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TaiwanGDF 2026 Higher Education

Application Guidebook





Education is the stepping stone that leads you to your goals and dreams - a spark that ignites dreams empowers minds, and opens doors to endless possibilities.

Through education, you discover who you are and who you can become. You question. explore, create, and grow. Education opens your eyes to new worlds and teaches you to see beyond limits.

Education lives in every experience, every conversation, every moment you encounter as you grow. Keep learning, keep believing and keep moving forward. Because with every spark of understanding, you are already changing the world.



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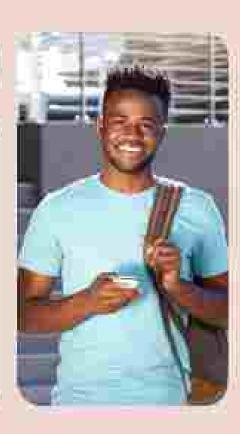
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International Higher Education Scholarship Program

International education and training has long been one of the TaiwanICDF's core operations, among many others. Human resources development programs play a vital role in assisting partner countries achieve sustainable development, and education is a crucial mechanism for training workforces in developing countries. The TaiwanICDF provides scholarships for higher education and has developed undergraduate, graduate and Ph.D. programs in cooperation with renowned partner universities in Taiwan.

The TaiwanICDF has established the Taiwan International Cooperation Alliance (TICA), setting up an operational platform under this TICA framework to manage and improve the scholarship program. In 2026, there are 32 programs offered for TaiwanICDF Scholarship application. More information about each of the programs offered in 2026, please read the guidebook thoroughly.

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Why TaiwanICDF Scholarship?

The programs we offer are carefully tailored to meet the specific development needs of our partner countries, ensuring that each course provides practical and relevant knowledge. All training is conducted in English to enhance international communication and professional competence. Furthermore, we encourage participants to apply what they have learned upon returning home, contributing to their countries' national development and fostering long-term, sustainable growth.





Scope of Scholarship

Entitlements: The total scholarship, including airfare (round-trip), housing, tuition, credit fees, insurance, textbook costs and a monthly allowance will be provided by the TaiwanlCDF to each student within his/her given award period. The scholarship is itemized as follows:

- Airfare: The TaiwanICDF shall arrange your most-direct flights to and from Taiwan with Economy Class tickets. Every airline has its own carry-on and check-in luggage policy, including for weight limits and transporting pets. Applicants have been advised to check with the airlines for details before departure.
- Housing: All students must reside in the student dormitories.
- Tuition fee: The TaiwanICDF will cover the tuition fee as required by the student's university.
- Credit fees: Credit fees vary with the number of credits registered. Credit fees will also be covered as required by the student's university.







Scope of Scholarship

- Insurance: While in Taiwan, in addition to the mandatory student safety insurance set by the Ministry of Education, each student must be insured for accidental and necessary medical coverage. Insurance fees will be covered for the entire duration of the program.
- Book costs: Purchasing textbooks as required by the instructors shall be subject to the approval of the director of the student's institute
- Allowance:
- Bachelor's Program: Each student shall receive NT\$15,000
 per month during the period of the program as allowance
 for food and miscellaneous living expenses. The sum will
 be deposited monthly into the student's local bank account.
- Master's Program: Each student shall receive NT\$18,000 per month during the period of the program as allowance for food and miscellaneous living expenses. The sum will be deposited monthly into the student's local bank account.
- 3. Ph. D. Program: Each student shall receive NT\$20,000 per month during the period of the program as allowance for food and miscellaneous living expenses. The sum will be deposited monthly into the student's local bank account.



General Eligibility Criteria for TaiwanICDF Scholarship An applicant must...

- Be a citizen of a country on the List of Countries Eligible for TaiwanICDF Scholarship, and satisfy any specific criteria established by his or her country and/or government of citizenship.
- Neither be a national of the Republic of China (Taiwan) nor an overseas compatriot student.
- Satisfy the admission requirements of the partner university to which he or she has applied to study under a TaiwanICDF scholarship.
- Be able to satisfy all requirements for a Resident Visa (Code: FS) set by the Bureau of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC) set by the Ministry of the Interior, of the ROC (Taiwan) government (this means that the TaiwanICDF has the right to revoke a scholarship offered if an applicant cannot satisfy the visa requirements)



General Eligibility Criteria for TaiwanICDF Scholarship An applicant must...

