

Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Muscat, Oman

2026 Taiwan Scholarship Program Guidelines

- I. In order to encourage outstanding Omani students to undertake degree studies in Taiwan, thereby gaining an understanding of Taiwan's academic and educational environment and enhancing mutual understanding and friendship between the Republic of China (Taiwan) and countries around the world, the Ministry of Education of the Republic of China (Taiwan) (abbreviated below to "MOE") will offer 4 Taiwan Scholarship awards in 2026 to outstanding Omani students for pursuing undergraduate and graduate studies in Taiwan.
- II. **Benefits for Each Scholarship Recipient:**
 - (i) Tuition and miscellaneous expenses (i.e. the course-credit fees, and miscellaneous basic fees): The MOE will sponsor up to NTD 40,000 tuition and miscellaneous expenses each semester for each recipient. If the above expenses exceed a total amount of NTD40,000, the difference shall be paid to the university/college by the student. The "miscellaneous expenses" do not include any of the following: processing fees, thesis supervision fee, insurance premiums, accommodation, or internet service fee. The above fees are the responsibility of the scholarship recipient.
 - (ii) Living allowance: The MOE provides each recipient with a monthly stipend of NTD15,000 for undergraduate studies; a monthly stipend of NTD20,000 for graduate studies.
- III. **Scholarship Duration and Time Limits:**
 - (i) The maximum time period for a Taiwan Scholarship recipient is: four years for bachelor's degree studies, two years for master's degree programs, and four years for doctorate programs. The maximum total period that any one person may hold a Taiwan Scholarship is five years.
 - (ii) The Taiwan Scholarship 2026 begins on September 1 and ends on August 31 of the following year. Recipients must arrive in Taiwan and register at their university/college at the scheduled time. It is not permitted to defer taking up a Taiwan Scholarship until the following year. A student who is unable to arrive in Taiwan and

register at the university/college at the scheduled time will be considered to have forfeited their scholarship eligibility, unless the student has notified the university/college and the MOE beforehand and been given permission for a delayed arrival and registration.

- (iii) Living allowance will be disbursed starting from the month of enrollment, and will be ended upon the expiration of the scholarship period, or when the recipient graduates, withdraws, expelled, or has his/her Taiwan Scholarship revoked.

IV. Eligibility:

- (i) Applicants must be an Omani national with a secondary school graduation diploma or a post-secondary degree(s), with excellent academic performance, and be of good moral character.
- (ii) **Applicants must apply directly to the university/college for admission within the application deadline. Each university/college sets its own application deadline.**
- (iii) A person in any of the following categories is ineligible to apply:
 1. An ROC (Taiwan) national or an overseas Taiwanese student.
 2. A person who already has student status at any university/college in Taiwan or who has already registered to begin studies at such a university/college. This restriction does not apply to students who are graduating from a university or college in Taiwan in the same year and who wish to apply for a Taiwan Scholarship for a higher degree.
 3. A person who studied in Taiwan for a degree at the same level as the one in which he/she currently intends to apply.
 4. An exchange student or a dual/joint degree student who has been admitted to a university or college in Taiwan in accordance with an academic cooperation agreement between that university or college and an overseas university or college.
 5. A person who has already been a recipient of the Taiwan Scholarship for a total of five years.
 6. A person who has previously had their Taiwan Scholarship or MOE Huayu Enrichment Scholarship revoked.
 7. A person who has received any other scholarship or subsidy from any Taiwan government institution (organization) or any educational institution in Taiwan, apart from subsidies provided

by the recipient's university or college to cover the outstanding amount when the total tuition and other fees exceed the scholarship limit.

V. Required Application Documents:

- (i) A Taiwan Scholarship Application Form (Appendix 1)
- (ii) A photocopy of the applicant's passport or other documentary evidence of nationality.
- (iii) A photocopy of the applicant's highest academic award and of the associated academic transcripts. The Documents in a language other than Chinese or English must be translated into Chinese or English and the translated documents must be authenticated.
- (iv) Photocopies of documentary evidence that the applicant has already applied to a university/college in Taiwan (for example, photocopies of the application fee remittance, the application form, and a notice or email from the university/college acknowledging receipt of the application.)
- (v) Two reference letters – from a principal, a college or university president, professor, and/or supervisor – personally signed and placed in sealed envelopes.
- (vi) A photocopy of a language proficiency certificate:
 - 1. *For applications to undertake a program not completely taught in English:* The applicant is required to submit **a copy of the test results or a certificate for the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL) at Level 3 or above** (HSK test results are not accepted), **or** take the TOCFL test at Level 3 or above at their own expense by the end of the first semester after they arrive in Taiwan and submit their test results or certificate to their university/college. If the applicant transfers to a different university/college after the first semester, their starting semester in the new university/college is still regarded as their second semester since arriving in Taiwan. The applicant is not permitted to claim the initial semester in the new university/college as the “first semester” referred to in this requirement.
 - 2. *For applications to undertake a program completely taught in English:* The applicant is required to submit proof of English proficiency with a minimum total score of **90 on the TOEFL**

iBT, 6.5 on the IELTS, 75% or above on other English proficiency tests recognized by the Government of Oman, or submit a certificate of graduation from an English-taught program. The degree program completely taught in English that an applicant is applying to undertake must have been accredited by the MOE. If the English-language degree program has not been accredited by the MOE, then the applicant must obtain a document formally issued by the university/college (not a subsidiary department or unit) that the applicant wants to attend certifying that the degree program is fully taught in English.

