

About the TaiwanICDF

Taiwan's economic development was greatly facilitated in its early stages by international development assistance. Therefore, Taiwan has a continuing responsibility to return this generosity to the international community by assisting other countries in their own economic and social development.

In 1961, under "Operation Vanguard," special agricultural technical missions helped improve fruit and vegetable production in many newly independent African countries. In 1962, these missions were expanded to become the "ROC-Africa Technical Cooperation Committee," which merged with the Committee of International Technical Cooperation (CITC) in 1972. Simultaneously, Taiwan was developing one of Asia's most dynamic economies.

In the hopes of sharing Taiwan's prosperity and economic experience with the rest of the world, the International Economic Cooperation Development Fund (IECDF) was established in October 1989 under the supervision of the Ministry of Economic Affairs. Soon thereafter, the IECDF was given the responsibility for providing various types of economic and social assistance to friendly and diplomatically allied developing nations. As the variety of cooperative development projects expanded yet further, and the number of overseas technical missions increased, Taiwan's government consolidated the CITC and the IECDF into an independent organization in 1996 and 1997: the International Cooperation and Development Fund (TaiwanICDF).

The TaiwanICDF's areas of expertise include banking and finance operations, technical cooperation, international human resource development, and humanitarian assistance. The Fund has put together a wide array of international cooperation programs designed to help diplomatic allies and friendly nations develop their economic and social sectors, reduce poverty, strengthen human resource development, expand agricultural productivity, and rebuild after natural disasters. Since its establishment, the TaiwanICDF has also established and strengthened cooperative relationships with numerous international organizations, regional agencies and NGOs.

Taiwan's civil society is energetic and talented, with tremendous resources that can

be tapped into in conducting international cooperation. The TaiwanICDF established the Taiwan Overseas Volunteers program in 1996. In addition, since 2001 large numbers of qualified young servicemen have been assisting in international development through the Taiwan Youth Overseas Service. Both programs are strengthening assistance activities through cooperation at grass-roots levels and all undertakings that can contribute to improving the cooperating country's economic and social development are within their scope.

An Overview of the International Higher Education Scholarship Programs

Among the TaiwnalCDF's multiple functions, international human resource development has always been one of its concentrations. Human resources development programs plays a vital role in assisting friendly countries achieve sustainable development, and education is one of the crucial mechanisms in training work forces in developing countries. When the TaiwnalCDF implements any cooperation project, it pays attention to education and training for program sustainability. The TaiwnalCDF does this to ensure that its work will result in tangible long-term benefits and help as many people as possible.

The TaiwnalCDF's early human resources training programs consisted primarily of short-term workshops with specialized topics. These workshops focused on the most relevant and advantageous elements of Taiwan's development, transmitting Taiwan's successful experiences to government officials and professionals of Taiwan's diplomatic allies.

The plan to promote the TaiwnalCDF Scholarship Program was first started with the intent to train agricultural professionals. This was later extended to other research fields to diversify the overall scholarship program. As of December 2009, the TaiwnalCDF has been cooperating with 16 universities in 25 fields of study such as the following:

Since	Title	University
1998	Master's Program in Tropical Agriculture	National Pingtung University of Science and Technology (NPUST)
2001	Ph.D. Program in Tropical Agriculture	National Pingtung University of Science and Technology (NPUST)
	International Master's in Business Administration	National Chengchi University (NCCU)
2003	Master's Program in International Health	National Yang-Ming University (NYMU)
	Graduate Institute of International Human Resource Development (IHRD)	National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU)
	International Master's Program in Taiwan Studies	National Chengchi University (NCCU)

