

臺灣獎學金作業要點修正規定

一、教育部（以下簡稱本部）為鼓勵優秀外國學生（不包括大陸地區、香港及澳門）來臺攻讀學位，藉此認識臺灣教育學術環境、增進我國與世界各國之交流、瞭解及友誼，特訂定本要點。

二、本部獎勵優秀外國學生來臺攻讀學士、碩士及博士學位，提供每名受獎生待遇如下：

（一）學費及雜費（包括學分費及學雜費基數）：受獎生學費及雜費每學期於新臺幣四萬元以內，由本部核實補助，超過新臺幣四萬元者，不足部分由受獎生自行繳交就讀學校；雜費不包括代收代辦費、論文指導費、保險、住宿及網路使用費等相關費用，由受獎生自行負擔。

（二）生活補助費：本部補助大學生每月新臺幣一萬五千元；碩士及博士生每月新臺幣二萬元。

大學校院得提供受獎生學雜費優惠，並於本部每年規定期限函報本部下學年度提供受獎生學雜費優惠之系所、收費基準等資料，並副知本部指定單位。

三、獎學金期限如下：

（一）各級學位最長受獎期限，大學部四年、碩士班二年、博士班四年。但每名受獎生受領本獎學金總期限累計不得超過五年。

（二）獎學金年度受獎期間，自每年九月一日起至次年八月三十一日止。受獎生應按時抵校註冊，未能於規定期限來臺就學者，視同放棄受獎資格，不得保留至下年度。但經相關學校及本部事先核准延期來臺就學者，不在此限。

（三）生活補助費核給期限，自受獎生實際就學當月起至受獎期限屆滿、畢業、休學、退學或獎學金受廢止月止。

四、申請資格如下：

（一）具高級中等以上學校畢業學歷，學業成績優良，品行端正之外國

籍人士。

(二)有下列情形之一者，不得申請：

1. 具僑生身分或中華民國國籍。
2. 已保留國內大學校院學籍或已在臺註冊入學就讀國內大學校院者。但申請下一階段學位獎學金之應屆畢業生，不在此限。
3. 曾在臺就讀擬申請之同一級學位課程。
4. 在臺就學期間為我各大學校院依據與外國學校簽訂學術合作協議所招收之交換學生或雙（聯）學位生。
5. 受領本計畫各級學位課程獎學金總期限超過五年。
6. 曾被撤銷本獎學金或註銷本部華語文獎學金。
7. 在臺就學期間同時受領我政府機關（構）或學校所設置之獎補助金；其不包括由就讀學校配合本獎學金執行計畫，於超過本部補助學雜費上限金額時，所提供受獎生學雜費優惠。

(三)申請人應於各校規定申請期限內，自行向大學校院申請入學。

五、申請人應於我國駐外館處指定期限內繳交下列文件：

- (一)獎學金申請表（表格由駐外館處自定）。
- (二)護照或足資證明所屬國籍之其他證件影本。
- (三)最高學歷證明及成績單影本，並應依外國學生來臺就學辦法第七條第一項第二款規定辦理。中、英文以外之語文，應附經認證之中文或英文譯本。
- (四)已向我國相關大學校院申請入學之證明文件影本（例如入學申請繳納報名費之收據影本、入學申請表影本、申請學校已收件之回條或電子郵件等）。
- (五)語文能力鑑定證明影本，各駐外館處依下列規定辦理：
 1. 申請就讀非全英語學程者：
 - (1)已施行華語文能力測驗(Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language, 簡稱 TOCFL)之駐外館處：申請者應提具通過華語

文能力測驗進階級或同等級以上成績單或證書影本；其他測驗成績或證明文件不予受理。但因地理等因素，未能參加華語文能力測驗之申請者，得經駐外館處審核同意，依未施行華語文能力測驗之駐外館處辦理。

(2)未施行華語文能力測驗之駐外館處：申請者未繳交通過華語文能力測驗進階級或同等級以上成績單或證書影本者，應於抵臺就讀第一學期內，自費並自行報考進階級或同等級華語文能力測驗，並取得通過測驗之成績單或證書，繳交所就讀之學校。就讀第一學期後轉學者，仍屬抵臺就讀之第二學期，不得主張其屬轉學後就讀該轉學學校之第一學期。

2.申請就讀全英語學程者，得由駐外館處決定，免提具華語文能力測驗成績或證書，僅提具達各駐外館處所定標準之托福測驗成績或其他經當地國政府認可之英語能力測驗證明文件，或英語學程畢業證明文件（所屬國籍國家以英語文為官方語言者，免繳）。擬就讀校系所及學位應為本部認可之全英語學程，非本部認可之英語學程者，應由申請者逕向擬就讀大學校院取得學校（非校內單位）開立之全英語學程證明文件。

(六)校長、教授或導師推薦信二封，並經推薦人封後親簽。

(七)駐外館處所規定之其他文件。

六、本部提供獎學金之各學程配額，由本部依下年度預算規模及我國相關駐外館處當年度執行成果，於每年十二月三十一日前，將下年度獎學金名額分配表函知各相關駐外館處辦理。

七、受理申請之機關及程序如下：

(一)由本部委託我國駐外館處依本要點訂定申請簡章及遴選規定，與駐地政府、學校、文教機構合作受理本獎學金申請及遴選作業或自行辦理，並應於每年一月三十一日前於駐地公告辦理本獎學金之中、外文簡章（包括甄選條件、名額、方式及時程等資訊）。

- (二)我國駐外館處於前款簡章公告後，應備文檢附中、外文簡章及其電子檔資料各一份，送本部指定單位彙整編冊。
- (三)原則上以每年二月一日至三月三十一日為受理報名期間。但實際受理申請期間依當地我國駐外館處公告簡章為主。
- (四)申請人應向設於其所屬國籍或兼轄其所屬國籍之我國駐外館處提出申請。

