstanding achievements in study, scientific research, social practice, cultural and sports activities or moral quality. It is a special fund set up by the government, schools, social organizations, enterprises or individuals, which is used to fund and motivate students to continue to pursue Excellence, give play to their potential and set an example for other students. Different scholarships may have different selection criteria and emphases, which are rewarding, non-repayable, diverse and competitive.

Scholarship is a form of financial assistance, which aims to help some students with financial difficulties to reduce their financial burden and successfully complete their studies. Unlike scholarships, grants focus more on providing financial support than simply rewarding academic achievements or special talents. Grants are usually used to help students pay tuition, living expenses, teaching materials and other learning-related expenses, which are characterized by financial assistance, no repayment and diversity.

### *2.2. The Importance of Postgraduate Scholarship Policy*

In recent years, with the enrollment expansion of colleges and universities, the scale of postgraduate education has also expanded rapidly, accompanied by the decline in the quality of postgraduate training. Graduate students, as the direct beneficiaries of the scholarship system, should be the main body of the scholarship system, and all the scholarship work should fully reflect their will and be implemented in practice, so as to meet their needs to the maximum extent and encourage them to study hard and devote themselves to scientific research [1].

Under the new situation of deepening the reform of postgraduate education in China, the ideological and political education in colleges and universities has opened a new attempt and exploration. Colleges and universities have built a diversified postgraduate scholarship system, which has effectively reduced the economic pressure on graduate students. According to the individual differences of students, colleges and universities flexibly distribute grants, which guarantees the rights and interests of vulnerable groups and provides a stable space for the development of various disciplines and majors. In addition, colleges and universities have increased policy support, improved relevant laws and regulations, and defined the guiding principles of graduate students' scholarships, which further stimulated the competitiveness of graduate students, thus improving the overall learning quality. It is worth noting that perfecting the policy of scholarship and aid is a key link in the reform of postgraduate training mechanism in China. Under the new situation of deepening the reform of postgraduate education in China, the ideological and political education in colleges and universities has opened a new attempt and exploration. Colleges and universities have built a diversified postgraduate scholarship system, which has effectively reduced the economic pressure on graduate students. According to the individual differences of students, colleges and universities flexibly distribute grants, which guarantees the rights and interests of vulnerable groups and provides a stable space for the development of various disciplines and majors. In addition, colleges and universities

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At present, although there is a "subsidized" award-aid policy in colleges and universities, it is still insufficient in giving play to the function of ideological and political education. In contrast, the "developmental" scholarship policy can better integrate the concept of "developmental" scholarship with ideological and political education in colleges and universities by optimizing the evaluation criteria, strengthening policy propaganda, ensuring the fairness of the evaluation and distribution process, and paying attention to the follow-up management in the later period, helping the aided graduate students to establish firm beliefs, cultivate self-reliance and enhance their sense of responsibility, so that they can cherish their lives more and deepen their gratitude to society.

The reform of postgraduate scholarship system plays an important role in the field of postgraduate education and management, and funding education is a key task that needs long-term commitment. As an important part of higher education, with the reform of its tuition system, graduate education has put forward higher requirements for the improvement of the supporting scholarship system. The postgraduate scholarship system not only reflects the orientation of postgraduate education, but also directly affects the quality of postgraduate education. In order to strengthen the systematic construction of graduate scholarships, we need to start from three aspects: the purpose, process and effect of student evaluation, and carry out comprehensive and in-depth thinking by implementing strategies such as classified guidance, separation of awards and assistance, scientific evaluation, follow-up feedback and strengthening team building, so as to fully stimulate the actual effectiveness of graduate scholarships.

It is a complex and systematic process to construct the guarantee system of graduate scholarships, which requires not only the active efforts of the graduate management department of the school, but also the close cooperation between the majority of graduate students and graduate tutors [2]. Only by ensuring the scientific advancement and steady development of the postgraduate scholarship guarantee system can we better promote the cultivation of outstanding talents and further improve the overall quality of postgraduate education in colleges and universities [3].