- Upon accepting a TaiwanICDF scholarship, not hold any other ROC (Taiwan) government-sponsored scholarship (such as the Taiwan Scholarship) in the same academic year in which the TaiwanICDF scholarship would be due to commence.
- Not be applying for another TaiwanICDF scholarship in unbroken succession to apply for a 2026 scholarship, applicants who have already held a TaiwanICDF scholarship, MOFA's Taiwan Scholarship or an MOE scholarship must have graduated before July 31, 2025.
- Provide the highest-level diploma before July 31,2026.
 Applicants unable to obtain the certificate by this date may instead apply for next year's scholarship.
- Have never had any scholarship revoked by any ROC (Taiwan) government agency or related institution, nor been expelled from any Taiwanese university.

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List of Countries Eligible for TaiwanICDF Scholarship

Central America

*Belize

*Guatemala

Mexico

Caribbean

*Halti

*St. Kitts and Nevis

*St. Lucia

*St. Vincent and the Grenadines

South America

Argentina Bolivia Brazil Colombia Ecuador *Paraguay

Peru Uruguay

Europe

Albania
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Hungary
Kosovo
Latvia
Montenegro
North Macedonia

Poland Serbia

Africa

Côte d'Ivoire Djibouti *Eswatini Ethiopia Kenya Sénégal South Africa Somaliland Tanzania

Asia Pacific

Fiji India Indonesia Laos Malaysia

*Marshall Islands Myanmar *Palau

Papua New Guinea Philippines Sri Lanka Thailand Timor-Leste *Tuvalu

West Asia

Jordan Mongolia Russia Türkiye

Vietnam

- Countries that have diplomatic relations with Talwan. Only applicants from these countries are eligible to apply to the bachelor's programs.
- ROC Embassies and Missions Abroad
- Sénégalese applicants Please reach out to Bureau de Représentation de Taipei en Cote d'Ivoire

Uganda

· Tanzanian applicants-Please reach out to Taiwan Representative Office in the Republic of Somaliland





Application Procedure Flowchart

For the 2026 Scholarship program, the application period runs from December 1, 2025 to March 15, 2026.

Applicants Applicants MUST -Step 1-Applicants MUST -Step 1-TaiwanICDF Complete online complete and submit the TaiwanICDF (online application before requested admission Scholarship Partner application) March 15, 2026. documents before the Universities admissions deadline of -Step 3--Step 2the TaiwanICDF 1.Conduct first review ROC (Taiwan) scholarship partner 2.Send list of Embassy/ Office universities recommended applicants to the TaiwanICDF 3. ROC (Taiwan) TaiwanICDF Embassies and Missions Abroad -Step 4-Joint Recruitment Committee -Step 5-TaiwanICDF The TaiwanICDF informs the Announcement list of scholarship recipients, in principle, no later than ROC (Taiwan) June 10,2026 Embassy/ Office Informs and delivers acceptance letters issued by the TaiwanICDF to successful applicants -Step 6-Successful Applicants



Step 1: To the Application System & Meet the University Requirements

To the Application System
 Applicants must complete an online application. Please go to

 TaiwanICDF Scholarship Online Application System to fill in your application.

(Application Dates: December 1, 2025 - March 15, 2026).

Applicants must ensure that they submit accurate and complete information; failure to do so will result in the application not being processed.

- Please note that each applicant can only apply for one program at a time. The applicant also needs to submit a separate program application to his/her chosen university/program.
- Bachelor's programs are exclusively available to applicants from countries that maintain diplomatic relations with Taiwan.
- Meet the University Requirements
 In addition to the above documents requested as part of their scholarship application, applicants should also submit all documents required by the TaiwanICDF partner schools that they are applying to before the admissions deadline of that university. For detailed information on such documents, please refer to Programs Available for Application in 2026.



