

>> About the TaiwanICDF

Taiwan's economic development was greatly facilitated in its early stages by international development assistance. Therefore, Taiwan has a continuing responsibility to return this generosity to the international community by assisting other countries in their own economic and social development.

In 1961, under "Operation Vanguard," special agricultural technical missions helped improve fruit and vegetable production in many newly independent African countries. In 1962, these missions were expanded to become the "ROC-Africa Technical Cooperation Committee," which merged with the Committee of International Technical Cooperation (CITC) in 1972. Simultaneously, Taiwan was developing one of Asia's most dynamic economies.

In the hopes of sharing Taiwan's prosperity and economic experience with the rest of the world, the International Economic Cooperation Development Fund (IECDF) was established in October 1989 under the supervision of the Ministry of Economic Affairs. Soon thereafter, the IECDF was given the responsibility for providing various types of economic and social assistance to friendly and diplomatically allied developing nations. As the variety of cooperative development projects expanded yet further, and the number of overseas technical missions increased, Taiwan's government consolidated the CITC and the IECDF into an independent organization in 1996 and 1997: the International Cooperation and Development Fund (TaiwanICDF).

The TaiwanICDF's areas of expertise include lending and investment, technical cooperation, international education and training, and humanitarian assistance. The Fund has put together a wide array of international cooperation programs designed to help diplomatic allies and friendly nations develop their economic and social sectors, reduce poverty, strengthen human resource development, expand agricultural productivity, and rebuild after natural disasters. Since its establishment, the TaiwanICDF has also established and strengthened cooperative relationships with numerous international organizations, regional agencies and NGOs.

Taiwan's civil society is energetic and talented, with tremendous resources that can be tapped into in conducting international cooperation. The TaiwanICDF established the Taiwan Overseas Volunteers program in 1996. In addition, since 2001 large numbers of qualified young servicemen have been assisting in international development through the Taiwan Youth Overseas Service. Both programs are strengthening assistance activities through cooperation at grass-roots levels and all undertakings that can contribute to improving the cooperating country's economic and social development are within their scope.

»» Overview of the International Higher Education Scholarship Program

International education and training has always been one of the core operations among the TaiwanICDF's many functions. Human resource development programs play a vital role in assisting partner countries achieve sustainable development, and education is one of the crucial mechanisms in training workforces in developing countries. When the TaiwanICDF implements any cooperation project, it pays attention to education and training for program sustainability. The TaiwanICDF does this to ensure that its work will result in tangible long-term benefits and help as many people as possible.

The TaiwanICDF's early human resource training programs consisted primarily of short-term workshops with specialized topics. These workshops focused on the most relevant and advantageous elements of Taiwan's development, transmitting Taiwan's successful experiences to government officials and professionals of Taiwan's diplomatic allies.

The plan to promote the TaiwanICDF Scholarship Program was first started with the intent to train agricultural professionals. This was later extended to other research fields to diversify the overall scholarship program. As of December 2011, the TaiwanICDF has been cooperating with 18 universities in 28 programs of study as follows:

Since	Title	University
1998	Master's Program in Tropical Agriculture	National Pingtung University of Science and Technology (NPUST)
2001	Ph.D. Program in Tropical Agriculture	National Pingtung University of Science and Technology (NPUST)
	International Master of Business Administration (IMBA)	National Chengchi University (NCCU)
2003	International Master's Program in Aquaculture Technology and Management	National Taiwan Ocean University (NTOU)
	Master's Program in International Health	National Yang-Ming University (NYMU)
	International MBA in Technology Management	National Tsing Hua University (NTHU)
	Graduate Institute of International Human Resource Development (IHRD)	National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU)
2004	International Master Program in Information Systems and Applications	National Tsing Hua University (NTHU)
	International Master's Program in Environment Sustainable Development	National Central University (NCU)

