

# Guidelines Governing the Establishment of the Fellowship Program for International Visiting Scholars (Students) at the National Taiwan Library

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Article 1: These guidelines have been established by the National Taiwan Library (hereinafter referred to as "the Library") to encourage and award experts and scholars from around the world who are interested in Taiwan studies and Southeast Asia research to engage in international collaborative research with the Library or to conduct academic research at the Library.

Article 2: The research subjects supported by this fellowship program mainly include fields concerning social sciences and humanities, such as Taiwan studies and Southeast Asia research.

Article 3: The recipients of this fellowship (hereinafter referred to as "the awardees") are as follows:

1. International professors, associate professors, assistant professors, senior lecturers, postdoctoral researchers, doctoral candidates, and Ph.D. students from relevant departments of overseas universities, librarians, or researchers of equivalent levels from libraries or relevant academic institutions.
2. Individuals who fall outside the scope specified in the preceding paragraph but are recommended by an institution that has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Library on international academic cooperation and whose research subjects are related to the aforementioned subjects supported by this fellowship program.

Individuals currently engaged in research, teaching or studying in Taiwan may not apply.

Article 4: The content of this fellowship is as follows:

1. Airfare subsidy:
  - a) One round-trip economy-class ticket for the awardees' most direct flight to Taiwan will be provided.
  - b) The airfare subsidy will be granted as per the actual purchase price, with the maximum limits for airfares in each continent (region) stated below:
    - (1) Northeast and Southeast Asia: NTD35,000.
    - (2) Europe and West Asia: NTD60,000.
    - (3) North America: NTD55,000.
    - (4) Middle and South America: NTD75,000.
    - (5) Africa: NTD90,000.
    - (6) Oceania: NTD65,000.
  - c) Upon arriving in Taiwan, awardees shall submit the following documents and sign the receipt to receive the subsidy:
    - (1) The airline ticket or electronic ticket.

(2) The receipt or proof of purchase of the ticket.

2. Monthly research grants:

- a) Professors, researchers, associate professors, associate researchers, senior lecturers, assistant professors, assistant researchers, lecturers, and postdoctoral researchers who serve as scholars, instructors, or researchers holding a doctoral degree are eligible for a monthly grant of NTD60,000.
- b) Ph.D. students and visiting students recommended by other cooperative institutions who do not hold a doctoral degree are eligible for a monthly grant of NTD40,000.
- c) The grant period is three months in principle (Note 1) and may be extended to six months if necessary, with a maximum period of one year.

3. The Library will provide a group life and accident insurance coverage of NTD1,000,000 (including accidental injury medical insurance coverage of NTD50,000) for the awardees during their research period in Taiwan.

Article 5: The number of awardees each year will be determined based on the annual budget and limited to 1 to 3 persons in principle.

Article 6: Applicants are required to complete an online application for preliminary review, which should include the following documents:

- a) Application form (online application)
- b) Curriculum vitae (including a list of publications)
- c) Research proposal (written in academic research format and limited to three pages in English)
- d) One letter of recommendation and one letter of consent from the highest administrative supervisor at the applicant's current employing organization

Article 7: The selection process is as follows:

1. Applications are accepted by the Library, and the information provided by the applicants will be verified by Taiwan Study Research Center.
2. Taiwan Study Research Center provides the recommended candidates' details along with reasons for their selection as references for the selection process.
3. The Library will recruit scholars and experts to form a review committee to select the candidates for this fellowship.
4. The list of candidates selected by the Director of the Library becomes the official list of fellowship awardees.

Article 8: The awardees shall abide by the following regulations:

1. The research proposal and subject proposed by the awardees during the selection process may not be changed in principle. Any necessary changes must have prior approval from the Library.
2. During their stay in Taiwan, fellowship awardees should participate in academic studies, seminars, and other relevant academic activities arranged by the Library (Note 2).
3. Fellowship awardees must submit one introductory article on Taiwan studies or Southeast Asia research in an academic format to the journals published by the Library, such as *Research in Taiwan Studies*, by the end of their fellowship tenure (Note 3).

4. During their fellowship tenure, the awardees shall neither concurrently receive any other scholarships offered by government agencies, public or private schools, or other academic institutions in Taiwan nor engage in any part-time work.
5. During their stay in the Republic of China (Taiwan), the awardees shall comply with the laws and regulations of the Republic of China (Taiwan). The fellowship qualification will be revoked if an awardee is prosecuted for violating criminal laws or has any serious misconduct.
6. Any expenses exceeding the fellowship amount shall be borne by the awardees.
7. The awardees shall mention or state: “This paper is supported by the National Taiwan Library Fellowship for International Visiting Scholars” when publishing their research results verbally or in writing.
8. The awardees shall plan and arrange the research and related affairs in Taiwan independently.
9. For the awardees' stay in Taiwan, the Library may assist in providing relevant documents for proof of their application for a residency visa. However, the issuance of the visa is subject to the relevant units of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
10. For any awardee unable to obtain a visa to Taiwan, their fellowship eligibility will be automatically reserved for one year and one year at most. The fellowship will be automatically canceled if the awardee is still unable to come to Taiwan after one year has passed.

Article 9: This set of guidelines has been passed by the Library Affairs Meeting and becomes effective after being approved and recorded for future reference. The same shall apply to any amendments thereto.

Note 1: The research grants will be calculated on a full-month basis for a stay within three months. For a period of less than one month, the grant for that month is not payable. However, if an awardee's stay exceeds three months, the grant for any period less than one month will be calculated on the basis of the actual number of days.

Note 2: Academic activities include academic seminars, workshops, lectures, visits, and research and consultations on the digital metadata of Taiwan and Southeast Asia materials in the Library.

Note 3: The biannual periodical *Research in Taiwan Studies* that accepts various types of articles, including academic papers, research discussions, book critics, introduction to historical documents, fieldwork records, and translations of important research results. For this fellowship program, manuscripts that introduce the historical materials collected by the Library or non-Library materials used by international visiting scholars (students) will be accorded priority, while other types of manuscripts are also acceptable.