



2008 Scholarship Program of Taiwan

Program Guideline

I. Purpose

In 2004, four government agencies of the Republic of China (Taiwan) – then Ministry of Education (MOE), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA), and National Science Council of Executive Yuan (NSC) – jointly established the Scholarship Program to encourage outstanding international students to undertake degree programs in Taiwan. While providing study opportunities for a wide range of disciplines, at Taiwan’s universities and colleges, this program also aims to:

- a. Promote knowledge, understanding and friendship between Taiwan and countries around the world.
- b. Generate opportunities to increase academic and educational links with international institutions of higher learning.
- c. Develop outstanding professionals and experts to meet the needs of Taiwan’s business and industry sectors.

II. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

An applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

- a. Must be an Australian citizen.
- b. Possess prior excellent academic record and be of good moral character.
- c. Does not hold Republic of China (Taiwan) citizenship.
- d. Does not have the status of being an overseas Chinese students..
- e. Is not applying for a study program leading to the same-level degree as previously undertaken under the Taiwan Scholarship Program
- f. Is not an exchange student in accordance with a cooperation agreement between a foreign university/college and an educational institute in Taiwan when receiving a Taiwan Scholarship.
- g. Is not applying for a study program leading to the same-level degree as previously undertaken under the SPOT Program.
- h. Has not received a SPOT scholarship during the past five years.
- i. Has not previously had an award revoked either under the SPOT program or the program “Ministry of Education Huayu Enrichment Scholarship.”
- j. Is not a current recipient of a scholarship or subsidy being offered by any one of government or educational institutions in Taiwan.

Those students already undertaking degree programs outside of Taiwan are eligible to apply for the Taiwan Scholarship.

III. Types of Scholarship

- (1) Undergraduate Program**
- (2) Postgraduate Program (Master's Program & Doctoral Program)**
- (3) Pre-degree Mandarin Language Enrichment Program (LEP)**

IV. Value of Scholarship

- (1) Undergraduate Program**
A monthly stipend of NT\$25,000(approx AU\$870)
- (2) Master's Program**
A monthly stipend of NT\$30,000(approx AU\$1050)
- (3) Doctoral Program**
A monthly stipend of NT\$30,000(approx AU\$1050)

Scholarship recipients receive the stipends each month. However, recipients have a responsibility to pay their own tuition fees, airfares, lodging/accommodation fees, food, health insurance and other expenses.

V. Duration

The award period per each study program varies as follows:

- a. **Undergraduate program:** maximum 4 years.
- b. **Master's program:** maximum 2 years
- c. **Doctoral program:** maximum 3 years.

For any combination of these study programs, the length of the total award for each recipient is a maximum of five year. LEP study must be undertaken in the first year if it is to be included in the award period.

Annual award periods are **from 1 September 2008 through 31 August 2009**. If recipients fail to arrive in Taiwan to study during this period, their award status will be cancelled and will not be able to be extended for another year. If recipients begin studies after the semester/term/quarter starts, their award period will become effective from the month they arrive in Taiwan to matriculate at their individual universities/colleges/Mandarin training centres. Whether it begins in September or later, the LEP award period ends in August although its length may be less than the specified maximum of one year.

In terms of the actual award period for one study program, it will begin from the month that recipients arrive in Taiwan to enrol at their intended educational institutions. All awards will end the month their specified award period is complete. However, if recipients graduate, drop out, are expelled from their institutions, or have their scholarships revoked, whichever comes first, the award will be terminated.

VI. Application and Selection Process

For application receipt, review and selection, applicants must send their completed documents to **Cultural Division (SPOT), Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Australia**.

The application period is **from 1st March 2008 through 18th April 2008**. Application should be submitted by 5:00pm on 18th April 2008.

A complete application includes the following materials:

- a. One completed application form.
- b. Photocopy of passport or other nationality certificates.
- c. Photocopy of the highest-level diploma and a complete academic transcript.
<N.B. These documents must be authenticated by one of Taiwan's overseas representative office if issued by international education institutions.>
- d. Duplicates of application documents (e.g. photocopy of application form etc.)
<N.B. LEP applicants must submit applications to both the Mandarin training centres as well as the next-stage university/college. The exact academic year(s) that applicants would like to be enrolled full-time at these two institutions must be clearly specified. There must also be no break in studies between any two programs. >
- e. Photocopy of a certificate proving acceptable levels of English or Chinese language proficiency, depending on whichever language will be used for instruction in class.
<N.B. Only applicants for degree programs need submit this document.>
- f. Two letters of reference, including one from a **current** lecturer or supervisor.

Priority will be given to those who intend to undertake a degree program and have successfully secured admission to a university/college.

VII. Re-Appling

Upon completion of a degree program, recipients may re-apply for a SPOT scholarship to undertake another degree program by following the rules of the application process as specified above. Each recipient's total award period cannot exceed five years.

