

# 2023-2024 MOE Taiwan Scholarship Program Guidelines

**Submit from Feb 1<sup>st</sup> to Mar 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

In case of any discrepancy between English version and Chinese version, the Chinese version of the Taiwan Scholarship Program directions shall prevail.

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- I. In an effort to encourage outstanding South Asian students to undertake degree studies in Taiwan so as to familiarize themselves with the academic environment in Taiwan and promote communication, understanding and friendship between Taiwan and South Asian countries (India, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Maldives), the Ministry of Education (MOE) Taiwan establishes the following guidelines for the Taiwan Scholarship Program.
- II. The MOE awards outstanding South Asian students undertaking undergraduate and postgraduate studies in Taiwan by awarding each recipient of the Taiwan scholarship the following:
  - (i) Tuition and miscellaneous expenses (i.e. the course-credit fees, and miscellaneous basic study-related fees): The MOE will pay up to NTD 40,000 [Approximate USD1, 283; 104,683 Rupees (1USD=31NTD, 1USD=81IND)] each semester for each recipient's approved tuition and miscellaneous expenses. If these exceed a total amount of NTD40, 000, the remaining amount must be paid to the university/college by the student. The "miscellaneous expenses" do not include any of the following: administration fees, thesis supervision fees, insurance premiums, accommodation, or internet access. These are all the responsibility of the scholarship recipient.
  - (ii) Living allowance: The MOE provides each recipient undertaking university undergraduate studies a monthly stipend of NTD15,000 [Approximate USD535; 39,155 Rupees]; it provides each recipient undertaking a master's degree or doctorate studies a monthly stipend of NTD20,000 [Approximate USD641; 52,290 Rupees].
- III. Scholarship Duration and Time Limits:
  - (i) The maximum period a Taiwan Scholarship may be held is: four years for undergraduate programs, 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) Annual award period begins on September 1<sup>st</sup> and continue until August 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. Recipients must arrive in Taiwan and enroll at their admitting universities/colleges within prescribed period unless delays have been approved by the relevant

Institutions and the MOE. A student who is unable to arrive in Taiwan and register at their 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 payments begin from the month when the recipient actually begins attending the university/college, and they end when the maximum scholarship period for their degree level expires, or when the recipient graduates, withdraws from their studies, is suspended or expelled, or has their Taiwan Scholarship revoked.

#### IV. Eligibility:

- (i) Applicants must be a national of South Asian countries with a senior secondary school graduation diploma or post-secondary degree(s), with an excellent academic record, and be of good moral character.
- (ii) Applicants can apply for not fully English taught programs only if they have cleared their "Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language" (TOCFL) Level 3 test.
- (iii) Applicants who have not cleared their "Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language" (TOCFL) Level 3 test must only apply for fully English taught programs (list as posted in the same website).
- (iv) Students are requested to go through the list of English taught programs in order to find the suitable department/program for the course they are interested in.
- (v) A person in any of the following categories is "ineligible" to apply:
  1. An R.O.C. (Taiwan) nationals or overseas Chinese student.
  2. A person who already has and is continuing to maintain 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 a student who will be graduating after completing a degree that year. They may apply for a Taiwan Scholarship to pursue a higher degree.
  3. A person who has already studied in Taiwan for a degree at the same level as the one in which they currently intend to enroll.
  4. An exchange student or dual/joint degree student who has been admitted to a university/college in Taiwan in accordance with an academic cooperation agreement between that university/college and an overseas university/college.
  5. A person who has already been a Taiwan Scholarship recipient for a total of five years.
  6. A person who has ever previously had their Taiwan Scholarship or MOE Huayu Enrichment Scholarship revoked.
  7. A person who at the same time has received any other scholarship or subsidy from

any Taiwan Government institution (organization) or any education institution in Taiwan, apart from any subsidies provided for a Taiwan Scholarship recipient by their university/college to cover the outstanding amount if the total amount of their tuition and other fees exceeds the scholarship limit. Please refer to the file posted on website.

- (vi) Applicants must apply directly to the university/college for admission within the application deadline. Each university/college sets its own application deadline.

- V. Applicants must send or submit the following documents in person or through agent, from Feb 1<sup>st</sup> to Mar 31<sup>st</sup>, to the Education Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in India ( 34, Paschimi Marg, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi-110057), Please visit 'TECC in India' website ([https://www.roc-taiwan.org/in\\_en/index.html](https://www.roc-taiwan.org/in_en/index.html)) for location and contact details.

