

## **Questions Related to Taiwan Scholarship**

### **What are the benefits?**

1. Tuition (including Credit Fee) and Miscellaneous Fee Subsidy: Ministry of Education (MOE) of the Republic of China (Taiwan) will pay for each scholarship recipient the above-mentioned tuition and miscellaneous fees up to NT\$40,000 per semester; where the amount is over NT\$40,000, the remainder will be paid by the scholarship recipient.
2. Stipend: a monthly stipend of NT\$15,000 (approx. 360 euros, subject to exchange rate) for undergraduate, or NT\$20,000 (approx. 480 euros, subject to exchange rate) for graduate recipient will be distributed through the school to cover their living and other expenses.

**Other fees may include, but are not limited to, “Thesis Advising Fee,” “Insurance,” “Dormitory Fee,” “Computer & Network Fee,” etc. These additional expenses will be the sole responsibility of the recipient.**

### **How long is the award period?**

The award period for each study program varies as follows:

1. Bachelor’s program: maximum 4 years
2. Master’s program: maximum 2 years.
3. Doctoral program: maximum 4 years. (New longer period starting 2012)

### **Can I extend the award period if I do not obtain my degree in time?**

No. For example, if you do not finish your Master’s program in two years, you need to pay for your own tuition from the third year on. The monthly stipend will be stopped after the maximum period.

### **What is Maximum Duration of Combination of Awards?**

Upon completion of a degree program, recipients may reapply for Taiwan Scholarship to undertake a higher degree program. However, the maximum duration of each recipient’s total award period is 5 years.

### **What is the Annual Award Period**

The Annual award period is **from September 1st through August 31st of the following year**. Recipients must report to their school and matriculate within the required period. If recipients fail to arrive in Taiwan to register and study during this period, unless approved in advance by the receiving institution and the MOE, their award status will be cancelled and cannot be deferred.

### **When is the application deadline?**

April 15, 2016

### **What documents should be included in the application package?**

1. One copy of the completed Taiwan Scholarship application form.
2. One photocopy of passport or other nationality certificates.
3. One photocopy of the highest-level diploma and an official complete grade transcript. Both documents should be in Chinese or in English. If not, a certified Chinese or English translation should be attached.
4. A photocopy of admission application materials to universities/colleges in Taiwan (e.g., photocopies of application fee remittance, application form, receipt of application from universities/colleges, email confirmation).
5. Two recommendation letters in English or in Chinese, sealed in envelopes and signed by the recommenders (i.e. the principals, professors, or supervisors, etc.). Photocopies and email submissions of letters of recommendation will not be considered.
6. A photocopy of test score report or certificate of language proficiency.
  - i. If you are applying for a degree program taught fully or partially in Chinese language, it is necessary to include a certificate or score of the “Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language” (TOCFL) **Band B (Level 3 + Level 4)** or above.
  - ii. In the case of applying for degree programs taught in English, a photocopy of test score report of TOEFL should be included. A diploma of a degree program taught in English is also acceptable.

### **Can I take the TOCFL exam in Europe?**

Yes. There will be one TOCFL exam held on April 9, 2016 in Vienna, Austria. More information regarding TOCFL exam in Austria will be released on the website of the Taipei Representative Office in Hungary ([www.taiwanembassy.org/hu](http://www.taiwanembassy.org/hu), or [tro.hu](http://tro.hu)).

**What kind of language certificates do I need?**

If you apply for degree programs taught in Mandarin, you need to present a copy of TOCFL certificate of Band B (level 3) or above that level. If you apply for degree programs taught fully in English, you need to enclose a copy of TOEFL certificate.

**Is HSK certificate acceptable?**

No. TOCFL certificate is the only one accepted in this program.

**Where can I find information about degree programs taught fully in English?**

<http://www.studyintaiwan.org/event/sit85/index.html>

**Do I need to apply for university admission before I apply for the scholarship?**

Yes.

**What happens if I am selected as a scholarship candidate but my application to the university is rejected?**

Unfortunately in that case one becomes disqualified for the scholarship program.

**Can I apply to more than one university? Do I have to attach all university applications to my TS application?**

Yes. You may apply for more than one degree programs. Please list all the programs you applied in your scholarship application form and attach related materials in your application documents.

**Where can I download the application form?**

<http://www.taiwanembassy.org/hu> or [tro.hu](http://tro.hu)

**Can I apply from abroad? How should I apply for the scholarship?**

Yes. Please send the application package to **Taipei Representative Office in Hungary, 1088 Budapest, Rakoczi ut 1-3/II em, Hungary** by the deadline. You may choose to mail it by post or deliver it in person. Please note that email application is not acceptable.

**I am in the last year of my BA study. Can I apply for MA program starting in fall 2016?**

Yes. You may apply with the transcripts of your BA study and present your diploma before matriculation.

**Can one work in Taiwan while studying as a recipient of Taiwan Scholarship?**

The amendment of the Taiwan Scholarship Program passed in December 2015 Scholarship relaxed the restrictions on employment. A scholarship holder may work in Taiwan with permission of the related authority. A foreign national who seeks to work in Taiwan will need to apply for permission in accordance with the Employment Service Act.

**General Questions for both Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES) and Taiwan Scholarship (TS) Program:**

**Can I apply for the HES/TS if I have never learned Chinese before?**

Yes.

**Can I apply if I am currently not enrolled to any school?**

Yes.

**Whom should I asked for recommendation letters if I learn Mandarin with a private teacher, or if I finished academic study a few years ago? Do you have a set format for the recommendation letter?**

Besides lecturers in academic institutions, supervisors in your career field can also provide references for your scholarship application. Please choose those who work closely with you so that they can present a convincing reference. There is no fixed form for recommendation letters, which should be in English or Chinese, sealed and signed by the person who recommends you. Email recommendation is not acceptable.

**Besides the required documents, what else can I enclose in my application?**

If you have received some outstanding awards that are related to your future study in Taiwan, you may present such records. Any documents you deem helpful for the evaluation can be attached to your CV.

**Is there an age limit for applicants?**

Yes. One must be above 18 years of age.

**I am in high school now. Can I apply?**

If you are older than 18, the answer is yes.

### **Is the financial support of the scholarship program sufficient for the cost of living in Taiwan?**

The scholarship programs sponsored by the Ministry of Education of the Republic of China aim at encouraging foreigners to explore academic life in Taiwan, but not at covering every expenses during their stay in Taiwan. We highly recommend serious applicants to prepare a realistic financial plan before they go to Taiwan. Please be aware that the cost of living in every city varies. Personal preferences of housing and boarding also attribute to great differences in costs.

### **What kind of health insurance do I need?**

The student who receives the scholarship should be insured according to the regulations. If one stays less than 6 months, s/he should be advised by the school to register for proper insurance against accidents. When studying more than 6 months, from the 7th months on he should join the national health insurance program.

### **Do I need a health check-up for my TS/HES application?**

Health check-up is required after you are awarded the scholarship and before you apply for a resident visa to Taiwan.