Programs Available for Application in 2026

Ph.D. Programs

Area of Study: Agriculture

University: National Pingtung University of Science and Technology (NPUST)

Program: Ph.D. Program in Tropical Agriculture

<u>Application Information and Program Introduction</u>

Area of Study: Public Health and Medicine

University: National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (NYCU)

Program: Ph.D. Program in International Health

<u>Application Information</u> and <u>Program Introduction</u>

Area of Study: Public Health and Medicine

University: Taipei Medical University (TMU)

Program: Ph.D. Program in Global Health and Health Security



Programs Available for Application in 2026

Master's Programs

Area of Study: Agriculture

University: National Pingtung University of Science and Technology (NPUST)

Program: Master Program in Tropical Agriculture

<u>Application Information and Program Introduction</u>

Area of Study: Agriculture

University: National Taiwan Ocean University (NTOU)

Program: International Master Program in Aquaculture Technology

and Management

Application Information and Program Introduction

Area of Study: Agriculture

University: National Chung Hsing University (NCHU)

Program: International Master Program in Agriculture (IMPA)



Programs Available for Application in 2026

Master's Programs

Area of Study: Business and Management

University: National Chengchi University (NCCU)

Program: International Master of Business Administration (IMBA)

<u>Application Information</u> and <u>Program Introduction</u>

Area of Study: Business and Management

University: National Tsing Hua University (NTHU)

Program: International Master of Business Administration in

Technology Management

Application Information and Program Introduction

Area of Study: Business and Management

University: National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU)

Program: Graduate Institute of International Human Resource

Development (IHRD)



Programs Available for Application in 2026

Master's Programs

Area of Study: Business and Management University: Ming Chuan University (MCU)

Program: MBA Program of International Business and Trade

Application Information and Program Introduction

Area of Study: Business and Management

University: National Kaohsiung University of Hospitality and Tourism (NKUHT)

Program:International Master's Program of Tourism and Hospitality (IMTH)

Application Information and Program Introduction

Area of Study: Public Health and Medicine

University: National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (NYCU)

Program: Master's Program in International Health

<u>Application Information</u> and <u>Program Introduction</u>



Programs Available for Application in 2026

Master's Programs

Area of Study: Public Health and Medicine University: Taipei Medical University (TMU)

Program: International Master's Program in Health Care Administration

<u>Application Information and Program Introduction</u>

Area of Study: Public Health and Medicine

University: Taipei Medical University (TMU)

Program: Master Program in School of Pharmacy

<u>Application Information and Program Introduction</u>

Area of Study: Engineering and Science

University: National Tsing Hua University (NTHU)

Program: International Master Program in Information Systems

and Applications



Programs Available for Application in 2026

Master's Programs

Area of Study: Engineering and Science

University: National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (NYCU)
Program: EECS International Graduate Program (EECS IGP)

Application Information and Program Introduction

Area of Study: Engineering and Science

University: National Central University (NCU)

Program: Master of Science Program in Remote Sensing Science

and Technology

Application Information and Program Introduction

Area of Study: Engineering and Science

University: National Sun Yat-sen University (NSYSU)

Program: International Master's Program in Electric Power Engineering

(IMEPE)

<u>Application Information</u> and <u>Program Introduction</u>



Programs Available for Application in 2026

Master's Programs

Area of Study: Engineering and Science

University: Yuan Ze University (YZU)

Program:International Master's Program in Industrial Engineering

and Management

Application Information and Program Introduction

Area of Study: Engineering and Science

University: National Cheng Kung University (NCKU)

Program:International Master Program in Civil Engineering and

Management (ICEM)

Application Information and Program Introduction

Area of Study: Engineering and Science

University: National Cheng Kung University (NCKU)

Program: International Master Program on Natural Hazards Mitigation

and Management



Programs Available for Application in 2026

Master's Programs

Area of Study: Engineering and Science

University: National Dong Hwa University (NDHU)

Program: International Master Program in Artificial Intelligence and

Innovative Applications

Application Information and Program Introduction

Area of Study: Education

University: National Chung Cheng University (CCU)

Program: Master in Educational Leadership and Management

Development

Application Information and Program Introduction

Area of Study: Education

University: National Chung Cheng University (CCU)

Program: E-Learning Master Program of Education and

School Leadership

<u>Application Information</u> and <u>Program Introduction</u>

Note: The program will be conducted online and does not require scholarship recipients to be in Taiwan, except during the orientation in the first semester and the thesis oral defense in the fourth semester.