	International Master Program in Marine Sciences and Resource Management	National Taiwan Ocean University (NTOU)
	International MBA in Technology Management	National Tsing Hua University (NTHU)
2004	International Master's Program in Environment Sustainable Development	National Central University (NCU)
	International Master Program in Information Systems and Applications	National Tsing Hua University (NTHU)
2005	International Master Program in Plastic Injection and Precision Mold	Kun Shan University (KSU)
	International Ph.D. Program in Marine Sciences and Resource Management	National Taiwan Ocean University (NTOU)
2006	International Master's Program in Electric Power Engineering	National Sun Yat-sen University (NSYSU)
	International Master's Program in Industrial Engineering and Management	Yuan Ze University (YZU)
	Ph.D. Program in International Health	National Yang-Ming University (NYMU)
	Undergraduate Program in Tropical Agriculture	National Pingtung University of Science and Technology (NPUST)
	International Undergraduate Program in Business Administration (IUP in BA)	National Chengchi University (NCCU)
	International Undergraduate Program in Mechanical Engineering	Kun Shan University (KSU)
2007	International Nursing Master of Science Program	National Taipei College of Nursing (NTCN)
	Agricultural Economics Master Program	National Taiwan University (NTU)
	International Graduate Program in Civil Engineering and Management (ICEM)	National Cheng Kung University (NCKU)
2008	Undergraduate Program in International Trade and Management	Ming Chuan University (MCU)
	Master's Program in Clinical Medicine	Kaohsiung Medical University (KMU)
2009	International Master's Program in Health Care Administration	Taipei Medical University (TMU)
2010	International Health and Nursing Administration Undergraduate Program	National Taipei College of Nursing (NTCN)

Scope of Scholarship

Entitlements: The total scholarship, including airfare (round-trip), housing, tuition, credit fees, insurance, textbook costs and a monthly allowance will be provided by the TaiwanICDF to each student. The scholarship is itemized as follows:

1. **Airfare:** The TaiwanICDF shall arrange your most-direct flights to and from Taiwan with Economy Class tickets.
2. **Housing:** All students must reside in the student dormitories.
3. **Tuition fee:** The TaiwanICDF will cover the tuition fee as required by the student's university.
4. **Credit fees:** Credit fees vary with the number of credits registered. Credit fees will also be covered as required by the student's university.
5. **Insurance:** While in Taiwan, in addition to the mandatory student safety insurance set by the Ministry of Education, each student must be insured for accidental and necessary medical coverage. Insurance fees will be covered for the entire duration of the program.
6. **Book costs:** Purchasing textbooks as required by the instructors shall be subject to the approval of the director of the student's institute.
7. **Allowance:**
 - (1) **Undergraduate's Program (maximum 4 years):** Each student shall receive NT\$12,000 per month (NT\$144,000 per year) as allowance for food and miscellaneous living expenses. The sum will be deposited monthly into the student's local bank account.
 - (2) **Master's Program (maximum 2 years):** Each student shall receive NT\$15,000 per month (NT\$180,000 per year) as allowance for food and miscellaneous living expenses. The sum will be deposited monthly into the student's local bank account.
 - (3) **Ph.D. Program (maximum 3 years):** Each student shall receive NT\$17,000 per month (NT\$204,000 per year) as allowance for food and miscellaneous living expenses. The sum will be deposited monthly into the student's local bank account. Exceeding 3 years, continuation of the monthly allowance will be offered by the host institute. The duration and amount of continued support will be determined by the host institute.

Terms of the Program

By accepting the grant from the TaiwanICDF, you have to do the following during the period of the program in Taiwan (maximum 2/3/4 consecutive years) :

1. Comply with the Recruitment Procedures and be devoted full time to the program.
2. Not seek employment or engage in political activities.
3. Be responsible for any expenses and arrangement relating to family/friends coming to Taiwan.
4. Return to your home country soon after completion of the program.
5. Bear any expenses or risks incurred as a result of any change initiated by yourself, in the travel schedule arranged by the TaiwanICDF.
6. Fully agree that the TaiwanICDF has the discretionary right to suspend your monthly allowance due to any misconduct by yourself.
7. Fully agree that the TaiwanICDF has the right to terminate the scholarship if your student status is rescinded by your host institute due to you being :
 - (1) found guilty of serious misconduct in Taiwan
 - (2) found to have engaged in political activities or any form of employment for profit or gain
 - (3) found to have unsatisfactory performance^{*} or language deficiency during the Program
8. Know your accommodation will be arranged and designated by your host institute.
9. Certify the information contained in the physical examination form is genuine and not request reimbursement for hospitalization in case of a chronic illness in Taiwan, and agree that the TaiwanICDF has the right to send me back to my home country should I suffer any chronic illness.
10. Agree that during your study at your host institute, all matters related to the program will be settled in accordance with the school rules and regulations, and that your host institute's decision will be final and will be implemented accordingly.
11. Agree to summarize your thesis to manuscript for SCI, EI, A&HCI, SSCI, TSSCI journals or the Journal of International Cooperation (JIC) upon completion (within twenty pages). If it is not accepted by the SCI, EI, A&HCI, SSCI and TSSCI journals within one and a half years, the manuscript will be submitted to the JIC by your corresponding authors.
(*Except for undergraduate students)
12. Agree to learn basic Mandarin and embrace Taiwanese culture during your stay in

Taiwan.