**For “A List of University/College Offering Degree Programs Taught in English” and “A List of University/College Providing Taiwan Scholarship Recipients a Discount for Tuition and/or Miscellaneous Expenses”, please refer to the following website:
<https://taiwanscholarship.moe.gov.tw/web/pages.aspx?p=7>

VI. Application and Selection Procedures:

(i) Application Period: From February 1, 2026 to April 30, 2026.

(ii) Application Method:

1. Apply online through the “Taiwan Scholarship and Mandarin Language Scholarship Online Application System”, which will open on February 1, 2026. The website is:
<https://taiwanscholarship.moe.gov.tw/Apply>
2. After completing the online application, applicants must mail the required documents listed in Item V. to the following address (two reference letters must be original copies; all application materials must be complete and will not be returned):

Taipei Economic and Cultural Office

Way no. 1530, Villa no. 2058 Madina Al Alam, Muscat, Oman

TEL: +968-24692313

- (iii) Interview:** From May 1 to May 20, 2026, selected applicants will be notified to attend an in-person or online interview based on the academic records and other documents submitted.

- (iv) Selection Notifications: The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office will notify the successful candidates and the candidates who are placed on a waiting list on May 25, 2026. **Successful candidates must submit a photocopy of letter of admission received from the university/college to our office by June 30, 2026 to confirm that they meet the eligibility requirements.** If a candidate does not submit this letter within the specified time period, they must submit a written explanation of the reason to our office, which will review the explanation. A candidate who is not admitted to a university or college will lose their eligibility to receive a Taiwan Scholarship. A candidate who fails to submit the required documents within the specified time period will be considered to have forfeited their eligibility to receive a Taiwan Scholarship, and our office will offer the forfeited scholarship to the candidate highest on the waiting list in July 2026.

VII. Academic Performance Requirements for Continuing Scholarship Recipients:

- (i) Undergraduate students must achieve a minimum average semester mark of 70, postgraduate students must achieve a minimum average semester mark of 80; if the university/college has set a higher standard, then that standard must be met.
- (ii) If a scholarship recipient is in the 3rd year or later years of a doctoral program, the manner in which their results are assessed and the criteria used to determine their semester results will be in accordance with the regulations of the university/college.

VIII. Transfers:

- (i) A scholarship recipient who has completed one semester or more of studies at a particular university/college, or in a particular department or institute, may transfer to another university, college, department or graduate school if both educational institutions approve the request. The transfer shall be handled in accordance with the regulations formulated by the institutions. A transfer to another university, college, department, or graduate school at the same degree level may only be undertaken once while receiving a Taiwan Scholarship.
- (ii) When a scholarship recipient intends to transfer to a different degree program at another university, college, department, or graduate

school, they must re-apply to our office that awarded their scholarship. They are not permitted to transfer to a different degree program by simply continuing their current scholarship.

- (iii) When a scholarship recipient transfers to another university, college, department, or graduate school, their current institution must provide written details to both the student and the receiving institution regarding the type of scholarship awarded, its start and end dates, and the transfer date. The receiving institution must provide written notification to both the scholarship recipient and the current institution confirming its agreement to the transfer and the effective transfer date.

IX. Other Important Provisions:

- (i) Scholarship recipients must submit their TOCFL results or a TOCFL certificate to their university/college within the deadline specified in Article V, Point (vi)(1).
- (ii) Scholarship recipients are responsible for all expenses other than tuition and miscellaneous fees. Those experiencing financial hardship may apply to their registered university or college to have any other expenses deducted from their living allowance.
- (iii) If a scholarship recipient's academic performance, conduct, or attendance falls below the standard required by their registered university or college, their scholarship may be suspended or revoked in accordance with the regulations of the university or college.
- (iv) If a scholarship recipient is found to be simultaneously receiving any other award or subsidy from any Taiwan government institution or any educational institution in Taiwan, and this is verified, their scholarship will be revoked, and the recipient must reimburse all living allowance, tuition, and miscellaneous expenses paid during the period in which they received the other award or subsidy.
- (v) All scholarship recipients are required to join the National Health Insurance plan in accordance with Taiwan's regulation. Prior to enrollment, they must obtain other medical and accident insurance.
- (vi) After enrolling at a university, college, department, or graduate school in Taiwan, a scholarship recipient may not travel to any other country as an exchange student or as a dual/joint degree student. If they do so, their Taiwan Scholarship will be revoked. They may not retain the unused portion of their Taiwan Scholarship, nor have the

award period extended to resume receiving the scholarship upon returning to Taiwan.

- (vii) A scholarship recipient whose degree program requires an overseas internship may be exempt from forfeiting their scholarship; however, they will not receive tuition, miscellaneous fees, or living allowance for the semester(s) spent on the internship abroad.
- (viii) Any scholarship recipient who submits any application or enrollment document found to be fraudulent, misleading, altered, or containing false information will have their scholarship revoked and must reimburse all living allowance, tuition, and miscellaneous fees provided from the start of the scholarship until its revocation.
- (ix) Scholarship recipients must comply with MOE policies for Taiwan Scholarship recipients and participate in language and culture-related instruction, exchanges, and activities.

X. These guidelines are established in accordance with the “Taiwan Scholarship Program Directions” amended by the Ministry of Education on December 9, 2015. Matters not fully addressed herein shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Directions. Website: <https://taiwanscholarship.moe.gov.tw>.