<N.B. LEP recipients who have been award an LEP scholarship only may be granted the next-stage award period for a degree program, through the universities/colleges they will be attending, upon completion of their LEP study. Required documents include a photocopy of admission to a university/college and that of an acceptable English or Chinese language certificate attesting to proficiency for their degree studies. >

VIII. Renewal

To review recipients' award qualifications for the next academic year, individual universities/colleges will conduct an evaluation for the SPOT scholarship renewal by 28 February of each year.

Each educational institution may set grading criteria for the minimum academic average for a semester, or may take the common criteria – 60 out of 100 for undergraduates and 70 for postgraduate. For recipients in grade 3 of their doctoral programs, this evaluation should be done by the ways as specified by individual institutions, since systems vary from discipline to discipline in terms of requirements for session credits and scheduling of dissertation writing.

Recipients will be permanently disqualified from receiving any Taiwan Scholarship awards, effective September of the new academic year, if they fail to achieve a specified minimum academic average for two single consecutive semesters of study.

IX. Suspension and Revocation

(1) Suspension

A. Degree Programs:

If a recipient fails to achieve a specified minimum academic average for a semester, stipends for one month will be suspended in the following semester.

B. LEP Program:

a. Attendance Records: With the exception of serious illness or accident, if a recipient is absent from his/her required language session for 12 or more hours within a single month, stipends for the following month will be suspended.

b. Academic Performance: Beginning from the second study semester/term/quarter in Taiwan, if a recipient's academic average for a semester/term/quarter is less than 80 out of 100, the stipend for one month will be suspended in the following term/quarter.

c. Test of Proficiency – Huayu (TOP) Mandarin Proficiency Rating (<http://www.sc-top.org.tw/>): A one-month stipend suspension will be imposed if a recipient fails to submit to his/her individual Mandarin training centre, a photocopy of a TOP certificate with results rated at the beginner level or above, by July 31, one month before his/her LEP award period is due. Registration fees for this TOP test are the full responsibility of the recipient. However, if the recipient succeeds in this TOP test during the next-stage award period for a degree program, the one-month stipend suspended as above will be reimbursed through application with the university/college that he/she will be attending.

(2) Revocation:

A recipient may be permanently disqualified from receiving a SPOT scholarship with the remaining stipends will be cancelled, if one of the following situations arises:

A. Degree Programs:

- a. Failure to submit at the time of enrolment for each semester, **an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC) with the reason “Study,”** on the deadlines as specified by his/her university/college.
- b. Failure at the evaluation for annual renewal of his/her SPOT scholarship.
- c. Failure to submit a photocopy of an acceptable English /Chinese language proficiency certificate, if he/she transfers to a new program of study, for which the other language is to be used for instruction.
- d. Dropping out or being expelled from school.
- e. In receipt of another scholarship or subsidy, offered by one of Taiwan's government or educational institutions.

B. LEP Programs:

- a. Failure to submit, around the time of matriculation for each study term/quarter, **an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC) marked “Study”**, by the deadlines specified by the Mandarin training center.
- b. Failure to achieve an academic average of 80 or above out of 100 for two single consecutive term/quarters of study, beginning from the second term/quarter.
- c. Absence from exams resulting in a missing score for a study term/quarter, with the exception of serious illness or accident.
- d. Dropping out or being expelled from school.

- e. The student is in receipt of another scholarship or subsidy offered by one of Taiwan's government or educational institutions.

X. Transfer

After studying for a semester/term/quarter at a university/college/Mandarin training centre, a recipient may be allowed to transfer **once** during the course of a degree/LEP program, only if the relevant educational institutions approve this request.

A recipient, who undertakes degree study, must submit to the new institution a photocopy of an acceptable English/Chinese language proficiency certificate, if he/she transfers to a new program of study, for which the other language is to be used for instruction.

XI. Scholarship Granting

In principle, stipends are granted before the 5th day of each month, through the universities/colleges/Mandarin training centers which the recipients attend, and by a method as specified by the individual institutions.

It is mandatory that recipients participate in the National Health Insurance Plan and purchase the policies of the Student Accident Insurance for the period of their residence and study in Taiwan. The recipients' educational institutions will deduct fees for these insurance plans from the recipients' stipends, before the processing of the fund granting to them.

<**N.B.** As a requirement for enrolment at their intended educational institutions, recipients must prepare medical/health insurance policies before their departure to Taiwan, and these documents must be valid a minimum of 4 months, beginning from their arrival date. The policies must bear the authentication of a Taiwan's overseas representative office. >

XII. Application Form

For further information and application forms, please visit our website:

http://www.cultural.teco.org.au/2005/latest/scholarship_03_first.htm

All applications must be posted to:

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Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Australia

Add: Ground floor, 53 Blackall Street, Barton, Canberra ACT 2600

XIII. Study in Taiwan

See all International Degree Programs for Foreign Students:

http://www.cultural.teco.org.au/2005/latest/studytw_first.htm

XIV. 「TOP」 result is recommended for application.

XV.Contact

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