八、受理機關遴選原則如下：

- (一)應考量獎學金受獎生能配合國家建設，為其本國及我國所用之人才，以促進產業、經濟、教育等各方面發展。
- (二)受獎生在校學業成績 GPA 總平均分數四點五分為滿分時，大學部應於平均分數達三分以上，碩士班成績應於平均分數達三點五分以上；其與駐在國家成績計算方式不同時，由我國駐外館處據此換算，或依據當地國現況，擇選該國一般大學校院學業成績具有一定水準以上之優秀學生。
- (三)應於審核獎學金候選人時，採取面試或視訊，以瞭解學生本人狀況、應對進退禮貌及品性道德。
- (四)應優先甄選通過華語文能力測驗 (TOCFL) 獲得中級以上測驗證書者；申請來臺就讀全英語學程者，應提具托福測驗成績，或其他經當地國政府認可之英語能力測驗證明中級程度以上，或該測驗總分百分之七十五以上之成績證明文件。
- (五)申請表件應齊全，所提供之申請表件均不予退還。

九、審核通知規定如下：

- (一)我國駐外館處經書面審查及面(口)試後，遴選正、備取受獎候選人，原則於每年五月三十一日前，將審核結果通知該等候選人及其申請學校。
- (二)正取獎學金候選人應於每年六月三十日前，將我國大學校院入學許可影本送交駐外館處確定受獎資格；未能依限提出者，應敘明理由報我國駐外館處審核；未獲入學許可者，取消候選人資格。

逾期未交件者，視為放棄受獎資格，並由我國駐外館處逕自於備取候選人中依序辦理遞補作業，最遲不得逾當年七月三十一日。

(三)我國駐外館處應於每年七月三十一日前，將受獎資格證明書(格式如附件一)核發受獎生，並依受獎生所獲入學許可之學位級別核給受獎期限，同時於臺灣獎學金資訊平臺正確填報受獎生之基本資料。

十、受獎生就讀學位課程之受獎期限屆滿後，得續申請下一級學位課程獎學金，並應於每年二月二十八日前，依第五點規定檢具各相關文件，向原駐外館處重新申請，以新生方式參加遴選作業，不得申請同一級學位課程或前一級學位課程獎學金；其獎學金期限不得違反第四點第二款第五目總受獎期限最長五年之規定。

十一、受獎期限未屆滿之獎學金續領審核作業如下：

(一)大學校院應針對受獎生續領次年第二學期之受獎資格，逐年於二月二十八日前自動辦理學業及操行成績之審核，並於事後七日內將審核結果通知當事人及本部指定單位。另應於每年九月十日前，於臺灣獎學金資訊平臺線上填報該學期續領審核結果，俾辦理獎學金請款作業。

(二)受獎生之學期學業平均成績應達下列標準，始得續領獎學金：

1. 大學部最低七十分，研究所最低八十分；如各大學校院系所另有較高標準者，依其規定辦理。
2. 就讀博士班第三年以上者，其成績計算方式及學期成績基準，依各校院規定辦理。

(三)受獎生受獎期限未屆滿，經就讀校院核定逕讀下一級學位者，得由就讀校院檢附受獎生填具之獎學金申請表、在臺學業成績單、逕讀學位核定資料等，函報本部核定申請變更受獎級別及期限。本部將核定結果通知學校、本部指定單位及相關我國駐外館處。

十二、受獎生轉換學校、系或所規定如下：

- (一)受獎生於就讀申請入學之大學校院、系或所達一學期以上，經擬轉出及轉入校院核准，依各校自行訂定之相關規定辦理轉學、轉系或所。受獎期間內受獎生於同一級學位之轉學、轉系或所，以一次為限。
- (二)受獎生擬轉換學校、系或所之不同學位課程時，應向我國駐外館處重提申請，不得以續領方式轉換不同學程。
- (三)受獎生轉學時，原就讀學校應敘明受獎生受獎類別、受獎起訖年月及轉出年月，函知受獎生及其轉入學校。轉入學校應敘明同意受獎生轉入年月，函復受獎生及其轉出學校。轉出及轉入學校函件均應副知本部、相關駐外館處及本部指定單位。

十三、受獎生就讀之大學校院每年應依下列期程及方式，向本部指定單位辦理經費請款及核銷：

- (一)每學期受獎生註冊入學後，由學校按月核給生活補助費。本部每年分二次撥付學校，第一次撥付一月至八月經費，學校應於一月五日前請撥；第二次撥付九月至十二月經費，學校應於第一次撥付經費核銷完畢及繳回結餘款後，於九月三十日前請撥。學校請款時，應備文檢附受獎生名冊及領款收據；其遇特殊情況，無法於規定期限前辦理請款時，應先行墊款支付相關經費，俾憑按月核發外國學生生活補助費。
- (二)學校應依本部經費撥付方式分次檢送經校長、主辦會計與出納核章之收支結算表及執行成果表一式三份辦理核結，第一次經費核結期限為九月三十日前，第二次經費核結期限為十二月二十日前，如有結餘款，應併同繳回；其原始憑證應留校備供審計部審核及有關單位查核。
- (三)每學期受獎生註冊入學後，由學校按已註冊入學之受獎生名冊，檢送學雜費支出明細彙整表（格式如附件二）、收支結算表及請款收據向本部指定單位請領學雜費補助款，同時辦理請款及核結。

(四)經費請撥、支用、核銷結報應依本部補助及委辦經費核撥結報作業要點規定辦理。

(五)因故休學或退學者，廢止或撤銷其獎學金：

1. 經廢止獎學金者，停止發給生活補助費，已逾當月十五日者，不予追繳當月所發生活補助費；學雜費補助款依各校退款規定，向學生追繳。
2. 經撤銷獎學金者，追繳自受獎日起至撤銷受獎日止本部補助之生活補助費及學雜費。追繳之生活補助費、學雜費繳還本部指定單位，另案辦理核結。

