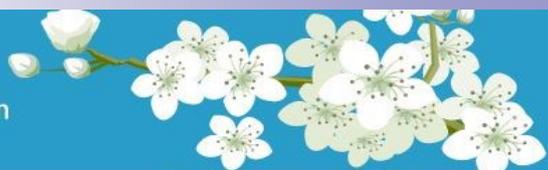


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Taiwan Scholarship and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program



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* HES program is open to Australian students/ citizens aged 18 up at Australian universities, with capacity to include some students over 20 annually in short-term HES program. Apply by 10 of April 2015.

* 2015 Taiwan Scholarship program increases its capacity to 2 recipients for Australian citizens/ students. Apply by 4 of May 2015.

We are pleased to announce the scholarship programs offered by Taiwan's Ministry of Education to Australian students/citizens call for applications now.

Taiwan Scholarship

It offers to students who wish to enrol in a degree program (Bachelor, Master or PhD) in Taiwan. Recipients will receive tuition and payment of academic fees, including credit fees, up to a maximum amount of NTD 40,000 and a monthly stipend of NTD 15,000 for a

Bachelor program or NTD 20,000 for a Master/PhD program.

Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES)

HES is offered for students who wish to focus exclusively on the study of Mandarin language. Recipients of this scholarship will be given a stipend of NTD 25,000 per month for 3, 6 or 9 months of study at a university-affiliated language centre.

Applicants for both the Taiwan Scholarship and/or Huayu Enrichment Scholarship must also apply to the university or language centre of their choice. You can assess information related to all application procedures via hyperlinks attached to this news letter.

Guidelines and Application forms

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Why you should study Mandarin in Taiwan as your first choice?

“Why you should study Mandarin in Taiwan as your first choice?”

Australian HES alumni Paul Farrelly shared his view point via Asia Options

Taiwan has long been a great place to study Mandarin. After Chiang Kai Shek’s Nationalist government retreated to the island during the Chinese Civil War and, with the PRC generally out of bounds, Taiwan became a proxy for ‘China’. This new, and arguably somewhat contrived identity was strongly cultural and Mandarin replaced Japanese as the official state language in Taiwan. If a foreigner wanted to study Mandarin, Taiwan was *the* place to do it.

Since the PRC opened up foreign students have flocked there to not only learn the language, but also experience first-hand one of the great social shifts in global history. While China has always been a fascinating place, in recent decades it has been amazing *and* accessible. Why then should you go to Taiwan to study Mandarin?

It is worth considering Taiwan not just as the PRC’s ‘other’— somewhere osten-

sibly Chinese but just a few decades more developed—but a place with its own fascinatingly complicated and rich history. Visitors to Taiwan experience a particular hybridity that is not found anywhere in the PRC. Other authors on Asia Options have rightly pointed out some of the great aspects of life as a student in Taiwan, as well as the work and internship opportunities there. Hoping to build on these stories and drawing on my own two years of language study in Taiwan, I will consider what benefits you might gain from studying Mandarin there.

The first thing any foreign student will notice as soon they show up in Taiwan is that traditional characters 繁體字 are still used. Do not be scared – this is a good thing! If you have never studied Mandarin before then you have nothing to worry about. Starting from scratch is similar in both systems.

But there are also benefits to learning traditional characters (found mainly in Taiwan and Hong Kong) on top of your foundation of simplified characters (as taught in the PRC and in most Mandarin classrooms around the world).

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Taiwan as the heart of Asia

Education Division of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Australia recently conducted an interview with Joshua Morgan about his time spent studying at the National Taiwan University (NTU) as one of Australian recipients of Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES) program.

Joshua Morgan began his Mandarin learning journey in Taiwan since September 2014. He had completed a postgraduate qualification in International Relationships in 2012, and he applied for a HES scholarship to develop his Mandarin language proficiency further.

Q: What's your learning experience with NTU? And living experience in Taiwan?

A: I arrived in Taipei last August and in the almost 5 months I have been here, I have already established some amazing friendships and made great gains in my Chinese language abilities. While the difference between arriving to the heat of a Taipei summer to the now crisp mornings of its winter has been stark and at times difficult to adjust to, the enduring warmth of the Taiwanese people has ensured that my experience living here continues to be an entirely positive one.

I chose National Taiwan University (NTU) in Taipei as my preferred institution of study. In doing so, I was guided by the experience of present and former students, as described by them in various blog posts. While a somewhat daunting decision, I am extremely pleased with my choice.

NTU's Chinese Language Division (CLD) has proven itself a highly professional language centre. Its dedicated and professional teachers have a keen interest in ensuring their students not only get the most out of their language studies but are also exposed to other elements of Taiwanese culture, namely through cultural excursions and workshops.

There is an amazing array of nationalities represented amongst CLD students, many of whom are HES program participants. Seeing the number and diversity of scholarship recipients at NTU has highlighted the generosity and profound influence of the program.

Q: Any unsatisfactory, if there is any?

A: The opportunity afforded by the HES program to live and study in Taiwan is truly remarkable. Returning to a Mandarin speaking country to study the language on a full-time basis is something I have dreamed of doing for a number of years. Without the HES, it is entirely possible this dream would not have come to fruition.

Overall, I have been highly satisfied with (not to mention extremely grateful for) the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship program. The level of support offered by HES program coordinators, both in-country and back in Australia, has been exceptional. In my experience, the focus is entirely on ensuring scholarship recipients have the most meaningful and rewarding Mandarin learning experience possible.

While my HES adventure concludes in May, my relationship with Taiwan and Mandarin will continue well into the future. Taiwan is often described as 'the heart of Asia', a moniker that I can confirm as being highly appropriate. I am also happy to confirm that Taiwan has well and truly stolen mine.

'Taiwan as the heart of Asia' confirmed by 2014 HES recipient Joshua Morgan



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This page offers an opportunity for 2014 HES recipients from Australia to connect, share stories of interest and tips for living in Taiwan.