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'BLOOD OR GRADES': TAIWAN UNIVERSITY UNDER FIRE FOR RESEARCH COERCION



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Student-athletes at National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU) have alleged they were coerced by their coach/educator into participating in a research project that involved intensive blood extraction. Failure to participate will result in loss of academic credits. The case has raised public concerns, with DPP lawmakers and students demanding investigations into possible ethical breaches, coercion, and misuse of research funds.

In response, NTNU suspended the educator involved, issued a public apology, and launched an internal review. Taiwan's Education and Health Ministries are now investigating the incident and considering disciplinary and funding consequences.

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