The applicant will receive a registration serial number only when the application documents meet the requirement of the guideline. Failure to include any of these requested documents renders the application incomplete, and the applicant will not be further considered for the scholarship, without further notice:

- (i) Taiwan Scholarship Application Form.
- (ii) A copy of the applicant's passport or other nationality certificates.
- (iii) A copy of the highest degree certificate and academic transcripts (CGPA 6.0 and above). If the percentage is not presented on the transcript, the students have to mention the percentage and ranking on the back side of the transcript. If issued by international educational institutions, these documents must be authenticated by an overseas Representative Office or be sealed and delivered by the awarding institutions. Documents in a language other than Chinese or English must be translated into Chinese or English and the translated documents must be authenticated. Original certificate and transcript are also the mandatory documents for applying Student Visa. Please refer to: [https://www.roc-taiwan.org/in\\_en/post/163.html](https://www.roc-taiwan.org/in_en/post/163.html)
- (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 applications to undertake a program not completely taught in English: a copy of results or a certificate at Level 3 or above of "Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language" (TOCFL). An applicant who has not submitted a copy of the test results or certificate at Level 3 or above must take the "Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language" (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, a copy of TOEFL/IELTS test scores or other recognized English language proficiency exams or degrees awarded in English must be submitted. Applicants who are citizens of a country where English is an official language are not subject to this requirement, however, the degree program completely taught in English that an applicant is applying to undertake must have been accredited by the MOE, as posted in TECC in India website. 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 in question is fully taught in English.

(vi) Two reference letters only: personally signed. (i.e. from a Taiwanese Mandarin teacher, a University/College Vice Chancellor, President, Principal, Professor, or Supervisor).

VI. Total number of scholarship is Forty-eight (48) places for the 2023-2024 academic year.

VII. Application submission in person: 9:00-14:00 Mon-Fri, from February 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

VIII. Selection Procedure Guidelines:

- (i) The TECC in India will take into account whether a scholarship recipient would contribute to Taiwan’s national development, as a professional contributing to their own country and to Taiwan, and assist in the growth of Taiwan’s business and industry, economy, and education.
- (ii) Scholarship recipients must have an average CGPA (for the entire program) of at least 6.0. If a different grade method is used, the TECC in India will use these figures as the basis for its calculations or take the results indicative of excellence by universities and colleges (eg. NIRF) to select outstanding students.
- (iii) Interviews will be conducted in person or by video conferencing after paper review of “IV. Eligibility” and related document, so as to interact with the applicants and better judge their demeanour and moral character.
- (iv) Preference must be given to applicants with a “Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language” (TOCFL) certificate or an applicant who has studied Mandarin in their campuses and recommended by the Taiwanese Mandarin teacher. People applying to go to Taiwan to undertake a program completely taught in English must submit their TOEFL/IELTS test scores or submit a certificate that they have passed another English language proficiency

exam recognized by the government at the intermediate level or documentary evidence that they scored at least 75% in such an exam.

(v) The application form must be fully completed and the application form and other documents will not be returned.

(vi) TECC in India will select the successful candidates and place some candidates on a waiting list.

(vii) Successful candidates must submit a photocopy of their letter of admission to the Education Division, TECC in India, by June 30 to confirm that they satisfy the eligibility requirements. A person who is not admitted into a university/college will lose their eligibility to receive a Taiwan Scholarship. A person who fails to submit documents within the specified time period will be considered to have forfeited their eligibility to receive a Taiwan Scholarship, and the TECC in India will offer the forfeited scholarship to the candidate highest on the waiting list. The list of recipients will be finalized no later than July 31.

IX. Successful candidates will be requested to join Taiwan Alumni Association in India FB page and Taiwan Message IG page. Recipients have to share what they have learned while living in Taiwan and how they felt about their study experience for future reference on official social media. The Education Division, TECC in India will issue each Taiwan Scholarship recipient with a certificate stating that they have been awarded a Taiwan Scholarship, and the certificate will provide information of the duration of their award, based on the type of degree they will be undertaking specified in the letter of admission received from the university/college.

X. Upon completion of a degree program, recipients may reapply by February 28<sup>th</sup> of each year for the Taiwan Scholarship to undertake a higher degree program by following the application process as specified above. The maximum duration of each recipient's total award period is five years. This will be treated as a completely new application and be subject to the same selection process. They are not permitted to apply for a second Taiwan Scholarship to do another degree at the same level or another degree at a lower degree level.