### **3. Value Implication of Postgraduate Scholarship Policy System**

As an important part of the postgraduate training mechanism, the postgraduate scholarship policy plays an important role in promoting the development of postgraduate education [4]. During the reform of postgraduate training mechanism in China, the establishment and improvement of postgraduate scholarship system plays a fundamental and key role, is an important cornerstone to ensure the quality of postgraduate training, and is also an indispensable part to realize fair guarantee, effective regulation and structural optimization. It is particularly important to innovate the postgraduate scholarship policy as an important part and breakthrough of the reform [5]. Exploring the policy system of multiple awards for graduate students is of positive significance for improving the quality of graduate education and promoting the steady progress of graduate education.

Through in-depth analysis and summary, the significance of the postgraduate scholarship policy system is mainly reflected in the following aspects:

- 1) Promote fairness and equal opportunities. By setting up various scholarships, grants and other forms of financial assistance, the financial burden of students with poor family economic conditions can be reduced, so that more talented students can get the opportunity to receive high-quality postgraduate education, and further promote social equity and equal educational opportunities.

- 2) Stimulate learning and scientific research. Through the measures of scholarships, it can effectively motivate graduate students to study hard and conduct in-depth scientific research, improve their academic ability and research level, and thus improve the learning atmosphere and research quality of the whole graduate group.
- 3) Support innovation and personnel training. Providing post subsidies such as research assistants and teaching assistants can not only improve the living expenses of graduate students, but also enable them to really participate in the actual teaching and research work, which is of great significance for cultivating students' practical ability and innovation ability.
- 4) Enhance international competitiveness. Through the perfect and sound policy system of awards and assistance, outstanding talents at home and abroad can be attracted to further study, which will promote the international influence and competitiveness of China's higher education.
- 5) Promoting discipline development and social services. Encouraging graduate students to engage in research work in frontier fields through scholarship policy will help promote the development of related disciplines, encourage graduates to work at the grassroots level or participate in voluntary service, and promote social services and local economic development.

#### **4. Conclusion and Prospect**

##### *4.1. Conclusion*

Moral education is the fundamental task of colleges and universities, and funding education is an important link in ideological and political work in colleges and universities. As an important part of the postgraduate training mechanism, the postgraduate scholarship system plays an important role in promoting the development of postgraduate education. It is of great significance for the sustainable development of graduate students to strengthen the function of aiding and educating people, stimulate the endogenous motivation of aided students, strengthen their political consciousness and cultivate them to practice socialist core values.

Through an in-depth analysis of the concept, classification and current situation of the postgraduate scholarship system and its practical application in ideological and political education in colleges and universities, we will find that although the ideological and political education in colleges and universities is not closely integrated with the postgraduate scholarship policy, the multi-scholarship system that has been established at present has alleviated the economic pressure of graduate students to a certain extent. At the same time, colleges and universities have implemented differentiated scholarships according to the individual differences of students, effectively protecting the rights and interests of vulnerable groups and providing strong support for the development of various disciplines and majors. As the continuous improvement of the scholarship policy, the concept of "development-oriented" scholarship has been closely combined with ideological and political education in colleges and universities, guiding the aided graduate students to establish firm beliefs, cultivate self-reliance and enhance their sense of responsibility, so as to cherish life more and enhance their gratitude to society. Meanwhile, the scientific advancement and steady development of the postgraduate scholarship guarantee system will help to promote the cultivation of outstanding talents and improve the quality of postgraduate education in colleges and universities.

##### *4.2. Outlook*

With the rapid development of China's higher education and the continuous expansion of the scale of postgraduate education, the policy system of multiple awards for postgraduate students is also facing continuous optimization and development. In the future,

the construction of postgraduate scholarship policy system will pay more attention to fairness and accuracy, diversification and individualization, dynamic adjustment mechanism, enhancing transparency and credibility, strengthening incentives, increasing social participation, and international perspective.

In order to meet the needs of different students, the scholarship policy will tend to be more diversified and comprehensive, including not only traditional scholarships, grants and other forms, but also more fields, such as scientific research and innovation support, international exchange opportunities, etc., and will pay more attention to cultivating talents with international vision, enhance their international competitiveness, ensure the effectiveness and timeliness of the policy, better serve the national development strategy and the growth and success needs of the majority of graduate students, give full play to their effectiveness in funding and educating people, and focus on the precise and dynamic scholarship policy system.

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