(六)本部指定單位及各校應加強經費收支管理作業及建立積極有效之管控機制，本部得每年定期及不定期抽查。

十四、其他重要規定事項如下：

(一)外國學生：

1. 獎學金申請人應於各校規定申請期限內，自行向大學校院申請入學。
2. 受獎生應於第五點第五款第一目之(2)所定期限內，向所就讀之學校繳交華語文能力測驗成績單或證書。
3. 除學費及雜費以外，受獎生應自行繳納其他應繳費用；如經濟情況困難者，得向就讀學校申請自生活補助費中予以扣繳支付。
4. 受獎生在校學業、操行成績或出缺席紀錄未達就讀學校規定標準者，依各該校規定，予以停發或廢止本獎學金。
5. 受獎生同時受領我政府機關(構)或學校設置之獎補助金，經查證屬實者，除撤銷本獎學金外，並追繳重複領取月份生活補助費及學雜費。
6. 受獎生應依規定加入全民健康保險；未加入前，應購買其他相關保險及購買學生平安保險。
7. 受獎生來臺就讀後，不得以交換學生身分或參加雙(聯)學位

- 課程，赴其他國家修讀；以交換學生或雙（聯）學位生身分出國就讀者，應即廢止獎學金，所餘受獎期限不得保留或展延。
8. 因學校學程規定，須出國實習時，得不予廢止獎學金。但不予補助該學期學雜費及不在臺期間之生活補助費。
 9. 受獎生申請獎學金所繳文件或入學證明文件有偽造、假借、塗改或填列不實等情事，撤銷其獎學金，並追繳自受獎日起至撤銷受獎日止補助之生活補助費及學雜費。
 10. 受獎生應配合本部針對臺灣獎學金生之政策，參與語文、文化等教學、交流、活動。

(二)大學校院：

1. 學校應依自定之外國學生入學規定審核申請人之入學資格並於六月十五日前函復申請人審核結果。
2. 受獎生未能於第五點第五款第一目之(2)所定期限內繳交華語文能力測驗成績單或證書者，自下學期起，由所就讀之學校停發生活補助費，直至繳交成績單或證書之當月起續發；受獎生因未繳交成績單或證書影本而遭停發生活補助費者，其學雜費仍得予繼續支付。
3. 學校得自行規定，協助財務困難之受獎生向學校申請自其生活補助費中扣款，繳納學生應自付款項。
4. 本獎學金之停發、廢止及撤銷，悉依受獎生所就讀大學校院之學則、校內相關規定及本部規定辦理。受獎生有休學、受退學處分或其他應停發、廢止或撤銷獎學金之情事發生，學校應於函報本部核定後，停發、廢止或撤銷其獎學金，報部函並註明事由及停發、廢止或撤銷獎學金起訖月份，同時副知外交部領事事務局、內政部移民署、相關我國駐外館處、各該受獎生及本部指定單位。除各校自行規定外，受獎生有下列情事之一，應予停發、廢止或撤銷獎學金：

(1)受獎生註冊入學後至第二學期結束，仍未繳交華語文能力

- 測驗成績或證書者，自第三學期起，由就讀學校廢止其獎學金。
- (2)受獎生註冊入學後，除寒暑假未到校上課外，每月曠課時數超過三分之一，經查證屬實者，停發不在學月份生活補助費，並視實際情況由就讀學校廢止其獎學金。
 - (3)受獎生以交換學生或雙（聯）學位生身分出國就讀者，應廢止其獎學金，所餘受獎期限不得保留或展延。
 - (4)因就讀學校課程規定，須出國實習者，應停發不在臺期間之生活補助費，且不予補助該學期學費及雜費。
 - (5)觸犯我國法律、受就讀校院記大過處分、休學或受退學處分，應廢止其獎學金。但因轉校、系或經原就讀學校辦理自請退學者，不予廢止獎學金。
 - (6)每學期註冊時，未能於就讀之大學校院規定期限內，向其提具居留事由為就學之外僑居留證影本，或於受獎期間變更為就學以外之其他居留事由。
 - (7)受獎生未配合本部針對臺灣獎學金生之政策參與其他語文、文化等教學、交流、活動者，應廢止其獎學金。
 - (8)當學期學業平均成績未達各校標準者，停發一個月獎學金；近二個連續學期學業平均成績均未達各校規定標準者，廢止自下一學期起之獎學金。
 - (9)受獎生申請獎學金所繳文件或入學證明文件有偽造、假借、塗改或填列不實等情事，撤銷其獎學金，並追繳自受獎日起至撤銷受獎日止本部補助之生活補助費及學雜費。
5. 受獎生抵校註冊後，各大學校院應為其舉辦新生講習會，說明獎學金續領資格、成績核計方式、獎學金發放方式、停發、廢止及撤銷等相關規定，並按月核發獎學金，掌握停發、廢止與撤銷情況及辦理續領審核作業等。
 6. 受獎生在臺就學期間，大學校院應設置專責單位或人員與其

保持聯繫，並提供課業及生活上之輔導及協助；鼓勵受獎生於就學期間，積極參與學校及全國性志工活動。

(三)駐外館處：

1. 我國駐外館處應向駐地政府機關(構)、大學校院及學生等宣傳本獎學金計畫，主動提供來臺留學資訊，辦理獎學金受理申請及遴選等事務，並應確保受獎生簽署在臺遵守我國法令規章之臺灣獎學金承諾書(格式如附件三)。
2. 我國駐外館處應於七月三十一日前將受獎生名單列冊(格式如附件四)備文函送本部備查，並副知外交部領事事務局、內政部移民署、受獎生所就讀之相關大學校院及本部指定單位(副本均包括附件)，且應知會駐處領務單位查照。
3. 我國駐外館處應依第三點規定，核給已獲大學校院入學許可之學位獎學金受獎生正確受獎期限之受獎證明書。
4. 舉辦受獎生來臺行前講習會，包括說明本要點受獎相關規定、來臺辦理外僑居留證注意事項及在臺就學及生活環境等資訊，且應配合本部針對臺灣獎學金生之政策參與其他語文、文化等教學、交流、活動。
5. 受獎生學成返國後，應與其保持聯繫，舉辦在臺研習成果發表會及學習心得、生活經驗分享座談會等。