13. Agree to repay airfare, and living allowances should you decide to dropout from the scholarship without the prior consent of the TaiwanICDF and providing proof of exceptional circumstances, and you accept the TaiwanICDF's decision in this matter will be final.
14. Agree that TaiwanICDF has the right to terminate the scholarship should you not participate in the orientation, nor register your program in time without reasonable cause.

✖ The TaiwanICDF would like to inform you that performance will be considered unsatisfactory if scholarship holders:

- (1) Fail the academic average in any one semester, which is 60 out of 100 for undergraduates and 70 out of 100 for postgraduates; in which case, full scholarship will be suspended during the following semester. Should the academic average be achieved during this next semester, the TaiwanICDF will continue the scholarship by request; or
- (2) Fail more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of all modules that they elect to study, across two consecutive semesters; or more than $\frac{2}{3}$ of all modules that they elect to study, in any one semester. In this case, the full scholarship will be terminated.

Program Advisory

I. Program Application

1. All materials must be submitted to the Taiwan Embassy / Consulate / Representative Office in your country, as it serves as the only channel through which you can apply to the TaiwanICDF scholarship program.
2. The Taiwan Embassy / Consulate / Representative Office will make an initial evaluation of your application as well as verify your credentials before sending your materials to your academic program for further review.
3. After your materials have been fully reviewed, the school will set up an admission committee with the TaiwanICDF and program concerned to determine the status of your application.
4. Once your application is accepted, the TaiwanICDF will issue you a *Letter of Invitation and Acceptance (LOIA)* via the Taiwan Embassy / Consulate / Representative Office. You will have to sign the *Consent Form* enclosed in the LOIA under the witness of an official of the Taiwan Embassy / Consulate / Representative Office to complete the application procedure. Please note that your scholarship is in accordance with LOIA via Taiwan Embassy / Consulate / Representative Office. Your school acceptance letter is only a notice about your admission to the school.

II. Pre-departure

1. Confirmation of Your Participation:

Please fax the Letter of Invitation and Acceptance with your signature to the TaiwanICDF through the Taiwan Embassy/ Consulate (General)/ Representative Office in your country.

2. Passport:

Make sure you have a valid passport (good for at least 24 months before its expiry date) or travel document. You or your employer should bear any expense incurred for this purpose.

3. Visa Application:

When applying for a visa to Taiwan, the Letter of Invitation and Acceptance must be presented. Upon receiving the visa, check to make sure that it is the appropriate one and covers the entire duration of the program in Taiwan. Please note that the visa fee (third country visa fee) will be borne by you or your employer.

4. Air Ticket:

TaiwanICDF pays for a round trip economy class air ticket via the most direct route. Taiwan Embassy/Consulate (General)/ Representative Office will inform you of your confirmed flight schedule and pass your ticket to you. Please keep in touch with that office for help and advice. Please submit your boarding passes to the program manager of your school upon your arrival in Taiwan.

*No stopover fee available.

5. Cancellation:

If you have to cancel your participation, please inform the Taiwan Embassy/Consulate (General)/Representative Office A.S.A.P.

III. Arrival at Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport

1. Your arrival date should be within 1 or 2 days before the opening ceremony of your orientation program. If your arrival is unduly delayed, the TaiwanICDF reserves the right to cancel your participation and air ticket.
2. Upon arrival at Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport, the coordinator will arrange a shuttle bus for you to the accommodation.
3. On the day of opening ceremony, the coordinator will take all the participants to TaiwanICDF's headquarters.

IV. Program Period

1. Orientation:

- a.) The TaiwanICDF will arrange a 5-day orientation for you. The purpose of this

orientation is to introduce the regulations of the scholarship, basic Mandarin, and Taiwanese customs and culture. The cost will be covered by the TaiwanICDF.