XI. The process for continuing scholarship benefits is as follows:

(i) Each university/college should review recipients' award qualifications for the second semester of the academic year and evaluate each recipient's academic and conduct performances by February 28<sup>th</sup> of each year and notify the recipients and the MOE designated office within seven days. In addition, by September 10<sup>th</sup> of each year, universities/colleges should submit the renewal lists to the on-line Taiwan Scholarship Information Platform to secure funding.

(ii) Recipients shall be granted renewal if they have achieved the following results:

1. A minimum total average of 70% per semester's coursework for undergraduates and 80% for postgraduates; universities/colleges may set their own higher standards.
2. For recipients in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of their doctoral programs, this evaluation should be conducted in accordance with the regulations of their individual institution.

(iii) If recipients have been admitted to the next level of study by their attending universities/colleges prior to the expiration of their scholarships, the attending universities/colleges must submit the scholarship application forms filled out by the recipients, their academic transcripts in Taiwan, and proof of admission, to the MOE for change of scholarship levels and terms. The MOE will notify the universities/colleges, the MOE designated office and relevant representative offices.

## XII Transfers:

(i) After studying for a semester at a university/college, a recipient is allowed to transfer once to another university/college/department during the course of a degree program, if the pertinent educational institutions approve this request.

(ii) Recipients that wish to transfer to a different degree program at another university/college/ department/graduate school, must re-apply to the original institute of the Taiwan Representative Offices.

(iii) When applying for a transfer, the original university/college must notify the recipient and its transferring university/college of the recipient's scholarship type, award period and transfer date. The transferring university/college must notify the recipient and the original university/college that it agrees to the transfer date. Both universities/colleges must send copies of the transfer to the MOE, relevant Taiwan Representative Offices, and the MOE designated office.

XIII. The university/college of the recipient should apply and verify the scholarship in accordance with the following time period and processes each year from the MOE designated office:

(i) After each semester's student enrolment, universities/colleges shall pay a monthly subsistence allowance to the recipients. The MOE will pay the universities/colleges in two instalments: the first instalment is for January through August, and universities/colleges should apply for appropriation by January 5th; the second instalment is for their appropriation by January 5th; the second instalment is for September through December, and universities/colleges should apply for their appropriation by September 30th. When applying for an appropriation, universities/colleges should submit a list of recipients and student-signed receipts. In cases where universities/colleges fail to apply for their appropriation in time, it is

their responsibility to pay a monthly subsistence allowance to the recipients.

(ii) Recipients that are suspended, withdrawn or expelled from universities/colleges shall have their scholarship revoked and subsistence allowance suspended. When this occurs after the 15th of the month, recipients will not be required to return that month's subsistence allowance. Tuition and other fees paid must be returned pro rata to the designated office by the MOE and processed and verified separately.

#### XIV. Other key provisions:

##### (i) International students:

1. Scholarship applicants should apply directly for admission to universities/colleges in Taiwan within the application deadlines.
2. Scholarship recipients must submit their "Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language" (TOCFL) results/certificate to their university/college within the time limit specified.
3. 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.
4. Should the recipients' academic and conduct performances or their attendance record fall below the required standard of their registered universities/colleges, their scholarships will be suspended or revoked in accordance with the rules and regulations of the universities/colleges.
5. Should recipients be in simultaneous receipt of any other award or subsidy granted by Taiwan government agencies or education institutions in Taiwan, upon verification, their scholarships will be revoked and any stipend and subsistence allowance given to them during the period of overlap shall be returned.
6. Recipients are required to join the National Health Insurance plan. They must purchase other forms of medical insurance before enrolling in the National Health Insurance plan according to National Law.
7. Upon enrolment at universities/colleges in Taiwan, recipients are not allowed to study in any other country as exchange or dual/joint degree students. Should such a case occur, the recipients' scholarships will be revoked and the remainder of the award period shall not be retained or deferred. Recipients on exchange as part of the degree program are exempt from this rule, but they shall not receive any tuition stipend and subsistence allowance during the time period outside of Taiwan.
8. Recipients are not allowed to work illegally (including part-time work) while in Taiwan. If recipients engage in any labour activity without the MOE's approval of award renewal or without notifying their universities/colleges, their scholarships will be revoked and they need to return any stipend and subsistence allowance given to them during the period of employment.
9. Any scholarship recipient who submits any application document or any document when they are enrolling that is found to be fake, misleading, has been altered in some way, or contains any falsehood will have their scholarship revoked and must pay back all the living

allowance payments and the tuition and miscellaneous expenses provided by the scholarship from the date the scholarship began until the date it was revoked.