Programs Available for Application in 2026

Master's Programs

Area of Study: Others

University: National Chengchi University (NCCU)

Program: International Master's Program in International

Studies in College of International Affairs

Application Information and Program Introduction

Area of Study: Others

University: Taipei National University of the Arts (TNUA)

Program: International MA Program in Studies of Arts and Creative

Industries (SAC, Majoring in Cultural and Creative Industries)

<u>Application Information</u> and <u>Program Introduction</u>

Area of Study: Others

University: National Taipei University (NTPU)

Program:International Program on Urban Governance (IPUG)

<u>Application Information</u> and <u>Program Introduction</u>



Programs Available for Application in 2026

Master's Programs

Area of Study: Others

University: Ming Chuan University (MCU)

Program: Graduate School of International Affairs (GSIA)



Programs Available for Application in 2026

Bachelor's Programs

Area of Study: Engineering and Science

Bachelor's programs are exclusively available to applicants from countries

that maintain diplomatic relations with Taiwan.

University: National Tsing Hua University (NTHU)
Program:International Bachelor Degree Program

Group B: Electrical Engineering & Computer Science

Application Information and Program Introduction

University: National Sun Yat-sen University (NSYSU)

Program: Department of Electrical Engineering

Application Information and Program Introduction

University: National Taiwan University of Science and Techonology (Taiwan Tech)

Program: International Advanced Technology Program (IATP)

Application Information: Please contact Ms. Huang at vivian112@mail.ntust.edu.tw

Program Introduction

University: National Dong Hwa University (NDHU)

Program: International Bachelor Program in Computer Science and

Information Engineering



Step 2 : Contact ROC (Taiwan) Embassy/Office

Applicants must complete an online application. Applicants must ensure that they submit accurate and complete information; failure to do so will result in the application not being processed.

Whether hard or soft copies are required depends on the decision of each individual office ROC (Taiwan) Embassies and Missions Abroad.

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Step 3: First Review

The ROC (Taiwan) Embassy/ Consulate General/ Representative office will conduct a first review of applicants based on the eligibility requirements and selection criteria of the TaiwanICDF, and then send their list of recommended applicants to the TaiwanICDF no later than March 31 each year.



Step 4: Second Review

A second review of the qualified applicants will be conducted by an academic committee organized by the individual partner university in joint cooperation with TaiwanICDF representatives. Such reviews will be based on each university's selection criteria, whilst also accounting for the eligibility requirements and selection criteria of the TaiwanICDF.

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Step 5: Announcement

After the second review has been conducted in cooperation with all partner universities, the TaiwanICDF will announce its list of scholarship recipients, in principle, no later than June 10 each year.

Successful applicants will receive an acceptance letter through the ROC (Taiwan) Embassy/ Consulate General/Representative Office to whom they originally applied.

Please note: Receiving admission from the university does not necessarily mean that the applicant has also been given a TaiwanICDF scholarship. Only applicants who receive an acceptance letter issued by the TaiwanICDF will be recipients of the scholarship.

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Step 6: Reply

Please read over the consent form and return a signed copy to the TaiwanICDF through the R.O.C. (Taiwan) Embassy /Representative Office in your country. By completing the above step, you agree to accept the terms and conditions of the TaiwanICDF Scholarship and become an official scholarship recipient.



FAQ

For those interested in applying for the scholarship, please read through the Q&A first.

If you have any remaining questions, please contact a student ambassadors.

Please note that their response may take some time.

Q1: Where should I apply for the TaiwanICDF scholarship?

A1: Please enter and apply on the

TaiwanICDF Scholarship Online Application System.

Q2: Can I apply for more than one program with Taiwan International Cooperation Alliance (TICA) universities?

A2: No. You can only apply for one program at one TICA university each year.

Q3: Who should I contact if I encounter problems with the online application?

A3: If you experience any issues, you can contact us via email at lcdfscholarship@icdf.org.tw

Q4: Does the TaiwanICDF have any requirements regarding English proficiency test?

A4: NO. The TaiwanICDF has no requirements regarding English proficiency test. However, you will need to follow the policies of your school and program, which may include academic or language requirements such as an English proficiency test. Please contact the school or program you are interested in for further guidance.