Since	Title	University
2005	International Master's Program in Mechanical Engineering	Kun Shan University (KSU)
2006	International Master's Program in Electric Power Engineering	National Sun Yat-sen University (NSYSU)
	International Master's Program in Industrial Engineering and Management	Yuan Ze University (YZU)
	Ph.D. Program in International Health	National Yang-Ming University (NYMU)
	Undergraduate Program in Tropical Agriculture	National Pingtung University of Science and Technology (NPUST)
	International Undergraduate Program in Business Administration (IUP in BA)	National Chengchi University (NCCU)
	International Undergraduate Program in Mechanical Engineering	Kun Shan University (KSU)
2007	International Nursing Master of Science Program	National Taipei University of Nursing and Health Science (NTUNHS)
	Agricultural Economics Master Program	National Taiwan University (NTU)
	International Graduate Program in Civil Engineering and Management (ICEM)	National Cheng Kung University (NCKU)
2008	Undergraduate Program in International Trade and Management	Ming Chuan University (MCU)
	Master's Program in Clinical Medicine	Kaohsiung Medical University (KMU)
2009	International Master's Program in Health Care Administration	Taipei Medical University (TMU)
2010	International Health and Nursing Administration Undergraduate Program	National Taipei University of Nursing and Health Science (NTUNHS)
2011	International Master of the Arts Program in Cultural and Creative Industries (IMCCI)	Taipei National University of the Arts (TNUA)
2012	International Master's Program in International Studies in College of International Affairs	National Chengchi University (NCCU)
	International Bachelor Program of Agribusiness	National Chung Hsing University (NCHU)
	International Master Program of Agriculture	
	Undergraduate Program in Journalism and Mass Communication	Ming Chuan University (MCU)

>> Scope of Scholarship



Entitlements: Full scholarship, including return airfare, housing, tuition, credit fees, insurance, textbook costs and a monthly allowance will be provided by the TaiwanICDF to each student. Details of the TaiwanICDF scholarship are itemized as follows:

1. Airfare: The TaiwanICDF will arrange economy class, return tickets for the most-direct flights to and from Taiwan.
2. Housing: All students must reside in student dormitories.
3. Tuition fee: The TaiwanICDF will cover the tuition fee as required by the student's university.
4. Credit fees: Credit fees vary with the number of credits registered. Credit fees will also be covered as required by the student's university.
5. Insurance: In addition to the mandatory student safety insurance set by the Ministry of Education, each student must be insured for accident and medical coverage while in Taiwan. Insurance fees will be covered for the entire duration of the program.
6. Book costs: Purchasing textbooks as required by instructors shall be subject to the approval of the director of the student's institute.
7. Allowance:
 - (1) Undergraduate Program (maximum four years): Each student will receive NT\$12,000 per month (NT\$144,000 per year) as an allowance for food and miscellaneous living expenses. This will be deposited into a student's local bank account on a monthly basis.
 - (2) Master's Program (maximum two years): Each student will receive NT\$15,000 per month (NT\$180,000 per year) as an allowance for food and miscellaneous living expenses. The sum will be deposited into a student's local bank account on a monthly basis.
 - (3) Ph.D. Program (maximum three years): Each student shall receive NT\$17,000 per month (NT\$204,000 per year) as an allowance for food and miscellaneous living expenses. The sum will be deposited into a student's local bank account on a monthly basis. Continuation of the monthly allowance for courses exceeding three years will be offered by the host institute; the duration and amount will be determined by the host institute.

