

## Guidelines to the Taiwan Fellowship

To encourage the experts and scholars worldwide who are interested in topics related to Taiwan, cross Taiwan strait relations, mainland China, the Asia Pacific and other facets of Sinology to conduct advanced studies at Taiwan's universities or research institutions, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) of Republic of China (ROC) in Taipei has, therefore, issued the following guidelines.

- I. The Fellowship recipients should be foreign professors, associate professors, assistant professors, or doctoral candidates of related departments of overseas universities, or research fellows of the same level in academic institutions abroad.
- II. The fields of study should be in the field of social sciences regarding topics on Taiwan, cross Taiwan strait relations, mainland China, and the Asia Pacific or other aspects of Sinology.
- III. The grant amount and duration of the Fellowship:
  1. The recipients will have one direct roundtrip economy-class ticket subsidized between their place of residence and Taiwan. After the recipients arrive in Taiwan, they must submit the stub of and receipt for their tickets as well as the used boarding pass(es). Please note that there is a maximum subsidy for flights from each area. Should the cost of the ticket exceed the subsidy limit, the difference must be covered by the recipient. Tickets are not provided to recipients who are already in Taiwan.
  2. The monthly stipends are as follows:
    - (1) Professors, associate professors, research fellows, or associate research fellows: NT\$60,000 (approx. USD\$2,065); and
    - (2) Assistant professors, assistant research fellows, or doctoral candidates: NT\$50,000 (approx. USD\$1,725).
  3. The minimum duration of a fellowship is 3 months, and the maximum 1 year.
  4. Accident insurance of NT\$1 million is provided during the term of research in Taiwan. (This sum is also to cover any expenses incurred from the treatment of injuries.)

IV. The total number of recipients is subject to the annual budget of the Ministry.

V. Applicants should submit the prepared English or Chinese documents to the ROC Embassy or Representative Office in their home country or where their research or study is based. The documents include:

1. Application form;
2. Resume (including a publication list);
3. Research proposal (Three pages in principle. The proposal should be concise and well-organized, as it will serve as the main reference for the committee to evaluate the grant and duration of the fellowship);
4. Admission documents from ROC universities or research institutions for the recipients to do research in Taiwan; and
5. Two letters of recommendation (original).

Those who are currently doing research in Taiwan can submit the application to MOFA directly.

VI. Recipients of the Fellowship should observe the following regulations:

1. The research proposal and research area provided in the application should not be changed unless approved by MOFA. Otherwise MOFA may terminate the Fellowship.
2. The recipients should submit research finding in the form of a solid and concise article or monograph to MOFA within three months after the end of the project. During their stay in Taiwan, the recipients may be invited to participate in lectures or seminars related to their research topics and hosted by MOFA as speakers or discussants.
3. During the period of the Fellowship, the recipients are not allowed to receive any scholarships granted by governmental agencies, public or private education institutions, and other academic organization in Taiwan.

VII. The implementation details are as follows:

1. Once the proposal is approved, ROC Embassies or Representative Offices abroad will notify the recipients, who will have to sign the terms of agreement.
  2. The recipients have to apply for a visa to enter Taiwan.
    - (1) For those awarded a fellowship shorter than six months in duration, ROC Embassies or Representative Offices abroad will issue a visitor visa.
    - (2) For those awarded a fellowship over six months in duration, ROC Embassies or Representative Offices abroad will issue a residence visa. Visa fees are waived in both cases.
  3. The recipients should be responsible for the detailed arrangements of their research and stay in Taiwan by themselves.
  4. Before departure for Taiwan, recipients should submit the information about their itinerary (dates of arrival, hosted research institutions, contacts in Taiwan, etc.) to their respective ROC Embassies or Representative Offices for reference.
- VIII. MOFA shall set other regulations for matters not covered under these guidelines, as needed.