十五、一百學年度以前(包括一百學年度)已受領本部臺灣獎學金入學攻讀學位之外國學生相關待遇，仍依一百年二月一日本要點修正前之獎學金核給待遇：

- (一) 大學部每月核給新臺幣二萬五千元、研究生每月核給新臺幣三萬元。
- (二) 受獎生應自行支付學雜費等相關支出，迄至受獎生受獎期限結束、畢業或休、退學為止。除獎學金待遇不同外，有關獎學金停發、廢止及撤銷相關事項，悉依本要點規定辦理。

一百學年度入學之先修語文受獎生，悉依本部獎補助外國人士來臺短

期研究或研習華語文要點所定研習華語文相關規定辦理。

一百零一學年度至一百零四學年度以前(包括一百零四學年度)已受領本部臺灣獎學金入學攻讀學位之外國學生相關待遇，依本要點修正前之獎學金核給待遇：

(一)學費及雜費(包括學分費及學雜費基數)：受獎生學費及雜費上限於新臺幣四萬元以內，由本部核實補助，超過新臺幣四萬元者，不足部分由受獎生就讀之大學校院配合款補貼支應；雜費不包括代收代辦費、論文指導費、保險、住宿及網路使用費等相關費用，由受獎生自行負擔。

(二)生活補助費：本部補助大學生每月新臺幣一萬五千元；碩士及博士生每月新臺幣二萬元。

一百零五學年度起，獲領本部臺灣獎學金入學之新生，悉依本修正要點規定辦理。

Taiwan Scholarship Program Directions

I. The Ministry of Education (abbreviated below to “MOE”) has formulated the Taiwan Scholarship Program Directions (also known as the “Taiwan Scholarship Program Guidelines”) to encourage outstanding international students (with the exception of students from the Mainland Area, Hong Kong, and Macau) to undertake degree studies in Taiwan to familiarize themselves with the academic environment in Taiwan and promote communication, understanding, and friendship between Taiwan and the international community.

II. The MOE Taiwan Scholarship Program provides the following for each outstanding international student scholarship recipient who comes to Taiwan to undertake a bachelor’s degree, master’s degree, or doctorate:

(i) Tuition and miscellaneous expenses (i.e. the course-credit fees, and miscellaneous basic study-related fees): The MOE will pay up to NTD 40,000 each semester for each recipient’s approved tuition and miscellaneous expenses. If these exceed a total amount of NTD40,000, the remaining amount must be paid to the university/college by the student. The “miscellaneous expenses” do not include any of the following: administration fees, thesis supervision fees, insurance premiums, accommodation, or internet access. These are all the responsibility of the scholarship recipient.

(ii) Living allowance: The MOE provides each recipient undertaking university undergraduate studies a monthly stipend of NTD15,000; it provides each recipient undertaking a master’s degree or doctorate studies a monthly stipend of NTD20,000.

A university/college may give scholarship recipients a discount for tuition and/or miscellaneous expenses. The university/college must submit details of which of its departments/institutes are offering scholarship recipients discounts on fees for the following academic year, and a copy of the fee standards to the MOE by the prescribed date each year, and it must also provide a copy of these to any other unit designated by the MOE.

III. Scholarship Duration and Time Limits:

(i) The maximum period a Taiwan Scholarship may be held is: four years for undergraduate programs, two years for master’s degree programs, and four years for doctorate programs. The maximum total period that any one person may hold a Taiwan Scholarship is five years.

(ii) The Taiwan Scholarship year begins on September 1 and ends on August 31 of the following year. Recipients must arrive in Taiwan and register at their university/college at the scheduled time. It is not permitted to defer taking up a Taiwan Scholarship until the following year. A student who is unable to arrive in Taiwan and register at their university/college at the scheduled time will be considered to have forfeited their scholarship eligibility, unless the student has notified the university/college and the MOE beforehand and been given permission for a delayed arrival and registration.

(iii) Living allowance payments begin from the month when the recipient actually begins attending the university/college, and they end when the maximum scholarship period for their degree level expires, or when the recipient graduates, withdraws from their studies, is suspended or expelled, or has their Taiwan Scholarship revoked.

IV. Eligibility:

(i) Applicants must be a foreign national with a secondary school graduation diploma or a post-secondary degree(s), and an excellent academic record, and be of good moral character.

(ii) A person in any of the following categories is ineligible to apply:

1. An R.O.C. national or an overseas Chinese student.
2. A person who already has and is continuing to maintain student status at any university/college in Taiwan or who has already registered to begin studies at such a university/college. This restriction does not apply to a student who will be graduating after completing a degree that year. They may apply for a Taiwan Scholarship to pursue a higher degree.
3. A person who has already studied in Taiwan for a degree at the same level as the one in which they currently intend to enroll.
4. An exchange student or dual/joint degree student who has been admitted to a university/college in Taiwan in accordance with an academic cooperation agreement between that university/college and an overseas university/college.
5. A person who has already been a Taiwan Scholarship recipient for a total of five years.

6. A person who has ever previously had their Taiwan Scholarship or MOE Huayu Enrichment Scholarship revoked.

7. A person who has received any other scholarship or subsidy from any Taiwan Government institution (organization) or any education institution in Taiwan, apart from any subsidies provided for a Taiwan Scholarship recipient by their university/college to cover the outstanding amount if the total amount of their tuition and other fees exceeds the scholarship limit.

(iii) Applicants must apply directly to the university/college for admission within the application deadline. Each university/college sets its own application deadline.

V. Applicants must submit the following documents within the period specified by the local Taiwan Representative Office for their country to that Office [**Note: in these Directions the term “Taiwan Representative Office” refers to the Embassy or Representative Office responsible for a particular country or region where the applicant lives. It will sometimes be located in another nearby country. Please visit www.taiwanembassy.org for contact details of all Taiwan Representative Offices*]:

(i) A Taiwan Scholarship Application Form (the form for applicants from each country or region is available from their local Taiwan Representative Office)

(ii) A photocopy of the applicant’s passport or other documentary evidence of nationality.