» Terms of the Program

By accepting a scholarship from the TaiwanICDF, you must, for the duration of your period of study in Taiwan (for a maximum two, three or four consecutive years):

1. Comply with the Recruitment Procedures and devote yourself to the program on a full-time basis.
2. Not seek employment or engage in political activities.
3. Accept responsibility for any expenses and arrangements relating to your family or friends visiting Taiwan.
4. Return to your home country soon after completion of the program.
5. Bear any expenses or risks incurred as a result of any change initiated by yourself to the travel schedule arranged by the TaiwanICDF.
6. Agree that the TaiwanICDF has the discretionary right to suspend your monthly allowance due to any misconduct by yourself.
7. Agree that the TaiwanICDF has the right to terminate your scholarship if your student status is rescinded by your host institute due to your being:
 - (1) found guilty of serious misconduct in Taiwan;
 - (2) found to have engaged in political activities or any form of employment for profit or gain;
 - (3) found to have performed unsatisfactorily¹ or displayed any language deficiency during the program.
8. Agree that your accommodation will be arranged and designated by your host institute.
9. Certify that the information contained in the physical examination form is genuine and

1 The TaiwanICDF wishes to inform applicants that performance will be considered "unsatisfactory" if you:

- (1) Fail the academic average in any one semester, which is 60 out of 100 for undergraduates and 70 out of 100 for postgraduates; in which case, full scholarship will be suspended during the following semester. Should the academic average be achieved during this next semester, the TaiwanICDF will continue the scholarship by request; or
- (2) Fail exactly or more than one-half of all modules that you elect to study across two consecutive semesters; or fail exactly or more than two-thirds of all modules that you elect to study in any one semester. In this case, the full scholarship will be terminated.
- (3) Fail the Master's/Ph.D. Thesis Research or Independent Study component of the program, or related subject; in which case, full scholarship will be suspended during the following semester.



agree that

- (1) the TaiwanICDF has the right to send them back to their home countries should they suffer any chronic illness during their time in Taiwan, or should they be suffering from any preexisting condition that they have not previously announced.
 - (2) They shall not request reimbursement for hospitalization in case of a chronic illness in Taiwan.
10. Agree that during your studies at your host institute, all matters related to the program will be settled in accordance with the institute's rules and regulations and that your host institute's decision will be final and implemented accordingly.
 11. Agree to summarize your completed thesis manuscript for the SCI, EI, A&HCI, SSCI and TSSCI journals or the Journal of International Cooperation (JIC) (to a maximum of 20 pages) and that, if the thesis is not accepted by the SCI, EI, A&HCI, SSCI and TSSCI journals within one and a half years, the manuscript will be submitted to the JIC by your co-authors (*not applicable to undergraduate students).
 12. Agree to learn basic Mandarin and embrace Taiwanese culture during your stay in Taiwan.
 13. Agree to repay airfare and living allowances should you decide to drop out of the program without the prior consent of the TaiwanICDF and providing proof of exceptional circumstances, and you accept the TaiwanICDF's decision in this matter will be final.
 14. Agree that TaiwanICDF has the right to terminate the scholarship should you not participate in the orientation, nor register your program in time without reasonable cause.

» Program Advisory

I. Program Application

1. Applicants should be nationals of countries with which the ROC has diplomatic relations or developing countries friendly to Taiwan. Any applicant should be neither a Taiwanese national, nor an overseas Taiwanese compatriot.
2. All application materials must be submitted to the ROC (Taiwan) Embassy/ Consulate General/ Representative Office or Taiwan Technical Mission (only for stakeholders participating in TaiwanICDF projects or applicants already under instruction to submit their documents to a Taiwan Technical Mission) in your country. These are the only channels by which you can apply to the TaiwanICDF scholarship program.
3. The ROC (Taiwan) Embassy/ Consulate General/ Representative Office or Taiwan Technical Mission will make an initial evaluation of your application and verify your credentials before forwarding your application to your academic program manager for further review.
4. After your application has been fully reviewed, the institution will set up an admission committee with the TaiwanICDF and relevant program personnel to determine the status of your application.
5. Once your application is accepted, the TaiwanICDF will issue you a Letter of Invitation and Acceptance (LOIA) via the ROC (Taiwan) Embassy/ Consulate General/ Representative Office or Taiwan Technical Mission. You must sign the Consent Form enclosed in the LOIA under the witness of an official from the ROC (Taiwan) Embassy/ Consulate General / Representative Office or Taiwan Technical Mission to complete the application procedure. Please note that your scholarship will be granted in accordance with the LOIA provided by the ROC (Taiwan) Embassy/ Consulate General/ Representative Office or Taiwan Technical Mission. Your school acceptance letter serves only as a notice of your admission into the school.
6. You should submit certificates or equivalent official documents verified by the ROC (Taiwan) Embassy/ Consulate General/ Representative Office before July 15, otherwise the TaiwanICDF will cancel the scholarship.

