

Taiwan Huayu Bilingual Exchange of Selected Talent (BEST) Program Scholarship Guidelines at National Taiwan University (NTU)

1. Eligibility

- (1) Current students from institutions that are engaging in the Taiwan Huayu BEST Program collaborations with NTU, who have applied through their respective institutions' corresponding office(s).
- (2) The recipients should undertake at least 15 hours of language courses each week. This does not include cultural visits, speeches, and other self-learning curriculum or activities.

2. Application & Selection Procedure

- (1) Students should apply through their home institution/department for this scholarship program, and must be in good standing with their home institution.
- (2) Students' home institution will be managing the overall selection process for this scholarship program. Additional eligibility requirements may be set forth by students' home institutions to best select the recipients of this scholarship.
- (3) After students submit their application, they will have one week/ a 7-day period to request a change in their program of choice. Along with the notification, students will need to submit a completed application for the new program. Specific deadlines will vary for each quarter course.

3. Duration

- (1) Chinese language/Huayu programs at NTU offer quarter courses (approximately 3 months long); exact dates of courses depend on students' choice of program (International Chinese Language Program or Chinese Language Division, Language Center at NTU).
- (2) Students may choose to enroll in one or more quarters and may stay on the scholarship for up to one year (4 quarters).
- (3) Scholarship funding will become effective on the date of the recipient's enrollment and end on the last day of students' enrollment in the Chinese language/Huayu course, or in case if the scholarship is revoked due to students not meeting eligibility/terms and conditions of the scholarship.

4. Scholarship Award Value

A monthly stipend of \$25,000 NTD.

5. Payment

- (1) Upon their arrival, students will need to open a banking account at a local banking institution for scholarship to be deposited into their account.
- (2) Each month's scholarship will be deposited to students' Taiwan account after the entire month's attendance has been accounted for. For example, if the course begins

on March 1, then we will begin administrative processing for the scholarship for the month of March at the end of March (3/31). The scholarship will be deposited into the student's account by approximately April 14 (accounting for two weeks of administrative processing).

- (3) The last month's scholarship could be deposited into students' account after students' courses have ended/students have departed from Taiwan.
- (4) Students will be responsible for their scholarship once it has been deposited in their Taiwan account. NTU will not assist with overseas transfers/wiring of scholarship.

6. Extracurricular Activity - "Hands Together"

As part of the Taiwan Huayu BEST Program, "Hands Together" is a community-oriented, extracurricular activity that provides the students opportunity to engage with local elementary or junior high school students in Taiwan. Students will be paired up with an NTU student and, together, participate in language-sharing activities with a group of elementary or junior high school students. NTU will provide transportation necessary to get to the assigned elementary or junior high school location.

7. Terms and Conditions for Recipients

- (1) Absence policy: If a student is absent from class without proper leave request for 20% or more of their total course hours in a month, then the student will be ineligible to receive the scholarship for that month.
- (2) In the case of students not meeting any of the eligibility requirements or decide to drop their course, the scholarship will be suspended immediately. In addition, the scholarship will be suspended or revoked if students break any laws of Taiwan, and/or violate any regulation of NTU or the language program.
- (3) Students may not hold any employment and/or paid internship whilst being on this scholarship.
- (4) Students are required to have an insurance plan whilst being in Taiwan, and they have the option to purchase and pay for their insurance plan at the same time they pay for their tuition fees through the language program. For students who will be in Taiwan for 6 months or longer, they will be required to opt into the National Health Insurance.
- (5) Before students' arrival in Taiwan, students need to ensure that they have enough financial support to pay for the programs fees (application, tuition, insurance, textbooks, etc.) and daily expenses in Taiwan (transportation, housing rent, meals, etc.).