(iii) A photocopy of their highest academic award and of the associated academic transcripts. Applications must be in compliance with the provisions of Subparagraph 2 of Paragraph 1 of Article 7 of the MOE Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan. Documents in a language other than Chinese or English must be translated into Chinese or English and the translated documents must be authenticated.

(iv) Photocopies of documentary evidence that the applicant has already applied to a university/college in Taiwan (for example, photocopies of the application fee remittance, the application form, and a notice or email from the university/college acknowledging receipt of the application.)

(v) A photocopy of a language proficiency certificate. Each Taiwan Representative Office must oversee this requirement in accordance with the following provisions:

1. For applications to undertake a program not completely taught in English:
 - (1) If the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL) is organized and held by the local Taiwan Representative Office in the applicant's country or region: a copy of the test results or a certificate at Level 3 or above must be submitted. Results or certificates from any other Chinese proficiency test will not be accepted.

If, however, an applicant is unable to take the TOCFL test because of geographical factors and the local Taiwan Representative Office has reviewed their circumstances and approves, then their case may be treated as if their Taiwan Representative Office does not organize TOCFL testing.

- (2) If TOCFL testing is not organized by the local Taiwan Representative Office: An applicant who has not submitted a copy of the test results or certificate at Level 3 or above must take the TOCFL test at Level 3 or above at their own expense by the end of the first semester after they arrive in Taiwan and submit their test results or certificate to their university/college. If the applicant transfers to a different university/college after the first semester, their starting semester in the new university/college is still regarded as their second semester since arriving in Taiwan. The applicant is not permitted to claim the initial semester in the new university/college as the "first semester" referred to in this requirement.

2. If the applicant wants to undertake a program completely taught in English, their local Taiwan Representative Office may decide whether the applicant is permitted to not submit TOCFL test results or a TOCFL certificate and may instead require them to submit TOEFL test scores that meet a standard that it sets or a certificate for some other English proficiency exam that is recognized by the government of the country where they are located, or a an English language program graduation diploma (applicants who are citizens of a country where English is an official language are not subject to this requirement). The degree program completely taught in English that an applicant is applying to undertake must have been accredited by the MOE. If the English-language degree program has not been accredited by the MOE, then the applicant must obtain a document formally issued by the university/college (not a subsidiary department or unit) that the applicant wants to attend certifying that the degree program in question is fully taught in English.

(vi) Two reference letters – from a principal, a college or university president, professors, and/or supervisors – personally signed, and placed in sealed envelopes.

(vii) Any additional documents specified by the particular local Taiwan Representative Office.

VI. The number of Taiwan Scholarships offered by the MOE each year depends on the MOE's annual budget allocations for the coming year and on the results achieved by each local Taiwan Representative Office that year. By December 31 each year, the MOE will inform each local Representative Office how many Taiwan Scholarships it can award for each degree level for the following academic year.

VII. Application and Selection Process:

(i) The MOE has delegated the specification of the particular application procedures and selection requirements, in accordance with the Selection Directions set out below, to the local Taiwan Representative Offices. Each local Taiwan Representative Office may handle Taiwan Scholarship application and selection related activities in conjunction with local government agencies, universities and colleges, and educational and cultural institutions, or it may directly handle applications itself. Information about the Taiwan Scholarship applications (including details of the selection criteria, number of scholarships available, the procedure, and the time schedule) must be made publicly available in the country or region that each local Taiwan Representative Office looks after in both Chinese and the local language(s) by January 31 each year.

(ii) After making the information referred in the previous sub-paragraph publicly available, each local Taiwan Representative Office must submit both hard copies and electronic copies of the details provided in Chinese and in the local language(s) to the unit designated by the MOE for archiving.

(iii) In principle, the application period is from February 1 to March 31 each year. The actual application period for each local Taiwan Representative Office will be detailed in its publicly available information.

(iv) Each applicant must lodge their application at the local Taiwan Representative Office in their country of citizenship or at the Taiwan Representative Office in that area of the world that is responsible for looking after matters concerning citizens of the applicant's country.

VIII. Selection Procedure Guidelines:

(i) The local Taiwan Representative Office must take into account whether a scholarship recipient would contribute to Taiwan's national development, as a professional contributing to their own country and to Taiwan, and assist in the growth of Taiwan's business and industry, economy, and education.

(ii) Scholarship recipients wanting to do a bachelor's degree must have an average GPA of at least 3.0, those wanting to do a master's degree must have an average GPA of at least 3.5 or above during their studies so far (where 4.5 is the highest score). If a different grade method is used in the applicant's country, the local Taiwan Representative Office will use these figures as the basis for its calculations or take the results indicative of excellence by universities and colleges in that country/region to select outstanding students.

(iii) Interviews must be conducted in person or by video conferencing, so as to interact with the applicants and better judge their demeanor and moral character.

(iv) Preference must be given to applicants with a TOCFL certificate at intermediate or higher level. People applying to go to Taiwan to undertake a program completely taught in English must submit their TOEFL test scores or submit a certificate that they have passed another English language proficiency exam recognized by the government in that country at the intermediate level or documentary evidence that they scored at least 75% in such an exam.

(v) The application form must be fully completed and the application form and other documents will not be returned.

IX. Selection Notifications:

(i) The Taiwan Representative Offices will review the applications and conduct interviews and then select the successful candidates and place some candidates on a waiting list. In principle, each successful candidates and the university/college the candidate has applied to attend must be notified about the selection decision by May 31 each year.

(ii) Successful candidates must submit a photocopy of their letter of admission to their local Taiwan Representative Office by June 30 each year to confirm that they satisfy the eligibility requirements; if a candidate does not submit this letter within the specified time period, the candidate must submit a written explanation of the reason to their local Taiwan Representative Office which will review the circumstances. A person who is not admitted into a university/college will lose their eligibility to receive a Taiwan Scholarship. A

person who fails to submit documents within the specified time period will be considered to have forfeited their eligibility to receive a Taiwan Scholarship, and the local Taiwan Representative Office will offer the forfeited scholarship to the candidate highest on the waiting list. The list of recipients must be finalized no later than July 31 each year.