II. Pre-departure

1. Confirmation of Your Participation in the Program:
Please fax your signed LOIA to the TaiwanICDF from the ROC (Taiwan) Embassy/ Consulate General/ Representative Office or Taiwan Technical Mission in your country.



2. **Passport:**

Please ensure that you have a valid passport (good for at least 24 months before its expiry date) or equivalent travel document. You or your employer should bear any expense incurred for this purpose.

3. **Visa Application:**

You must present your LOIA when applying for a Taiwanese visa. When you receive your visa, check to make sure that it is the appropriate one and covers the entire duration of the program in Taiwan. Please note that any visa fees (including for any visas required for travel through other countries) will be borne by you or your employer.

4. **Airfare:**

The TaiwanICDF will arrange and pay for an economy class ticket for the most-direct flight to Taiwan. The ROC (Taiwan) Embassy/ Consulate General/ Representative Office or Taiwan Technical Mission will inform you of your confirmed flight schedule and give you your ticket. Please keep in touch with this office for further help and advice. Please submit your boarding passes to the program manager at your institute when you arrive in Taiwan.

* No stopover fee available.

5. **Cancellation:**

If you have to cancel your participation, please inform the ROC (Taiwan) Embassy/ Consulate General/ Representative Office or Taiwan Technical Mission as soon as possible.

III. Arrival at Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport

1. Your arrival date should be within one or two days before the opening ceremony of your orientation program. If your arrival is unduly delayed, the TaiwanICDF reserves the right to cancel your participation and flight.
2. Upon arrival at Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport, the coordinator will arrange a shuttle bus to take you to your accommodation.
3. On the day of opening ceremony of the scholarship program, the coordinator will take all participants to TaiwanICDF headquarters.

IV. Program Period

1. Orientation:
 - a.) The TaiwanICDF will arrange a three-day orientation. The purpose of this orientation is to introduce the regulations of the scholarship and Taiwanese customs and culture. Costs will be covered by the TaiwanICDF.
 - b.) Regardless of your arrival date, you will receive the full amount of the first month's allowance during the orientation, to help cover your settlement expenses. *Please note: There is no separate relocation allowance.
2. Temporary Leave:

Your advisor and program director should be informed of any travel plans (date, period, location(s), reasons for travel, etc.) during summer or winter vacation. For any travel taking place during a semester, your advisor and program director should be informed of and approve your travel plans (date, period, location(s), reasons for travel, etc.), otherwise your living allowance will be suspended according to the number of days you are absent.
3. Health Insurance:
 - a.) When you arrive in Taiwan, the TaiwanICDF will cover both your medical insurance (up to a premium of NT\$30,000; *life insurance not included) and accidental insurance (up to a premium of NT\$2,000,000). To check details of the coverage, please consult your university and make reference to the contract signed by your university and the insurance company.
 - b.) Starting from the fifth month of your stay in Taiwan, the TaiwanICDF will fund your enrollment in Taiwan's National Health Insurance Scheme. To see the scope of payments for the scheme, please refer to the following website:
http://www.nhi.gov.tw/english/webdata.asp?menu=11&menu_id=293&webdata_id=1881
4. Motorbike:

A small number of motorbike accidents involving TaiwanICDF students have occurred in recent years. These accidents have hospitalized students and, in some cases, resulted in criminal charges being brought against them. In order to avoid serious accident and legal difficulties, you are requested to:

 - a.) Hold a valid driver's license;
 - b.) Hold a valid vehicle registration certificate;
 - c.) Follow all traffic regulations (e.g. wear helmet);
 - d.) Hold valid accident insurance, including for third party liability.



