

## **The 2024 Huayu (Mandarin) Enrichment Scholarship Guidelines**

Taipei Representative Office in Ireland

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### **I. Purpose**

To encourage international students (Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macao SAR students are not eligible) to undertake Huayu courses in the Republic of China (Taiwan); to provide them with opportunities to increase their understanding of Taiwanese culture and society, and to promote mutual understanding and interactions between Taiwan and the international community.

- II. **Award Value:** A Monthly stipend of NTD 25,000  $\approx$  750€  
(Flight tickets, health insurances, administration and tuition fees, accommodation, etc. at his/her own costs of recipients)

### **III. Duration:**

1. Huayu Enrichment courses will include **a two-month summer term (June to July 2023 or July to August 2023), along with short term classes, which may last 3, 6 or 9 months during September 2023 to August 2024.** (This office may decide the length).
2. With the exception of the summer classes, in principle, the duration of the scholarship is from **September 1st 2023 to August 31st of the following year (2024). The scholarships may start in September 2023, December 2023, March 2024, or June 2024.** If recipients fail to come to Taiwan for enrollment during the designated time, they will forfeit their scholarship.
3. Scholarship funding will become effective on the date of the recipient's enrollment. Scholarship funding will end on the scholarship's expiration date or if the scholarship is revoked.

### **IV. Eligibility:**

1. Irish applicants above the age of 18, who possess a high school diploma or above, have shown excellent academic performance, and are of good moral character, are eligible.
2. Individuals are **NOT** permitted to apply if they are:

- An overseas Chinese student or a national of the R.O.C.
- Currently registered as a student at a Mandarin Language Centre or has sought a degree from a university or college in Taiwan.
- A previous recipient of a HES or a Taiwan Scholarship.
- An exchange student to Taiwan, during the scholarship period.
- Currently receiving financial benefits from the Taiwanese government or another educational institution.

## V. Application

Applicants are required to submit the following documents to this office by April 19 2024

1. An application form (see appendix, hard copy and soft copy).
2. A photocopy of his/her **Irish passport**.
3. A photocopy of the certificate of the highest credential and transcript.
4. Photocopies of the applications to the registered Mandarin Language Centres (see appendix).
5. The terms of agreement with applicants' signature (see appendix).
6. Two Letters of reference signed and sealed in envelopes.
7. Short autobiography (no longer than one A4 page).

## VI. Selection Process:

1. Document Evaluation.
2. Interview (at the discretion of this office).

## VII. Release of Selection Decisions: **May-June, 2024**

## VIII. Terms and Conditions for Scholarship Recipients:

1. Recipients should only enter the R.O.C. (Taiwan) with either visitor visa or resident visa (for the study period of 6 months or above) for the purpose of studying Chinese. For more information regarding entry visa please visit: <https://www.boca.gov.tw/cp-166-288-b3876-2.html>.
2. The recipient should study only at a registered Mandarin Language Center approved by the Ministry of Education (please see our website for list of approved centers).
3. The recipient should apply for admission according to the regulations of the centre. Once admitted, the recipient should send **a photocopy of the**

**admission letter to this office before June 30<sup>th</sup>2024 (May 30<sup>th</sup>2024 for the two-month summer course in 2024) for**

**confirmation.** Recipients who do not send their documents before the deadline will be disqualified from the scholarship selection process.

4. The recipient should undertake at least fifteen (15) hours of language courses each week. The 15 hours does not include cultural visits, speeches, and other self-learning curriculum or activities.
5. Recipients of the summer class (2-month), 3-month, 6-month, and 9-month scholarship terms are not allowed to apply for a transfer to a different Mandarin Language Center once they have enrolled.
6. If the recipient concurrently accepts scholarships/grants from other sources, he/she will lose their placement in the HES scholarship program. Any HES scholarship funds already disbursed during the period of overlap must also be returned.
7. Mandarin Language Centers have the right to terminate or revoke a scholarship if the recipient's academic performance, moral character, or attendance record does not meet their standards.
8. Recipients of a scholarship term longer than six months are obligated to join the National Health Insurance (NHI) program in Taiwan. Before joining the NHI, recipients should purchase student accident insurance and other relevant insurance. NHI fees can be deducted by the Mandarin Language Centers from the monthly scholarship stipend before it is disbursed to the student.

**Please see the following website and appendix for other regulations/information**

<https://www.studyintaiwan.org/>

<https://taiwanscholarship.moe.gov.tw/web/index.aspx>

**If you have any questions, please contact:**

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