(iii) Taiwan Representative Offices must issue each Taiwan Scholarship recipient with a certificate stating that they have been awarded a Taiwan Scholarship (using the format shown at Appendix I) by July 31 each year, and inform them of the duration of their award, based on the type of degree they will be undertaking specified in the letter of admission received from the university/college. The scholarship recipients' basic details must also be accurately recorded on the on-line Taiwan Scholarship Information Platform.

X. A Taiwan Scholarship recipient who has completed their degree program within the prescribed may then apply for a Taiwan Scholarship to undertake a higher degree at the next level. Such applications must be submitted by February 28 each year and in accordance with the provisions of Article 5, the new application and all the required documents must be submitted to the local Taiwan Representative Office that awarded their first Taiwan Scholarship. This will be treated as a completely new application and be subject to the same selection process. They are not permitted to apply for a second Taiwan Scholarship to do another degree at the same level or another degree at a lower degree level. A scholarship recipient is not permitted to hold a Taiwan Scholarship longer than the maximum total period of five years, which would be in breach of Article IV, Paragraph (ii), Subparagraph 5.

XI. The process for determining whether each scholarship recipient whose scholarship has not yet expired will continue to receive scholarship benefits is as follows:

(i) Each university/college must review each scholarship recipient's academic performance and conduct, and their eligibility to continue to receive scholarship benefits for the second semester of the academic year by February 28 each year and notify each scholarship recipient and the unit designated by the MOE of the results of the review within seven days. In addition, by September 10 each year, each university/college must upload the results of the review of students' eligibility to continue to receive scholarship benefits for the current semester to the on-line Taiwan Scholarship Information Platform in order to be able to submit a funding appropriation request.

(ii) Scholarship recipients' average semester results must achieve the standards set out below to be permitted to continue to receive their scholarship benefits:

1. Undergraduate students must achieve a minimum average semester mark of 70, postgraduate students must achieve a minimum average semester mark of 80; if the university/college has set a higher standard, then that standard must be met.

2. If a scholarship recipient is in the 3rd year or later year of a doctoral program, the manner in which their results are assessed and the criteria used to determine their semester results will be in accordance with the regulations of their university/college.

(iii) If a scholarship recipient has completed their program before their scholarship expires and has been given approval to undertake a degree course at the next level by their university/college, the university/college that they are attending may inform the MOE in writing that this has been approved, with a scholarship application form filled out by the student, transcripts of their academic studies in Taiwan, and details of the appraisal of their degree attached, and submit an application to change the student's Taiwan Scholarship level and expiry date. The MOE will notify the university/college, the unit designated by the MOE, and the Taiwan Representative Office that awarded the student the scholarship for the degree they have just completed of its decision.

XII. Transfers:

(i) A scholarship recipient who has completed one semester or more of studies at a particular university/college or in a particular department or institute there is allowed to transfer to another university/college or department/graduate school, if the two educational institutions involved approve the request. The transfer is handled in accordance with the regulations formulated by the educational institutions. A transfer to another university/college or department/graduate school to a degree program at the same level may only be undertaken once while receiving a Taiwan Scholarship.

(ii) A scholarship recipient who wants to transfer to a different degree program at another university/college/department/graduate school must re-apply to the local Taiwan Representative Office that awarded their Taiwan Scholarship for the degree that they want to transfer from and no longer continue. They are not permitted to continue to receive their current Taiwan Scholarship if they transfer to a different degree.

(iii) When a scholarship recipient transfers to another university/college, their current university/college must give that student and the university/college they are transferring to written details of the type of scholarship the student has been awarded, its start and end dates, and the transfer date. The

university/college the student is transferring to must notify both the scholarship recipient and their current university/college in writing that it agrees to the transfer and the date of the transfer. Both educational institutions must send copies of all the transfer-related documents to the MOE, to the Taiwan Representative Office that awarded the Taiwan Scholarship, and to any other office designated by the MOE.

XIII. Each year any university/college where any Taiwan Scholarship recipient is studying must request scholarship funding payments from the office designated by the MOE and undertake verification and finalization of any scholarship account matters in accordance with the schedule and procedures set out below:

(i) After a scholarship recipient has registered and enrolled each semester, the university/college will verify and provide their living allowance monthly. The MOE will transfer funds to the university/college twice a year. The first transfer is of the funds for January to August, and the university/college must submit the appropriation request by January 5. The second transfer is of the funds for September to December, and the university/college must submit the appropriation request by September 30 after first finalizing expenditure accounts for the first funds transfer and returning any unused funds. When submitting an appropriation request, the university/college must also submit a name list of scholarship recipients with receipts signed by the student(s) attached. If exceptional circumstances occur and a university/college is unable to submit an appropriation request in time, it must first advance funds and pay any scholarship related expenses, in order to verify and pay the monthly living allowance for the scholarship recipients.

(ii) Each university/college must submit three copies of their balance sheets and three copies of a form setting out their undertakings and results that have each been verified, approved, and stamped by the university/college president, chief accountant, and cashier, twice a year in accordance with the MOE funding schedule. The first account finalization deadline is September 30; the second account finalization deadline is December 20, and any unused funds must be returned to the MOE at the same time as the account finalization. The university/college must retain the original copies of all receipts for inspection by the National Audit Office and relevant units.

(iii) Each semester, each university/college must submit a name list of all the Taiwan Scholarship recipients who have completed registration and enrollment, a financial statement of income and expenditures setting out the Taiwan Scholarship tuition and miscellaneous fees for each (using the format in Appendix II), a financial income and expenditure statement, and appropriation

request receipts to the unit designated by the MOE, and submit the appropriation request for funding for the recipients' tuition and miscellaneous fees and undertake associated verification and finalization.

(iv) Expenditure appropriation requests, payments, verification, and finalization of accounts pertaining to Taiwan Scholarships must be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the MOE Directions for Administering Subsidies and Commissioned Funds.