Please note that you can be severely punished for driving whilst intoxicated:

- (1) Breathalyzer Test: 0.25 mg/l violates the act; punishment may result in: A penalty of NT\$15,000 - NT\$60,000.
- (2) Breathalyzer Test: 0.55 mg/l violates criminal law; punishment may result in: A maximum of one year of imprisonment, detention and/ or a fine of NT\$150,000.
- (3) For any accident resulting in bodily injury: Two-year suspension of driver's license.
- (4) For any accident resulting in death or serious injury: Permanent revocation of driver's license.

For further information about vehicular regulations, please refer to the following website:

http://www.thb.gov.tw/tm/Menu/new_english/index2-3.html#a1

http://english.tao.taipei.gov.tw/MP_117052.html

5. Monitoring Meeting:

The purpose of the monitoring meeting between the TaiwanICDF staff and your director is to understand the progress of your current studies and daily life at the end of each semester. If you have any questions about the scholarship, you may also discuss these with TaiwanICDF staff after the meeting.

6. Joint Graduation Ceremony:

The TaiwanICDF will arrange a joint graduation ceremony for all TaiwanICDF graduates in June of each year.

7. Subsidies for International Shipping (Maximum 30 kg):

The TaiwanICDF will additionally cover graduated student the cost of returning the graduated student's belongings home by surface post, for packages to a maximum of 30 kg. Please refer to the following website for further information: http://www.post.gov.tw/post/internet/u_english/postal_f_7_2.jsp. If there is no service provided to your country, the maximum subsidy we will provide is as follows:

Region	Countries	Maximum Subsidy
Asian Pacific	Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands	NT\$3,440
Africa	Burkina Faso, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia	NT\$2,380
	The Gambia	NT\$2,870
All of Central America, South America and the Caribbean		NT\$2,870
Europe	Poland	NT\$1,750
Western Asia	Mongolia	NT\$3,070

8. Document Authentication:

Please contact the ROC (Taiwan) Embassy/ Consulate General/ Representative Office in your country requesting documents to determine whether or not your documents need to be authenticated by the Bureau of Consular Affairs (BOCA), Taiwan. Requirements for authentication are as follows:

- a.) Applicants must present original documents certified by a public notary;
- b.) Applicants or their agents are required to provide BOCA with a supplementary copy of each document for its records;
- c.) Applicants or their agents are required to present original identification papers.

For further information, please refer to the following website:

<http://www.boca.gov.tw/lp.asp?CtNode=119&CtUnit=82&BaseDSD=7&mp=2V>.
Departure

V. Departure

1. Upon confirming your completion of school leaving procedures and submission of the abridged theses for SCI, EI, A&HCI, SSCI, TSSCI journals or the Journal of International Cooperation (JIC), the TaiwanICDF will arrange a flight for your return journey via the most direct route. Please post your boarding passes to the program manager at your school when you arrive home.
2. Please note that any visa fees (including for any visas required for travel through other countries) will be borne by you or your employer.
3. If your final departure date falls on or before the 15th day of the month, you will receive half the allowance for that month.

>> TaiwanICDF Alumni Society



The end of the program is the beginning of a new phase for you. After returning to your country, it is the TaiwanICDF's hope that you will:

1. Keep in touch with us and remain in contact with the ROC (Taiwan) Embassy/ Consulate General/ Representative Office or Taiwan Technical Mission and your school;
2. Put the knowledge and skills you gained to good use in your place of work;
3. Help your organization to disseminate the knowledge you gained through seminars, training programs, discussions, etc;
4. Participate in the activities of the TaiwanICDF Alumni Society in your country.

For further information on the TaiwanICDF Alumni Society, please refer to the following website:

<http://www.icdf.org.tw/np.asp?ctNode=30021&mp=2>