



Scholarships Available in Taiwan

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I. Purpose

The Scholarship Program of Taiwan was established in 2004 through jointly efforts of four branches of government agency of the Republic of China (Taiwan) --- Ministry of Education (MOE), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA), and National Science Council of the Executive Yuan (NSC).

The purpose is to encourage outstanding international students to pursue degrees of higher education in Taiwan within a wide range of disciplines. This program also aims to:

- a. promote understanding, knowledge and friendship between Taiwan and other nations around the world.
- b. explore opportunities to increase academic and educational collaborations with international institutions of higher education.
- c. develop outstanding professionals and expertise to meet the needs from Taiwan's business and industry sectors.

II. Type of Scholarships

There are four types of scholarships available, based on funding agency. Each targets the eligible recipients of different nationality and academic programs including language training.

MOFA Scholarship:

- Recipients from countries with diplomatic relations with the R.O.C. (Taiwan), or from those specified as diplomatically favored by MOFA.
- Undergraduate or postgraduate programs. Pre-degree Mandarin Language Enrichment Program (LEP) is included..

- b. **MOE Scholarship:**
 - Recipients from countries other than those specified in the MOFA Scholarship.
 - Undergraduate or postgraduate programs. LEP is included.
- c. **NSC Scholarship:**
 - Recipients from countries other than those specified in the MOFA Scholarship.
 - Postgraduate programs.
- d. **MOEA Scholarship:**
 - Recipients from countries other than those specified in the MOFA Scholarship.
 - Postgraduate programs in the areas of scientific technology.

III. Value of Offering

Scholarship offers stipend with(out) airfare, varied as outlined below:

- a. **MOFA Scholarship:** International airfare for economy-class, direct-route and roundtrip, plus a monthly stipend of NT\$30,000 (approximately US\$950).
- b. **MOE Scholarship:** A monthly stipend of NT\$25,000 (approximately US\$790) for undergraduate or LEP, and NT\$30,000 for graduate programs.
- c. **NSC Scholarship:** A monthly stipend of NT\$30,000.
- d. **MOEA Scholarship:** A monthly stipend of NT\$30,000.

IV. Duration

The award period for each study program varies as follows:

- a. **Undergraduate** program: maximum 4 years.
- b. **Masters** program: maximum 2 years.
- c. **Doctoral** program: maximum 3 years.
- d. **Language Enrichment** program: maximum 1 year.

For any combination of these programs, the maximum total award for each recipient is **five years**. The recipient must complete the LEP in **the first year**, if it is to be included in the study in Taiwan.

Annual award periods are **from September 1st through August 31st**. The actual award period for each program starts from the month that the recipient arrives in Taiwan and enrolls in his/her intended program. If the recipient arrives after the semester/term/quarter begins, the award period starts at the month of enrollment. If

the recipient fails to arrive in Taiwan to study during this period, this award status will be cancelled and cannot be extended for another year.

All awards end the month when the specified award period completed. However, the award could be terminated, should the recipient graduate, drop out, expelled from institution, or the scholarship revoked, whichever comes first.

The scholarship for **Language Enrichment Program ends in August**, whether it beginning in September or later. So it could be less than the specified one year.

V. Eligibility

An applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

- a. possess excellent academic performance with good conduct.
- b. does not hold the citizenship of Republic of China (Taiwan).
- c. does not hold the status of an overseas Chinese student.
- d. is not currently enrolled at an educational institution in Taiwan, for the same study program that he/she intends to do with a SPOT scholarship.
- e. is not an exchange student, based on the cooperation agreement between an international institution of education and a Taiwanese one, at the same time sponsored by a SPOT scholarship.
- f. is not applying for a program leading to the degree of same-level as previously sponsored by the SPOT scholarship
- g. not awarded SPOT scholarships for a total of 5 or more years.
- h. did not have a scholarship revoked, sponsored either by SPOT or “Ministry of Education Huayu Enrichment Program.”
- i. is not a current recipient of a scholarship or subsidy, sponsored by a government agency or educational institution in Taiwan.

Those who have enrolled in degree programs at international universities/colleges may be eligible to apply for SPOT scholarships, if their degree programs are comparative with the one of same level in Taiwan.

VI. Application and Selection Process

Applicants must send their completed application materials to the **Taiwanese Representative Office, closest to their permanent residence in their home countries.** Usually, the application timeline is from February 1st through March 31st of each year, unless the individual Taiwan Representative Offices specify otherwise.

For application information, including application forms, scholarship types and

quotas, selection process and awards announcement, please contact the representative office closest to your home.

A complete application package includes the following materials:

- a. A completed application form.
- b. Photocopy of passport or other certificates of nationality.
- c. Photocopy of the highest-level diploma and the complete transcript of grades.
<N.B. These documents, if issued by international institutions, must be authenticated by an overseas representative office of Taiwan. >
- d. Supporting application materials (e.g. extra copy of application form).
<N.B. To apply for LEP with degree program, the application materials must be sent to the Mandarin Language School as well as the next-stage university/college. The exact academic years that applicants plan to enroll full-time at these two institutions must be clearly specified on these documents. Each study period for these two programs **must be consecutive and continuous.** >
- e. Photocopy of the certificate of an acceptable level of English or Chinese language proficiency, depending on which one will be used for instruction.
<N.B. The certificate is required only for degree program applicants. >
- f. Additional documents may be required by individual representative office.

