

# 2023 Taiwan Scholarship

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## Taiwan Scholarship Application Process: A Summary for UK Applicants

- I. In an effort to encourage outstanding international students (excluding those from Mainland China, Hong Kong & Macau) to undertake degree studies in Taiwan so as to familiarise themselves with the academic environment in Taiwan and promote communication, understanding and friendship between Taiwan and countries around the world, **the Ministry of Education (MOE) establishes the following guidelines for the Taiwan Scholarship programme.**
- II. The MOE honours outstanding international students undertaking undergraduate and postgraduate studies in Taiwan by **awarding each recipient of the Taiwan Scholarship the following:**
  - (i) **Payment of tuition fees and miscellaneous expenses.** (If tuition fees are higher than NT\$ 40,000, the MOE will pay NT\$ 40,000 and the recipient shall cover the remainder\*). Miscellaneous expenses does not include any of the following, all of which are payable by the recipient: administration fees, thesis advising fees, insurance premiums, accommodation or internet access. (\*Some universities may subsidise the remainder of tuition fees for Taiwan Scholarship recipients; however, applicants should clarify whether or not this is the case for each university to which they intend to apply.)
  - (ii) **Living allowance.** The MOE offers each recipient undertaking undergraduate studies a monthly stipend of NTD 15,000; it offers each recipient undertaking postgraduate studies a monthly stipend of NTD 20,000.
- III. **Duration of Scholarships:**
  - (i) The maximum period of each scholarship is four years for undergraduate programmes, two years for master's programmes and four years for doctorate programmes.
  - (ii) Candidates who have previously received a Taiwan Scholarship may apply for another Taiwan Scholarship to cover a higher-level degree programme. However, the maximum cumulative length of awards that can be granted to a single recipient undertaking a combination of degree programmes funded by Taiwan Scholarships is five years in total.

(iii) Annual award periods begin on September 1st and continue until August 31st of the following year. Recipients must arrive in Taiwan and enrol at their admitting universities/colleges within this period unless delays have been approved by the relevant institutions and the MOE. If recipients fail to arrive in Taiwan for registration during this period, their award will be revoked with no deferrals.

(iv) Living allowances begin from the month the recipient actually begins attending the university/college and end when the award period expires or upon the recipient's graduation, withdrawal, suspension, expulsion or revocation of the scholarship.

#### **IV. Eligibility:**

(i) Applicants must be a UK passport-holder with a high-school diploma (A-Level or equivalent) / post-secondary degree(s), possess an excellent academic record and be of good moral character.

(ii) Applicants are ineligible if they meet the following criteria:

1. Are R.O.C. nationals or overseas Chinese students.
2. Are already registered or have previously enrolled and retained student status at any university/college in Taiwan. Graduating students pursuing further studies are exempt from this rule.
3. Have already studied in Taiwan for the same level of degree as the one in which they currently intend to enrol.
4. Are exchange or dual/joint degree students admitted in accordance with academic cooperation agreements between local universities/colleges and international universities/colleges.
5. Have already received the Taiwan Scholarship for five years in total. (Applicants who will exceed the five-year limit if awarded a Taiwan Scholarship for their chosen programme are eligible to apply, but their scholarship will cease once the five-year limit is reached. These students must self-fund the remainder of their course.)
6. Have had, in the past, their Taiwan Scholarship or Huayu Enrichment Scholarship from the MOE revoked.
7. Will be receiving 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.

(iii) Applicants should apply directly for admission within the deadlines specified by each university/college.

**V. Applicants should submit the following documents\* by e-mail, either as one merged file or with each document attached as a separate file, to the following e-mail address: [virginia@mofa.gov.tw](mailto:virginia@mofa.gov.tw)** (\*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 (available from the Education Division of the Taipei Representative Office in the U.K.), including a study/research plan.
- (ii) A copy of the applicant's U.K. passport.
- (iii) A copy of the highest degree and academic transcripts. If issued by non-U.K. 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 to universities/colleges in Taiwan (e.g., copies of application fee remittance and/or application form, acknowledgement of received application from universities/colleges, etc.).

