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臺灣民主基金會
Taiwan Foundation for Democracy

TAIWAN FOUNDATION for DEMOCRACY

INTERNATIONAL VISITING FELLOWSHIP

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

I. Introduction

The Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (TFD) is the first democracy assistance foundation to be established in Asia, being devoted to strengthening democracy and human rights in Taiwan and abroad.

One of the TFD's core purposes is to promote research into global democratic and human rights development, in order to advance democracy-building theory and practice. In particular, the TFD seeks to connect with experienced democracy and human rights practitioners to support their research and help build international networks. Research into Taiwan's democratization experience can provide lessons for other democratizing countries, as well as identify areas where Taiwan still needs to improve. Therefore, comparative research with reference to other newly democratized countries will also be encouraged.



II. Program Details

Every year, a select number of International Visiting Fellows may stay in Taiwan to complete an independent research project for up to one year. The TFD aims to have International Visiting Fellows establish contact and network with Taiwan's related non-governmental organizations, to encourage the development of cooperative international projects, and to support research and writing of those working in the field of democracy assistance. As the International Visiting Fellowship is designed to provide foreign scholars and practitioners with the opportunity to study Taiwan's democracy and human rights, Taiwanese citizens are not eligible to apply. The International Visiting Fellowship includes a monthly stipend to assist with living expenses in Taiwan. The TFD will also reimburse those International Visiting Fellows who are outside of Taiwan at the time their fellowship begins for the cost of a round-trip plane ticket to Taipei.

Another important goal of the TFD is to encourage the building of relationships between organizations, institutions, and individuals working for democracy and human rights issues worldwide. The TFD believes that through an active exchange of ideas and expertise between academics and practitioners, NGOs and academic institutes, democracy and human rights can be strongly promoted not only in Taiwan but internationally as well.

International Visiting Fellows may contribute to TFD initiatives and projects as well. They will be provided with shared office space (including internet access) at the TFD's office in Taipei. By the end of their fellowships, International Visiting Fellows should make at least one large, public presentation. International Visiting Fellows will be encouraged to participate in a wide range of conferences, seminars, and other events throughout Taiwan.



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International Visiting Fellowship

APPLICATION

I. Contact Information

Name: _____
(Surname) (Given Name)

Mailing Address: _____

Permanent Address:
(if different) _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Fax: _____

Signature: _____
(Date)



II. Research Plan

1. Title of project: _____

Proposed dates of project: _____

2. Describe your project plan in no more than five double-spaced pages. Please include the following information:

- Description of ideas and issues to be explored, significance of these issues and objectives of the study
- Research design and methodology
- Relevance of your work to the greater body of literature and knowledge
- Progress to date of the proposed research, a timetable for the project and potential collaborators (institutions or individuals)

3. Explain how you will take advantage of the different opportunities the TFD International Visiting Fellowship offers in no more than one double-spaced page.

III. Curriculum Vitae



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Please include the following information in your CV:

- *Educational history*, including degrees, diplomas, certificates (with dates) and major areas of study
- *Professional history*, including names of institutions and organizations (with locations), titles of positions and dates of positions
- *Awards*, including scholarships, fellowships, prizes and honors (with sources and dates)
- *Publications*, including titles, dates, places of publication, and publishers
- *Language proficiency*, including literacy, speaking and listening (note that we require proficiency in either Mandarin Chinese or English, if not both)



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REFERENCES

To the Applicant

Please ask two referees to send their letters of recommendation directly to the TFD.

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To the Referee

You are being asked to write a letter of recommendation for an International Visiting Fellowship at the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy. Please assess the candidate's research proposal in terms of its significance, structure, content and feasibility. Please comment on the candidate's overall character, dedication to this line of research, intellectual creativity and qualifications, academic or otherwise. Include any factors which may provide insight when gauging the candidate's likelihood for success in this fellowship. Include how long you have known the candidate and in what capacity. Thank you for your time and thoughtful comments.



International Visiting Fellowship Application Checklist

Submitting an application

- Contact your two referees as early as possible
- Submit a complete application, including:
 - A completed application form, including the following sections:
 - Contact information
 - Project plan
 - A copy of your curriculum vitae

Upon receiving notification of acceptance

- The TFD will mail two copies of your official acceptance letter to the address provided on your application. Sign both copies and mail one copy back to the TFD, keeping the other copy for your records
- Arrange your accommodation in Taiwan
- If necessary, arrange for your Taiwan visa
- Purchase your ticket to Taiwan
- Send the following to the TFD as soon as they are available:
 - Flight itinerary
 - Bank information
 - Contact information in Taiwan
- Arrange to visit the TFD shortly after you arrive in Taiwan

Upon arriving in Taiwan

- Visit the TFD at the time arranged. Please bring the following:
 - Passport
 - Airfare invoice
 - Flight itinerary
 - Ticket or printout of e-ticket
 - Boarding pass for flight to Taiwan
- Pick up your business cards from the TFD
- Arrange for a workspace at the TFD, if required