

## **The 2024 Taiwan Scholarship Program Guidelines**

Taipei Representative Office in Ireland

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### **I. Purpose**

The Taiwan Scholarship is provided by the Ministry of Education (MOE) to encourage outstanding international students to undertake degree study programs in Taiwan and is open to students in a wide range of disciplines. The scholarship program aims to develop outstanding future professionals and experts to meet tomorrow's needs in a global society while allowing students to familiarize themselves with the academic environment in Taiwan and promote communication, understanding, and friendship between Taiwan and the international community.

### **II. Scholarship award Value**

The MOE Taiwan Scholarship Program provides the following for each outstanding international students scholarship recipient who comes to Taiwan to undertake a bachelor's degree, master's degree, or doctorate:

- (i) Each scholarship will cover the tuition fees up to NTD (New Taiwan Dollars, abbreviated NTD) 40,000 for one academic semester (the amount **above NTD 40,000 will be covered by the recipient or the university**)
- (ii) Monthly living allowance: **Undergraduate study: NTD 15,000**  $\approx$  465€; **Postgraduate study: NTD 20,000**  $\approx$  605€
- (iii) Flight tickets, health insurances, administration fees, thesis advising fees, insurance premiums, accommodation and internet access, etc. are **NOT** included.

**III. Number of Awards: 1 Scholarship** will be awarded by the Taipei Representative Office in Ireland.

### **IV. Duration of Scholarships**

- (i) The maximum period of each scholarship is **4 years for undergraduate programs, 2 years for master programs, and 4 years for doctorate programs**. The

maximum length of the total awards for each recipient undertaking a combination of studies is **5 years**.

- (ii) Annual award periods begin on September 1<sup>st</sup> and continue until August 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. Recipients must arrive in Taiwan and enroll at their admitting universities/colleges before registration starts. If recipients fail to arrive in Taiwan on time, their award will be revoked automatically.

## V. Eligibility

- (i) Applicants must hold an **Irish passport** and a high-school diploma (Leaving Cert or equivalent) / post-secondary degree(s), possess an excellent academic record and be of good moral character.
- (ii) Applicants in any of the following categories are **INELIGIBLE** to apply:
- An R.O.C. nationals or an overseas Chinese student.
  - A person who already has registered or previously enrolled and retained student status at any university/college in Taiwan. Graduating students pursuing further studies are exempt from this rule.
  - A person who has already studied in Taiwan for the same level of degree as the one in which they currently intend to enroll.
  - An exchange or dual/joint degree student admitted in accordance with academic cooperation agreements between local universities/colleges and international universities/colleges.
  - A person who had already received the Taiwan Scholarship for five years in total or will exceed the five year limit if awarded a Taiwan Scholarship for the programme to which they intend to apply.
  - A person who has had, in the past, their Taiwan Scholarship or Huayu Enrichment Scholarship from the MOE revoked.
  - A person who has received any other scholarship or subsidy offered by the Taiwan government or education institutions in Taiwan while studying under the Taiwan Scholarship. This excludes subsidies offered by universities/colleges to cover tuition and other fees exceeding the scholarship limit.

## VI. Application

**Applicants should enclose the following documents with their application to the Taipei Representative Office in Ireland (\*failure to include any of these documents renders the application incomplete and the applicant will not be considered further for the scholarship):**

- (i) Completed Taiwan Scholarship Application Form (see Appendix).
- (ii) A copy of the applicant's Irish passport.
- (iii) A copy of the highest degree and academic transcripts. If issued by non-Irish educational institutions, these documents must be authenticated by an overseas Representative Office / Embassy of Taiwan, R.O.C. or be sealed and delivered by the awarding institutions. Documents in a language other than Mandarin or English must be translated into Mandarin or English and the translated documents must be authenticated.
- (iv) A copy of admission and/or application materials (e.g., copies of application fee remittance and/or application form, acknowledgement of received application from universities/colleges, etc.) to universities/colleges.
- (v) For scholarship applications relating to a Mandarin-taught degree programme, **a copy of results or certificate for the "Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language" (TOCFL) Band B or above** must be included as evidence of language proficiency. The TOCFL is not required in the case of applications to **all-English-taught degree programmes**.
- (vi) The terms of agreement with applicants' signature (see Appendix).
- (vii) Two letters of reference signed by hand and sealed in envelopes (i.e. from principals, professors or supervisors). Photocopies and e-mail submissions of letters of recommendation will not be considered.
- (viii) Study/research plan.
- (ix) Short autobiography (no longer than one A4 page).

**VII. Application deadline: 19 April 2024** (applications submitted after the deadline, as evidenced by the date of the postmark, will not be accepted).

**VIII. Selection Process:**

- (i) Complete application documents should be **submitted to this office ( 8 Lower Hatch Street, Dublin 2, Ireland)** and interviews will be arranged and conducted following application documents review. In the cases of candidates applying for Mandarin-taught degree programmes, the interview would be carried out in Chinese.
- (ii) Applications must be completed in full. All incomplete applications are ineligible for consideration and persons submitting incomplete applications will be withdrawn from the selection process without further notice.

**IX. Selection Notice:**

- (i) Upon reviewing applications and conducting interviews, this office will select successful candidates and alternate candidates to be placed on a waiting list. **Candidates and their awarding universities/colleges are to be notified by 31<sup>st</sup>May 2024.**
- (ii) Successful candidates should **submit a copy of their letter of admission to this office by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.** Failure to submit documents within the specified time period or to be admitted into a university/college will result in disqualification, and the candidates on the waiting list will be offered a scholarship, who must submit a copy of their letter of admission to this office by **no later than 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024.**

**Please see the following website for more detailed information:**

<https://taiwanscholarship.moe.gov.tw/web/index.aspx>

<http://www.studyintaiwan.org/>

**If you have any questions, please contact:**

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**Application form, terms of agreement, the list of university/college that may give Taiwan Scholarship recipients a discount for tuition and/or miscellaneous expenses and universities that provide full-English programs can be downloaded in the attachment.**