10. Scholarship recipients must act in concert with the MOE's policies for students who have a Taiwan Scholarship and participate in language and culture related teaching, exchanges, and activities.

(ii) Universities and colleges:

1. Universities/colleges shall refer to their respective guidelines for admitting international students and notify applicants of their final decision no later than June 15th of each year.
2. If a scholarship recipient does not submit their "Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language" (TOCFL) results/certificate within the time limit, their university/college will stop paying them the living allowance, from the next semester until the month when they submit the "Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language" (TOCFL) results/certificate. A scholarship recipient who for some reason has not submitted a photocopy of their "Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language" (TOCFL) results/certificate and has had their living allowance payments suspended may still continue to have their tuition paid.
3. Universities/colleges are required to establish their own regulations in relation to financial aid for recipients so that recipients may apply for payments they are responsible for to be deducted from their subsistence allowances.
4. The suspension and revocation of this scholarship is under the provisions of the recipients' universities/colleges of enrolment and the MOE. In case of withdrawal, suspension, expulsion, or any other violation, universities/colleges must immediately suspend or revoke the recipients' scholarships, note the reason, period of suspension or revocation, and notify the MOE, the Bureau of Consular Affairs, the National Immigration Agency, and the MOE relevant Taiwan representative offices, the recipients and the designated office. In addition to the provisions of universities/colleges, scholarships may be suspended or revoked if one of the following situations arise:
  - (1) A scholarship recipient who has registered at a university/college and begun their program fails to submit their "Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language" (TOCFL) results/certificate by the end of the second semester. The student's scholarship will be revoked by the university/college, starting from the third semester.
  - (2) Recipients are absent for more than one-third of a single month excluding school breaks. Upon verification, the recipients' subsistence allowances for that month shall be suspended with the recipients' scholarships subject to revocation.
  - (3) Recipients' scholarships are revoked if they study in any other country as exchange or dual/joint degree students while in receipt of their Taiwan scholarships. Recipients on exchange as part of a degree program will not receive any tuition stipend and subsistence allowance during the time period outside of Taiwan.
  - (4) A scholarship recipient who must undertake an overseas internship that is a requirement of their university/college degree program must not be paid any living

allowance for the time spent outside of Taiwan and they will not receive any scholarship money for tuition and miscellaneous expenses during the internship semester(s).

- (5) Recipients who violate Taiwan laws, are imposed with any major demerit at the university/college, or withdraw or be expelled from the university/college shall have their scholarships revoked. In case of transfer to another university/college or department or voluntary withdraw from their original universities/colleges, recipients' scholarship will not be revoked.
  - (6) Failure to submit at the time of enrolment for each study term an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC) with "pursuing studies" as the reason for stay by the deadlines specified by the recipients' universities/colleges, or altering the reason of stay while in receipt of the scholarships.
  - (7) Recipients found working illegally or engaging in any labour activity without the MOE's approval of award renewal or without notifying their universities/colleges shall have their scholarships revoked. Any stipend and subsistence allowances given to them during the period of employment must be returned.
  - (8) Recipients whose academic average for the semester is below the passing standard set by their universities/colleges will have their scholarships suspended for a month; recipients whose academic average for the semester is below the passing standard for two consecutive semesters will have their scholarship revoked starting the next semester.
  - (9) A scholarship recipient submits any application document or any document when they are enrolling that is found to be fake, misleading, has been altered in some way, or contains any falsehood will have their scholarship revoked and must pay back all the living allowance payments and the tuition and miscellaneous expenses provided by the MOE from the date the scholarship began until the date it was revoked.
5. Relevant institutions wishing to employ recipients on a part-time basis should apply for employment permit in accordance with the Employment Service Act (ESA). Recipients' universities/colleges should, in accordance with this guideline, review each case, and upon approval, state the proposed period of employment, nature of employment, and total working hours. A copy of the recipients' academic transcript for two consecutive semesters must be submitted to the MOE for the evaluation of the renewal of the recipients' scholarships.
  6. Upon recipients' arrival and enrolment, each university/college is required to organize orientations for recipients in order to inform them of the rules and regulations regarding scholarship renewal, grade calculation and award, and scholarship issuing, suspension and revocation. Each university/college should also issue the scholarship monthly, monitor scholarship suspension and revocation, and process scholarship renewal.
  7. Universities/colleges should set up a specific unit and personnel to liaise with recipients,

provide academic and student support, and encourage recipients to actively participate in school activities and national volunteer work during their stay in Taiwan.