FAQ

- Q5: Can I change my program during the application process?
- A5: No. Once you submit the application, changing your program will not be possible.
- Q6: I am currently studying in another program in another country. Can I apply for and receive the TaiwanICDF scholarship?
- A6: No. The TaiwanICDF scholarship is exclusively for students attending partner schools and programs within TICA.
- Q7: Do I need to start from the beginning of the application even though I applied for the scholarship last year?
- A7: Yes. Even if you completed an online application last year, you will need to redo the entire application procedure.
- 08: Will there be any charges for application?
- A8: There will be no additional charges for the TaiwanICDF online application. However, each school and program may have its own policies regarding fees and expenses. For more information, please contact the school or program you are interested in.
- Q9: Is there an age limit for application?
- A9: No. We will evaluate all applicants comprehensively, rather than accept or reject them based on one single quality. All positive features will be valued and taken into careful consideration.



FAQ

- 010: If I receive admission to the university I applied to, does that mean that I have also received the TaiwanICDF scholarship?
- A10: No. Receiving admission from the university does not necessarily mean that the applicant has also been given a TaiwanICDF scholarship. Only applicants who receive an acceptance letter issued by the TaiwanICDF can be considered recipients of the scholarship.
- Q11: After I have been accepted for the TaiwanICDF scholarship, can I change my program to another program that is also part of the TICA?
- A11: No. Should you do so, your scholarship will be canceled.
- Q12: I am already studying in Taiwan, Can I switch to a TICA partner school or program and be eligible to receive a scholarship?
- A12: You will need to start from the beginning of the application.
- Q13: Am I allowed to have a part-time job?
- A13: Yes. You may have a part-time job within the scope of employment law in Taiwan. For more information, please click **here**.
- Q14: Can I work in Taiwan after graduation?
- A14: Yes. For more information, please click here.



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- Q15: Can I also be sponsored by another scholarship that is funded by the Taiwan government while I am already a TaiwanICDF scholarship recipient?
- A15: No. If you have already been accepted as a TaiwanICDF scholarship recipient, you may neither apply for nor accept another Taiwan agency-financed scholarship.
- Q16: Can I apply for a scholarship again right after I graduate from a TICA program?
- A16: Applicants who have already held a TaiwanICDF scholarship, MOFA's Taiwan Scholarship or an MOE scholarship must have graduated before July 31, 2025 before applying for a 2026 scholarship.
- Q17: Can I extend the duration of the scholarship?
- A17: No. You may not extend the duration of the scholarship. Any additional duration of study must be taken at your own expense.
- Q18: What constitutes a successful application?
- A18: To successfully apply, applicants must:
- (1) complete the TaiwanICDF scholarship online application.
- (2) fulfill the application procedures required by the university they are applying to.
- (3) submit all required documents to ROC (Taiwan) Embassy/Consulate General/ Representative Office in their home countries if necessary.



FAQ

- Q19: Are unsuccessful applicants prohibited from reapplying for the TaiwanICDF scholarship in the future?
- A19: No, previously unsuccessful applicants are strongly encouraged to reapply.
- Q20: Is it possible to defer my TaiwanICDF scholarship award?
- A20: No, deferring the scholarship award is not allowed.
- Q21: Does the TaiwanICDF Scholarship offer spring semester admissions?
- A21: No. The TaiwanICDF Scholarship only offers admission for the fall semester.
- Q22: Do I need to submit recommendation letters when applying?
 If yes, how should I provide them?
- A22: The TaiwanICDF Scholarship does not require recommendation letters.

 However, please check the admission requirements of the program you are applying for.
- Q23: If my country is not listed as an eligible beneficiary country, can I still apply for the TaiwanICDF Scholarship?
- A23: No. Applicants from non-beneficiary countries are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.
- Q24: If I am from a country that does not have diplomatic relations with Taiwan, can I apply to a bachelor's program?
- A24: No. Bachelor's programs are exclusively available to applicants from countries that maintain diplomatic relations with Taiwan.



Important tips

Tips to boost your SUCCESS RATE WHEN APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

START EARLY

Begin preparing as soon as possible—research programs, plan your timeline, and gather documents early to avoid last-minute delays.

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PREPARE DOCUMENTS CAREFULLY

Read all guidelines, organize required documents, and complete certifications in advance. Double-check every submission.

COMMUNICATE AND VERIFY INFORMATION

Stay in touch with the embassy, university, and the TaiwanlCDF. Ask questions, confirm requirements, and follow all updates.





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BE CONFIDENT AND MOTIVATED

Understand your goals, align them with the scholarship, and present them sincerely. Stay positive, persistent, and confident throughout the process.

2026 STUDENT AMBASSADORS

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