- b.) Regardless of your arrival date, you will receive the full amount of the first month's allowance during the Orientation to help cover your settlement expenses. *Please note: There is no separate relocation allowance.

2. Temporary Leave:

Your director or program manager should be informed of your travel plans (date, period, place to visit and stay, reason for the trip etc.) during summer or winter vacation.

3. Health Insurance:

- a.) Upon your arrival at Taiwan, the TaiwanICDF will cover both your medical insurance (up to a premium of NT\$30,000 ; *life insurance will not be included) and accidental insurance (up to a premium of NT\$2,000,000). With regards to the details of the coverage, please consult your university and make reference to the contract signed by your university and the insurance company.
- b.) Starting from the fifth month of your stay in Taiwan, the TaiwanICDF will fund your enrollment in Taiwan's National Health Insurance Scheme. For payment scope of insurance, please refer to the following website: http://www.nhi.gov.tw/english/webdata.asp?menu=11&menu_id=293&webdata_id=1881

4. Motorbike:

Recently a few motorbike accidents caused by some TaiwanICDF students have been reported. These accidents have caused students to be hospitalized and committed crimes. In order to avoid a terrible accident, you are requested to uphold the things specified below:

- a.) hold a valid driver's license
- b.) hold a valid motor license/vehicle registration
- c.) follow the traffic regulation (e.g. wear helmet)
- d.) pay an insurance for motorbike, third party liability and accidental.

For further information about the vehicle regulation, please refer to the following website: http://www.thb.gov.tw/new_english/index.htm

5. Monitoring Meeting:

The purpose of the monitoring meeting between the TaiwanICDF staff and your director is to know your current study and daily life at the end of each semester. If you have any question about the scholarship, you may also discuss with the TaiwanICDF staff after the meeting.

6. Joint Graduation Ceremony:

TaiwanICDF will arrange a joint graduation ceremony for all of the TaiwanICDF graduates in June each year.

7. Subsidy of International Parcel (Maximum 30 kg):

TaiwanICDF will **additionally** cover your back-home package with a maximum surface postage of 30 kg. Please refer to the below website for your information. Website: http://www.post.gov.tw/post/internet/u_english/postal_f_7_2.jsp

Please also note that if there is no service provided to your country, following is the ceiling of the subsidy in different region and countries.

Region	Countries	Ceiling of the subsidy
Asian Pacific	Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands	\$3,440
Africa	Burkina Faso, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia	\$2,380
	The Gambia	\$2,870
Central America, South America and Caribbean Region		\$3,440
Europe	Poland	\$1,750
Western Asia	Mongolia	\$3,070

8. Documents Authentication:

Applicants contact the embassy/ consular/office of your country requesting the document to determine whether or not these documents need BOCA's (the Bureau of Consular Affairs, Taiwan) authentication. Requirements for authentication are as follows,

- a.) Applicants must present original documents certified by a public notary
- b.) Applicants or their agents are required to provide BOCA with a supplementary copy of each document for its records
- c.) Applicants or their agents are required to present original identification papers

For further information, please refer to the following website:

<http://www.boca.gov.tw/lp.asp?CtNode=119&CtUnit=82&BaseDSD=7&mp=2>

V. Departure

- 1. Upon confirming your completion of school leaving procedures and submission of the abridged theses for SCI, EI, A&HCI, SSCI, TSSCI journals or the Journal of International Cooperation (JIC), TaiwanICDF will arrange a return ticket for your back trip via the most direct route. Please send your boarding passes back to the program manager of your school upon arrival home.**
- 2. Please note that the visa fee (third country visa fee) will be borne by you or your employer.**
- 3. If your final departure date falls on or before the 15th day of the month, you will receive half the allowance for that month.**

TaiwanICDF Alumni Society

The end of the program is the beginning of a new phase for you. After returning to your country, it is the TaiwanICDF's hope that you will

- a.) Keep in touch with us and remain in contact with the Taiwan Embassy/Consulate (General)/ Representative Office or your schools.
- b.) Put the knowledge and skills you have gained to good use in your place of work.
- c.) Help your organization to disseminate the knowledge you have gained through seminars, training programs, discussions, etc.
- d.) Participate in the activities of the TaiwanICDF Alumni Society in your country.

For further information, please refer to the following website:

http://www.icdf.org.tw/english/e_alumni.asp
