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Studying in Taiwan: 在台灣學習



A few notes on my experiences in applying to both the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship and MOE Scholarship. This is **NOT official guidance**, however, and I would recommend ***always*** referring back to what the official guidelines state.

(1) British Association for Chinese Studies (BACS): Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES)

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- Your **starting page for familiarising yourself** with the process to apply for the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship: <http://bacsuk.org.uk/funding-2/bacs-taiwan-studentships>
- 1) **For the BACS HES application:** Go through your School prepare the relevant material: You will need a **personal statement** to show your genuine interest in continuing to immerse yourself in the Taiwan context and also **two references** from your professors.
- 2) You can apply for 3/6/9/1 year scholarships. But be flexible in the application as there seems to be an increase in applicants for the language courses. If BACS returns

to you asking if you would be open to taking a scholarship for 6months as opposed to 9, for example, **be open** to that and you will more likely be successful in your application!

- 3) You don't have to be formally admitted to a language centre before you can apply for the Scholarship - **you just need a confirmation email from the language centre that you will use in your BACS application.**
- 4) Language students will receive a monthly stipend of **NT\$ 25,000**, which is intended to cover course fees and contribute a modest amount to maintenance expenses. This does not get paid into your Taiwanese bank account until you have attended four weeks of your course – **so make sure that you would have sufficient funds in your account for living in Taiwan for a month and then also to cover your tuition as well as other costs.**
- 5) If your application is successful then you will need to sign the **Terms of Agreement** which will then have to be sent off (by post/email) to BACS: **Olivia Saunders**

A couple of pointers for making your application to your Language Centre:

- In order to search for a Language Centre that you can study Chinese at, have a look at this website which has a list of Universities in Taiwan:
<http://english.moe.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=14462&CtNode=11424&mp=1>
- **EXAMPLE** - This was the website I used to apply for the Mandarin Program at National Chengchi University (NCCU): <http://mandarin.nccu.edu.tw/index.php>
- I chose NCCU and went through their online system to apply for their mandarin training course because I had heard of the intensity of the program and it was also situated slightly outside of the city centre. I also knew that I would enjoy the nature that surrounds the University!
- **Take note** that you need to apply for a **minimum study of 15 hours of classes per week** so when you apply for the centre make sure that you state that you are applying for the MOE Huayu enrichment scholarship and request confirmation that they will be teaching a minimum of 15 hours per week.

(2) Taiwan MOE Scholarship Application for Undergraduate/Graduate Studies

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1) You will need an **application form** for the MOE Taiwan Scholarship 2017/2018. The completed form, along with accompanying documents, should be posted in hard copy to the Taipei Representative Office. An abbreviated version of the **updated scholarship guidelines** is being updated but will soon be posted on the MOE

website: <http://edu.law.moe.gov.tw/EngLawContent.aspx?id=122>

2) You will need to **access and familiarise yourself with the online system** for your chosen university to make your Undergrad/Grad application. If you are serious about doing a graduate or undergraduate degree program in Taiwan **find out as much as possible about the program that you would undertake**. Also, **the University deadlines for submitting applications differ from the Taipei Representative Office's, and may well be earlier** → So make sure that you **keep track of all the deadlines for submitting applications**. Your reference letters (as part of your application for both the university and the Scholarship application) can also be written in Chinese.

3) If the course that you are **applying to is in mandarin**, then you will need to provide a copy of the **TOCFL exam** (test of Chinese as a foreign language) certificate **BAND B** to prove your proficiency. If you want to get an idea of all the English taught degree programs in Taiwan you can have a look at this

website: <http://www.studyintaiwan.org/event/sit85/index.html#/home/>

4) Once you have sent off your application to your chosen universities you must then send your scholarship application to the Taipei Representative Office. You may be requested to take part in an interview either in person or via skype. During my skype interview, I had to share my **plan for further study** and how it could **benefit Taiwanese society** as well as show **my commitment toward the program**.

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6) The MOE award encompasses payment of tuition and certain academic fees as well as a monthly stipend of **NT\$ 15,000 for recipients undertaking undergraduate** studies or **NT\$ 20,000 for recipients undertaking postgraduate** studies.

*Taiwan is a unique place to study Mandarin/degree program, be open-minded and if you are fortunate enough to get a scholarship **IMMERSE** yourself in the ocean of life and culture there!*

GOOD LUCK. 祝你好運!



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