

Ministry of Education Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES)

2019 Application Announcement

1. 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) and to promote mutual understanding and interactions between Taiwan and the international community, the TROB will select Slovak or Romanian HES scholarship recipients to learn Mandarin in Taiwan.

2. Award Value

A Monthly stipend of 25,000 NTD. Recipients are responsible for their own expenses.

3. Duration

Each person: 6 months to 12 months

In principle, the duration of the scholarship is from September 1st to August 31st of the following year. If recipients fail to come to Taiwan for enrollment before the registration starts, they will forfeit their right to retain their scholarships.

Scholarship funding will become effective on the date of the recipient's enrollment. Scholarship funding will end on the month of the expiration of the scholarship or if the scholarship is revoked.

4. Eligibility

Slovak and Romanian citizens above the age of 18, who possess a high school diploma or above, excellent academic performance, and are of good moral character. **Applicants are ineligible if they meet the following criteria:**

- a. overseas Chinese students or a national of the R.O.C. (Taiwan)
- b. is currently as a registered student at a Mandarin Language Center or has been a degree seeking student at any universities or colleges in Taiwan.
- c. has already received a HES or a Taiwan scholarship, in the past.
- d. is an exchange student to Taiwan, during the scholarship period.

- e. is currently receiving financial benefits from the Taiwan government or other educational institutions.

5. Application

Applicants need to submit the following documents to TROB. The application period is from now until March 31, 2019.

- a. A duly-filled application form
- b. Photocopies of his/her passport or any other documents that can verify the nationality of the applicant. Applicants must be Slovak or Romanian citizens.
- c. Photocopies of the certificate of the highest credential and transcript.
- d. Photocopies of the applications to the Mandarin Language Centers.
- e. Two letters of recommendation.
- f. A motivation letter
- g. A duly-signed Terms of Agreement Ministry of Education HES Program

6. Selection Procedure

- a. A document review and interview will be processed. Selected candidates will be invited for interview as a compulsory part of the application procedure. Anticipated date of interview is tentatively set in mid-April.
- b. When a successful candidate has waived his/ her right to a scholarship before arriving in Taiwan, his/ her position will be filled by the next substitute candidate.

7. Terms and conditions

Recipient

- a. The recipient should study at a registered Mandarin Language Center approved by the MOE.
- b. Apply for admission according to the regulations of the center. Once admitted, the recipient should send a photocopy of the admission letter to TROB before June 30th for confirmation. Recipients who do not send their documents before the deadline will be disqualified from the scholarship selection process.

- c. **The recipient should undertake at least 15 hours of language courses each week.** This does not include cultural visits, speeches, and other self-learning curriculum or activities.
- d. If the recipient concurrently accepts scholarships from other sources, he/ she will lose their placement in the scholarship program. He/she will also have to return the funds granted for those months he/she received multiple scholarships.
- e. **The termination and cancellation of a scholarship based on regulations specified by each individual Mandarin Language Center.** Mandarin Language Centers have the right to terminate or revoke a scholarship if the recipient's academic performance, moral character, or attendance record are not up to standards.
- f. Recipients of a six month or longer scholarship are obligated to join the National Health Insurance Program. Before joining, recipients should purchase student accident insurance and other relevant insurance. Insurance fees can be deducted by the Mandarin Language Centers from the monthly stipend before granting to recipients.

Mandarin Language Centers under Universities.

- a. Mandarin Language Centers should accept international students according to their own criteria and notify the applicants before June 15th.
- b. Mandarin Language Centers should arrange for recipients of a nine month or longer scholarship to participate in TOCFL for Level 3. The recipients will have to pay for their own test fees.
- c. The Mandarin Language Centers that accept a transfer recipient student should contact the agencies appointed by the MOE, request for the rest of the scholarship grant, and notify the related embassy or mission, the recipient and the MOE. The Mandarin Language Center that authorized the transfer should return the unused funds to the MOE.
- d. Scholarships that have been revoked must follow regulations: the Mandarin Language Center should clearly state the reason and the effective date of the termination or suspension, the unused scholarship grant should be returned to the MOE. In the meantime, the center should notify the Bureau of Consular Affairs, National Immigration Agency, the embassy or mission concerned, the recipient affected, and the agencies appointed by the MOE. **Scholarships will be revoked under one or more of the following circumstances:**

- (a) Scholarships will be suspended for one month if recipients have missed 12

hours or more of their language courses within a single month.

- (b) Starting from the first semester (quarter), if the recipient fails to obtain the specified standard score by the university (an average of 80 points out of 100), his/her scholarship will be suspended for a month in the next semester (quarter). If the recipient fails to obtain the standard score (an average of 80 points out of 100) for two consecutive semesters (quarters), he/she will be disqualified from receiving the scholarship.
- (c) The recipient of a nine month or longer scholarship must hand in a Level 3 or above TOCFL certificate before the end of the scholarship term. If he/she fails to do so, the scholarship will be suspended for a month.
- (d) Any recipient missing a final achievement score for any semester (quarter) will be disqualified from receiving the scholarship with the exception of a serious illness or accident.
- (e) The recipient will not continue to receive the scholarship if he/ she violates R.O.C. law.
- (f) The scholarship will be suspended or revoked if the recipient violates University or Mandarin Language Center regulations.
- e. After the recipient has completed the registration process, the Mandarin Language Center concerned should either hold an orientation or employ alternative methods to explain the suspension and cancellation related regulations to the recipient. It should also grant the monthly allowance on time and pay attention to any suspension or cancellation of the scholarship.
- f. Mandarin Language Centers should compile a list of recipients who did not register in time and send copies to the agency appointed by the MOE, the related embassies or missions, and the R.O.C. Immigration office.
- g. Mandarin Language Centers should allocate an office or staff to keep in contact with recipients, along with providing guidance and assistance at their school and for their daily life.
- h. Mandarin Language Centers should arrange at least 15 hours of language courses for the recipients per week. This does not include cultural visits, speeches, self learning curriculum or activities.

NOTE:

1. For accredited Mandarin language centers, please see the attachment “List of

Language Center.”

2. Please enclose all the necessary documents in one package and send to our office before **March 31, 2019**. Please make a note of “**HES 2019**” on envelope. For more information, please contact Ms. Alexandra Lozanova.

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