Generally, **priority** will be awarded to those who intend to pursue a degree and have been admitted to a university/college.

VII. Re-Applying

Students may re-apply for a SPOT Scholarship to pursue another degree, upon finishing one in a degree program. Just follow the same **application process as specified above**. The total maximum award period for each student cannot exceed 5 years.

<N.B. LEP applicants awarded initially **only a LEP scholarship by the individual Taiwan Reprehensive Office** may apply for the next-level award to **a degree program**. They can apply through the universities/colleges they will attend, **upon completion of their LEP**. For this process, the required materials are a photocopy of admission to a university/college and a certificate of proficiency in Chinese or English language for the degree programs. >

VIII. Renewal

Individual university/college evaluates renewal of SPOT toward each recipient for the next academic year by February 28th of each year. Each educational institution

sets the minimum acceptable academic average of grades for the semester, or apply the common criteria--- 60 out of 100 for undergraduates and 70 for postgraduates. For recipients in the 3rd year of their doctoral programs, the evaluation should be done in the way specified by individual institution, as requirement varies from one discipline to another, in terms of session credits or dissertation writing.

Recipients could be permanently disqualified from any SPOT awards, effectively September of the new academic year, should they fail to achieve the specified minimum academic average for two consecutive semesters.

VIII. Suspension and Revocation

(I) Suspension

A. Degree Program:

Stipends for one month will be suspended in the following semester, if a recipient fails to achieve a specified minimum academic average for a semester.

B. Language Enrichment Program:

a. Attendance Record:

Stipend for the following month will be suspended, should a recipient absent from his/her required language sessions for 12 or more hours within a single month, except a serious illness or accident.

b. Academic Performance:

Stipend for one month will be suspended in the following semester/term, should a recipient's academic average for a semester/term fall below 80 out of 100, occurring in the second semester/term after in Taiwan.

c. TOP-Test of Proficiency in Mandarin

(<http://cpt.mtc.ntnu.edu.tw/Eng/index.asp>):

- A one-month-stipend will be suspended should a recipient fail to submit to the Mandarin Training Center, a photocopy of a TOP (Test of Proficiency---Huayu) certificate with a grade of passing the basic level or better. The deadline is **July 31st**, one month before his/her LEP award period is over. Otherwise, the recipient must pay the registration fee for the test, besides the consequence of the suspension.
- However, if the recipient passed TOP during his/her next-level award period in a degree program, the suspended one-month stipend stated above will be re-awarded. The recipient must file for it through university/college that he/she will attend next.

(II) Revocation:

A recipient may be permanently disqualified from a SPOT scholarship and the remaining stipends will be cancelled, should one of the following situations arise:

A. Degree Programs:

1. Failure to submit **an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC) with the purpose “Study,”** by the deadlines, specified by his/her university/college at the time of matriculation for each semester.
2. Failure at the evaluation of annual renewal for his/her SPOT scholarship.
3. Failure to submit the photocopy of an acceptable English /Chinese language proficiency certificate, when he/she transfers to a new program, where the language is to be used for instruction.
4. Dropping out or being expelled from school.
5. Acceptance of another scholarship or subsidy, offered either by a Taiwan government agency or an educational institution.

B. LEP Program:

1. Failure to submit **an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC) with the purpose “Study,”** by the deadlines, specified by his/her Mandarin Training Center at the time of matriculation for each semester/term,.
2. Failure to achieve an academic average of 80 or above out of 100 for two consecutive semesters/terms, occurring in the second semester/term after in Taiwan.
3. Absence from exams, with the exception of a serious illness or accident, which results in missing the score for the semester/term.
4. Dropping out or being expelled from school.
5. Acceptance of another scholarship or subsidy, offered either by a Taiwan government agency or an educational institution.

X. Transfer

A recipient may transfer **once** to another educational institution during the course of a LEP/degree program, after a semester/term/quarter study at a university/college/Mandarin Training Center. The condition is that the pertinent educational institution approves this request of transfer.

A transfer recipient, who undertakes a degree program, must submit to the new institution a photocopy of English/Chinese language proficiency certificate, if the language to be used in the new institution is different.

XI. Scholarship Disbursement

In general, stipends are disbursed before the 5th day of each month, through the

universities/colleges/Mandarin Training Centers where the recipients attend, or by means specified by the individual institution.

It is mandatory that all recipients participate in the National Health Insurance Plan and purchase the policy of the Student Accident Insurance during the period of their residence and study in Taiwan. The educational institutions will deduct the fees from the stipends, before distributed to the recipients, to cover the insurance premiums.

<N.B. As a nonacademic condition of enrollment in their intended educational institutions, all recipients of SPOT must acquire medical/health insurance policies before their departure to Taiwan. These policies must cover at least 4 months, starting from their arrival date. The policies must bear the authentication of the Taiwan Overseas Representative Office. >