

# 2016 Taiwan Scholarship Program Announcement

Taipei Representative Office, Bratislava (TROB)

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1. In an effort to encourage outstanding international students to undertake degree studies in Taiwan so as to familiarize themselves with the academic environment in Taiwan, the Ministry of Education (MOE) of Republic of China (Taiwan) offers 5 scholarships to Slovak and Romanian students for the academic year 2016/17.
2. The 2016 Taiwan Scholarship Program awards outstanding international students by awarding each recipient of the Taiwan scholarship the following:
  - (i) Each scholarship will cover the tuition fees up to NTD 40,000 for one academic semester (the amount **above NTD 40,000 will be covered by the recipient; legal part-time jobs are allowed**)
  - (ii) Monthly subsistence allowance: **Undergraduate study: NTD 15,000**  $\doteq$  415€;  
**Postgraduate study: NTD 20,000**  $\doteq$  555€.
  - (iii) Flight tickets, health insurances, administration fees, thesis advising fees, insurance premiums, accommodation and internet access, etc. are NOT included.
3. Duration of Scholarships: The maximum period of each scholarship is **4 years for undergraduate programs, 2 years for master programs, and 4 years for doctorate programs**. The maximum length of the total awards for each recipient undertaking a combination of studies is **5 years**. Annual award periods begin on September 1<sup>st</sup> and continue until August 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. Recipients must arrive in Taiwan and enrol at their admitting universities/colleges before registration starts. If recipients fail to arrive in Taiwan on time, their award will be revoked automatically.
4. Eligibility:
  - (i) Applicants must be a foreign national with a high-school diploma or post-secondary degree(s), with an excellent academic record, and be of good moral character.
  - (ii) Applicants are **ineligible** if they meet the following criteria:
    1. Are R.O.C. nationals or overseas Chinese students; (If one or both of parents was an ROC national at the time of applicant's birth, applicant is an ROC national as well and therefore not eligible to apply.)
    2. Are already registered or have obtained student status at any university/college in Taiwan. Graduating students pursuing further studies are exempt from this rule.
    3. Have already studied in Taiwan for the same level of degree as the one in which they currently intend to enroll.
    4. Are exchange or dual/joint degree students admitted in accordance with academic cooperation agreements between local universities/colleges and international universities/colleges.
    5. Have been a recipient of the Taiwan Scholarship for over a total of five years.

6. Have had, in the past, their Taiwan Scholarship or Huayu Enrichment Scholarship from the MOE revoked.
  7. Are recipients of any other scholarship or subsidy offered by the Taiwan government or education institutions in Taiwan. This excludes subsidies offered by universities/colleges to cover tuition and other fees exceeding the scholarship limit.
  - (iii) Applicants should apply directly for admission within the deadlines specified by the university/college in Taiwan.
5. Applicants should send the following documents within the period specified enclosed with their application to the nearest Taiwan Embassy or Representative Office in their country, i.e. **Taipei Representative Office, Bratislava**. Failure to include any of these documents renders the application incomplete, and the applicant will not be further considered for the scholarship, without further notice:
- (i) Duly-filled Taiwan Scholarship Application Form (see Appendix).
  - (ii) A copy of the applicant's passport. Applicants must be **Slovak or Romanian citizens**.
  - (iii) A copy of the highest-degree diploma and academic transcripts. Documents in a language other than Chinese or English must be translated into Chinese or English.
  - (iv) A copy of admission application materials to universities/colleges in Taiwan (e.g., copies of application fee remittance, application form, receipt of application from universities/colleges, e-mails).
  - (v) A copy of a language proficiency certificate:
    1. For applicants to non-English-taught programs, a photocopy of certificate of "*Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language*" (TOCFL) Level 3 or above must be submitted. Other similar tests are not accepted. For detailed information about the TOCFL test in Vienna, please contact **Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Vienna, Austria** at [bildung@taipei.at](mailto:bildung@taipei.at) or visit the following websites: <http://www.taipei.at/culture/de> and <https://test.sc-top.org.tw/at/index.php>
    2. For applicants to all-English programs, a photocopy of TOEFL or IELTS test scores must be submitted. Other test scores might not be considered. Please see the website ([www.studyintaiwan.org](http://www.studyintaiwan.org)) for more information.
  - (vi) Two letters of reference signed and sealed in envelopes (not from job supervisors, but from the principals, professors, or teachers). Photo copies and email submissions of letters of recommendation will not be considered.
  - (vii) Motivation letter and Future study plan.
  - (viii) Duly-signed **Terms of Agreement** for MOE Taiwan Scholarship Program (see Appendix).
6. Application and Selection Process:
- (i) TROB provides application information by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016.
  - (ii) The application period is from February 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

- (iii) Selected candidates will be invited for interviews in April of 2016, as a compulsory part of application procedure.
- (iv) Candidates and their awarding universities/colleges will be notified by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 by TROB.
- (v) Successful candidates should submit to TROB a copy of letter of admission to schools **no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**
- (vi) TROB issues Award Certificates of scholarship to awardees by July 31<sup>st</sup> 2016.

7. Award Quotas: **5 people**

8. Selection Criteria:

- (i) Recipients should at least achieve a GPA of B.
- (ii) Interviews must be conducted so as to interact with the applicants and better judge their demeanor and moral character. Failure to interview will be withdrawn from the selection process without further notice.
- (iii) Priority might be given to applicants with a certificate in TOCFL-levels of: intermediate or above.
- (iv) Applications must be complete in full. All incomplete applications are ineligible for consideration, and persons submitting incomplete applications will be withdrawn from the selection process without further notice.

9. Other key provisions:

- (i) Scholarship applicants should apply directly for admission to universities/colleges in Taiwan within their application deadlines.
- (ii) Other than tuition and other fees, recipients are responsible for the payment of all other expenses. In case of financial hardship, recipients may apply to their registered universities/colleges for payments to be deducted from their subsistence allowances.

NOTE:

- 1. For Mandarin learning, please apply for Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES).
- 2. Please enclose all the necessary documents in one package and send to our office. Please make a note of “TS 2016” on envelope. For more information, please contact Mrs. Katarina Dumanova.

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