(v) Any scholarship recipient who for some reason withdraws from their studies will forfeit their scholarship and any scholarship recipient who has been suspended or expelled from the university/college will have their scholarship revoked.

1. The living allowance will no longer be provided for a scholarship recipient who forfeits their scholarship. If the change of status occurs after the 15th of the month, the student withdrawing from their studies will not be required to refund the living allowance for that month. They must pay back the tuition and miscellaneous expenses paid with scholarship funding in accordance with the debt recovery regulations of the university/college they have been attending.

2. A student whose scholarship has been revoked must pay back all the living allowance payments and the tuition and miscellaneous expenses provided by the MOE from the date the scholarship began until the date it was revoked, to the unit designated by the MOE. Such units will finalize the accounts on a case by case basis.

The unit designated by the MOE and each university/college must increase its management of the Taiwan Scholarship funds and establish highly effective control mechanisms; the MOE may do random inspections at a regular time each year and also at unscheduled times.

XIV. Other Important Provisions:

(i) International students:

1. Applicants for a Taiwan Scholarship must apply directly to the university/college for admission within the application deadline. Each university/college sets its own application deadline.

2. Scholarship recipients must submit their TOCFL results or a TOCFL certificate to their university/college within the time limit specified in Article V, Point (v), Subparagraph 1, Item (2).

3. Scholarship recipients are responsible for the payment of all other expenses apart from tuition and miscellaneous expenses. A scholarship recipient who is experiencing financial hardship may apply to the university/college at which they are registered for payments for any other expenses to be deducted from their living allowance.

4. If a scholarship recipient's academic performance, or conduct, or their attendance record falls below the standard required by the university/college at which they are registered, their scholarship will be suspended or revoked, in accordance with the rules and regulations of their university/college.

5. If a scholarship recipient is found to be in simultaneous receipt of any other award or subsidy from any Taiwan Government institution (organization) or any education institution in Taiwan, and this has been verified, their scholarship will be revoked and the student must pay back all the living allowance payments and the tuition and miscellaneous expenses paid during the period when they were also receiving the other award or subsidy.

6. 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.

7. After enrolling at a university/college in Taiwan, a scholarship recipient is not permitted to travel to any other country as an exchange student or as a dual/joint degree student. If they do so, their Taiwan Scholarship will be revoked. They are not permitted to retain the still unused part of their Taiwan Scholarship or have the award period extended for them to be able to resume receiving the original scholarship when they return to Taiwan.

8. A scholarship recipient whose university/college degree program requires them to undertake an overseas internship may be exempt from being considered to have forfeited their scholarship, but they will not receive any scholarship money for tuition and miscellaneous expenses during the internship semester(s) and will not receive any living allowance for time spent outside of Taiwan.

9. Any scholarship recipient who submits any application document or any document when they are enrolling that is found to be fake, misleading, has been altered in some way, or contains any falsehood will have their scholarship revoked and must pay back all the living allowance payments and the tuition and miscellaneous expenses provided by the scholarship from the date the

scholarship began until the date it was revoked.

10. Scholarship recipients must act in concert with the MOE's policies for students who have a Taiwan Scholarship and participate in language and culture related teaching, exchanges, and activities.

(ii) Universities and colleges:

1. Each university/college must select international students for admission in accordance with its own international student admission regulations and send applicants a written copy of their final decision no later than June 15 each year.

2. If a scholarship recipient does not submit their TOCFL results or a TOCFL certificate within the time limit specified in Article V, Point (v), Subparagraph 1, Item (2), their university/college will stop paying them the living allowance, from the next semester until the month when they submit the TOCFL results or certificate. A scholarship recipient who for some reason has not submitted a photocopy of their TOCFL results or certificate and has had their living allowance payments suspended may still continue to have their tuition paid.

3. Each university/college may establish its own regulations to assist a scholarship recipient who is in difficult financial circumstances apply to the university/college to take deductions from their living allowance to make payments the student is personally responsible for.

4. The suspension or revocation of this scholarship is handled in accordance with the academic regulations and other pertinent regulations of each scholarship recipient's university/college and MOE regulations. If a scholarship recipient withdraws from their program, or if they are subject to disciplinary action requiring them to leave the university/college, or if any other incident occurs that incurs their scholarship being suspended or revoked, the university/college must inform the MOE in writing and after receiving MOE endorsement will suspend or revoke the student's scholarship. At the same time Bureau of Consular Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the National Immigration Agency, the local Taiwan Representative Office that awarded the Taiwan Scholarship being suspended or revoked, the student involved, and any unit designated by the MOE must be notified about the matter in writing, giving details of the reason, the beginning and end months of a suspension, or the month that a cancellation of a scholarship takes effect. Apart from where a violation of the regulations put in place by a university/college incurs a scholarship being suspended or revoked, a student's Taiwan Scholarship must be suspended or revoked if any of the following

situations arises:

(1) A scholarship recipient who has registered at a university/college and begun their program fails to submit their TOCFL results or a TOCFL certificate by the end of the second semester. The student's scholarship will be revoked by the university/college, starting from the third semester.

(2) A scholarship recipient who has registered at a university/college and begun their program is absent from their classes for more than one-third of any month excluding university/college summer and winter breaks. When the absences have been verified, the recipient's living allowance for any such month will be suspended (or have to be paid back), and depending on the circumstances, the university/college where the student is registered may decide to revoke the student's scholarship.

(3) Any scholarship recipient who goes overseas to another country as an exchange student or dual/joint degree student will have their Taiwan Scholarship revoked. If they do so, their Taiwan Scholarship will be revoked. They are not permitted to retain the still unused part of their Taiwan Scholarship or have the award period extended for them to be able to resume receiving the original scholarship when they return to Taiwan.

(4) A scholarship recipient who must undertake an overseas internship that is a requirement of their university/college degree program must not be paid any living allowance for the time spent outside of Taiwan and they will not receive any scholarship money for tuition and miscellaneous expenses during the internship semester(s).

