

2021 Taiwan Fellowship Program

Q & A

TECO in Thailand

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1. If I need to travel overseas during my research tenure or have difficulty staying in Taiwan for a long period of time, can I still apply for the Taiwan Fellowship?

Point 4.B.3 of the *guidelines* states that the total period during your stay in Taiwan carrying out research is minimum 3 months to maximum 1 year. Travels outside of Taiwan during the Fellowship are limited to short term travels, and a short term leave application form must be filled out beforehand at the Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) at the National Central Library. (Address: 20 Chungshan S. Road. Taipei, Taiwan 10001, R.O.C.) Please note that if you travel outside of Taiwan for more than 14 days, then we will not subsidize your monthly grant for that month.

2. Can my research be done over several distinct periods?

In principle, no. Should the need for such a problem arise, please apply with your local Republic of China (Taiwan) embassy or representative office. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will then review the proposal. Even if approval is granted, research must be completed within the same calendar year (before December 31). Please note that only one airfare subsidy will be provided.

3. If I obtain a grant but am unable to travel to Taiwan as originally planned, can I delay the start of the grant period?

To delay implementation of a grant-sponsored program, please apply with your local ROC (Taiwan) embassy or representative office. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will then review the proposal. Even if approval is granted, research must be completed within the same calendar year (before December 31).

4. If I am unable to finish my research in Taiwan by the end of the anticipated period, can I request to extend my stay and continue to receive a grant?

Regretfully this is not possible. The grant is given monthly according to your original application period.

5. When can I receive my grant after I arrive in Taiwan? How can I receive my

grant?

After arriving in Taiwan, please register at the Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) at the National Central Library. (Address: 20 Chungshan S. Road. Taipei, Taiwan 10001, R.O.C.) The CCS will provide information for you to help open a bank or post office account. After opening a bank or post office account, please take your account booklet to the CCS and sign the receipts for the first month of grant and air ticket reimbursement to finish all the registration procedure. The actual number of months of grant will be based on your applied research period, and worked out from your actual arrival and departure dates to and from Taiwan. For each full month in Taiwan (30 days) you will receive one month's grant. During your applied research period, you will receive your grant at the beginning of each month (approximately 5th-8th) in your account. When you register at the CCS for the first time and finish all the registration procedure, you will receive your first month of grant and air ticket reimbursement in your account after approximately 7 working days.

6. If I am currently receiving another scholarship or grant from another government body, public or private university, or other academic institution, can I still apply for the Taiwan Fellowship? May I apply for a National Science Research Council project or any other fellowships during my research time in Taiwan?

Point 3.B of the *guidelines* states that those who are currently conducting research, teaching, or studying in Taiwan are ineligible for the Taiwan Fellowship. Also point 8.C of the *guidelines* states that during the period of the Fellowship, the recipients are not allowed to receive any scholarships granted by other governmental agencies, or public or private academic institutions and schools based in Taiwan.

7. If my institution only allows me to take sabbatical leave that spans two calendar years, can I apply for a research grant for such a period?

No.

8. Must English be used for all research reports and symposiums?

It is suggested that you use English or Mandarin Chinese to complete reports and symposiums.

9. Can I accept a position as a visiting professor in Taiwan during my research period?

It depends on the circumstances. As a grant recipient, you receive a grant from the MOFA for the period you carry out research in Taiwan, during which time you may

also give talks and receive a lecture fee. However if you decide to teach on a part-time basis and receive an hourly rate for these classes, you may not exceed 4 teaching hours per week.

10. I was wondering when I should contact my potential host in Taiwan

The host organization's receiving/ hosting/support letter is NOT necessary for application. The applicant may get the letters of invitation or receiving approval after he / she is selected as the recipient.

11. How many applications from Thailand are expected and how many of those of the same organization would be successful to obtain the fellowship?

It is "individual", NOT "organization" to be considered or selected as criteria of eligibility. TECO welcomes all the research plans and topics related to Taiwan issues proposed by the applicants.