**Details** of universities and degree programmes in Taiwan are available on the following website: <http://www.studyintaiwan.org/university>

- (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 is preferable to** be included as evidence of language proficiency.

- Any applicant who is unable to submit the TOCFL certificate at the time of application must take the TOCFL test at Band B or above at their own expense by the end of the first semester after their arrival in Taiwan and submit their test results or certificate to their university. If a scholarship recipient does not submit their TOCFL results within the time limit specified, the university/college will suspend their living allowance, starting from the following semester, until the month the TOCFL results are submitted. If a scholarship recipient who has registered at a university/college and begun their programme fails to submit their TOCFL results/certificate by the end

of the second semester, their scholarship will be revoked by the university/college, starting from the third semester.

- The TOCFL is not required in the case of applications to English-taught degree programmes. Please refer to the 'English-Taught Programme Reference List 2023' attachment. However, the reference list is not exhaustive and applicants should contact the university to confirm the teaching language of the programme.

- If a degree programme is confirmed as English-taught by the university but not included in the 'English-Taught Programme Reference List 2023', the applicant must obtain a document formally issued by the university/college (not a subsidiary department or unit) certifying that the course is taught fully in English.

(vi) Letters of reference from two referees (i.e. principals, professors or supervisors), to be e-mailed directly to [virginia@mofa.gov.tw](mailto:virginia@mofa.gov.tw). Letters of recommendation forwarded by the applicant will not be considered.

**VI. Application deadline: Friday 31st March, 2023 (applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted).**

**VII. Selection Criteria:**

(i) Recipients' academic study goals should be consistent with the national development plans of their own countries and those of Taiwan so as to assist in the growth of industry, economy and education.

(ii) Interviews should be conducted in person or online (e.g. Microsoft Teams) so as to interact with the applicants and better judge their demeanour and moral character.

(iii) Priority will be given to applicants with a certificate in TOCFL at Band B or above.

(iv) Applicants should not hold an APRC of the ROC.

(v) 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.

**VIII. Selection Notice:**

(i) Upon reviewing applications and conducting interviews, the Education Division of the Taipei Representative Office in the U.K. 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 May 31st of each year.

(ii) Successful candidates should submit a copy of their letter of admission to their local Taiwan Representative Office for verification by June 30th of each year. 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. The list of recipients must be finalised no later than July 31st of each year.

#### **IX. Other key provisions:**

1. Scholarship applicants should apply directly for admission to universities/colleges within the application deadlines set by the specific universities (separate from the scholarship application deadline).
2. Other than tuition fees and miscellaneous expenses, recipients are responsible for the payment of all other expenses. In cases of financial hardship, recipients may apply to their registered universities/colleges for payments to be deducted from their living allowances.
3. Should the recipients' academic performance, conduct or attendance record fall below the required standard of their registered universities/colleges, their scholarships will be suspended or revoked in accordance with the rules and regulations of the universities/colleges.
4. Should recipients be in simultaneous receipt of any other award or subsidy granted by Taiwan government agencies or education institutions in Taiwan, upon verification, their scholarships will be revoked and any stipend and subsistence allowance given to them during the period of overlap shall be returned.
5. All scholarship recipients are required to join the National Health Insurance plan in accordance with Taiwan's national legislation. Before doing so, they must purchase other medical and accident insurance.
6. Scholarship recipients must act in accordance with the MOE's policies for students who have been awarded a Taiwan Scholarship and participate in teaching, exchanges and activities related to language and culture.

#### **X. All applicants must read the MoE Taiwan Scholarship Guidelines (Mandarin & English versions) carefully and act in accordance with every stipulation.**

- [Mandarin version](#)
- [English version](#)

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