(5) A scholarship recipient who violates Taiwan's laws and regulations, who is subject to serious disciplinary action from the university/college where they are studying, or who withdraws or is expelled from the university/college shall have their scholarship revoked. If a scholarship recipient transfers to another university/college or department or voluntarily withdraws from their original university/college, their scholarship will not be revoked.

(6) A scholarship recipient fails to submit a photocopy of their Alien Resident Certificate (ARC) which has "pursuing studies" as the reason for their stay by the deadline specified by their university/college during the registration period each semester or changes the reason for their stay in Taiwan while in receipt of the scholarship.

(7) A scholarship recipient who fails to participate in language and culture

related teaching, exchanges, and activities in concert with the MOE's policies for students who have a Taiwan Scholarship shall have their scholarship revoked.

(8) A scholarship recipient whose academic average for the semester is below the standard set by their university/college will have their scholarship suspended for a month; a scholarship recipient whose academic average for the semester has been below the set standard in the two most recent consecutive semesters will have their scholarship revoked, starting from the next semester.

(9) A scholarship recipient submits any application document or any document when they are enrolling that is found to be fake, misleading, has been altered in some way, or contains any falsehood will have their scholarship revoked and must pay back all the living allowance payments and the tuition and miscellaneous expenses provided by the MOE from the date the scholarship began until the date it was revoked.

5. Each university/college must organize an orientation meeting for newly arrived scholarship recipients after they have completed their registration and explain the rules and regulations they must follow to continue to receive their scholarship, the grading and assessment method(s) used, how and when the scholarship payments are made, and the regulations governing a scholarship recipient forfeiting their Taiwan scholarship, or having it suspended or revoked. Each university/college must also review and issue the scholarship payments each month and is in charge of monitoring whether circumstances call for a student's scholarship to be forfeited, suspended or revoked, and processing the reviews for students to continue to receive their scholarship.

6. The university/college must set up a specific unit or personnel to liaise with scholarship recipients while they are undertaking their studies in Taiwan and provide academic and general support and assistance. They must also encourage the scholarship recipients to actively participate in university/college organized and nationally organized volunteer work during their stay in Taiwan.

(iii) Taiwan Representative Offices:

1. Each Taiwan Representative Office shall inform government organizations (agencies), universities, colleges, and students in the country/region where it is located about the Taiwan Scholarship Program, proactively provide information about studying in Taiwan, process scholarship applications and select the successful applicants. It must ensure that each scholarship recipient signs a Taiwan Scholarship Program Terms of Agreement (at Appendix V),

agreeing to abide by the laws of Taiwan.

2. Each Taiwan Representative Office must submit its name list of scholarship recipients (using the format in Appendix VI) to the MOE for review by July 31. A copy of the list must also be sent to the Bureau of Consular Affairs, the National Immigration Agency, each scholarship recipient's university/college, and any other unit designated by the MOE (a photocopy of all appendices must be included), and the consular section of the local Taiwan Representative Office must also be notified.

3. Each Taiwan Representative Office must issue each scholarship recipient who has received a letter of admission to a university/college with a certificate that they have been awarded a Taiwan Scholarship that states the exact duration of their scholarship, in accordance with the provisions of Article III.

4. Each Taiwan Representative Office shall organize orientations for scholarship recipients before they travel to Taiwan to explain the scholarship regulations, and details about applying for an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC), to provide information about living and studying in Taiwan, and to explain scholarship recipients' responsibility to act in concert with the MOE's policies for students who have a Taiwan Scholarship and participate in language and culture related teaching, exchanges, and activities.

5. Each Taiwan Representative Office shall maintain contact with scholarship recipients after they return to their homelands and organize events and seminars at which they can present the results of their studies and research in Taiwan so that the scholarship recipients can share their experiences of studying and living in Taiwan with others.

XV. An international student who received an MOE Taiwan Scholarship and began their degree studies in any academic year before and including the 2011 academic year will still be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Taiwan Scholarship Program as they were prior to the amendments that came into effect on February 1, 2011.

(i) Undergraduate students will receive a monthly stipend of NTD25,000, and postgraduate students will receive a monthly stipend of NTD30,000.

(i) Scholarship recipients must make the payments of Taiwan Scholarship tuition and miscellaneous expenses to their university/college from the beginning of the award period until the expiration of their award, graduation, withdrawal, or expulsion. Apart from the differences in the stipend, any matter involving a suspension or revocation of a scholarship is subject to the

provisions of the most recent revised Taiwan Scholarship Program Directions. Scholarship recipients who first enrolled in and began a Chinese language program in the 2011 academic year are subject to the relevant provisions of the Ministry of Education regulations governing subsidies to fund international students who come to Taiwan with a Short Term Research Award (STRA) or a Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES).

The verification and provision of benefits for international students who were awarded an MOE Taiwan Scholarship and enrolled at a university/college and began undertaking a degree or doctorate in the 2012 academic year, the 2013 academic year, the 2014 academic year, and/or the 2015 academic year will be undertaken in accordance with the provisions of the MOE Taiwan Scholarship Program Directions that were in effect prior to these amended Directions.

(1) Tuition and miscellaneous fees (i.e. course-credit fees, and miscellaneous basic study-related fees): The MOE will pay a maximum of NTD 40, 000 for each recipient for verified and approved tuition and miscellaneous expenses. If these fees exceed a total amount of NTD40, 000, the remaining amount must be paid by the scholarship recipient's university/college. The "miscellaneous expenses" do not include any of the following: administration fees, thesis supervision fees, insurance premiums, accommodation, or internet access. These are all the responsibility of the scholarship recipient.

(2) Living allowance: The MOE provides each scholarship recipient undertaking university undergraduate studies a monthly stipend of NTD15, 000; it provides each scholarship recipient undertaking a master's degree or doctorate studies a monthly stipend of NTD20, 000.

From the 2016 academic year on, students who are newly awarded an MOE Taiwan Scholarship are subject to the provisions of these amended Taiwan Scholarship Program Directions.