

# 2016 ICDF International Higher Education Scholarship Program

## 1. About the TaiwanICDF

The International Cooperation and Development Fund (TaiwanICDF) is dedicated to boosting socio-economic development, enhancing human resources and promoting economic relations in a range of developing partner countries. We also offer humanitarian assistance and provide aid in the event of natural disasters or international refugee crises.

To carry out our mission, we offer a range of assistance that centers on four core operations: lending and investment, technical cooperation, humanitarian assistance, and international education and training. Our Fund is used to make direct or indirect investments and to finance lending operations. Revenues generated by the Fund are used to support our bilateral or multilateral technical cooperation projects, humanitarian assistance operations and education and training.

Every new project from the TaiwanICDF proceeds according to a rigorous project cycle and is backed by mutual covenants signed in cooperation with relevant stakeholders. Our projects are designed to address the strategic development goals of each of our partner countries, pay due consideration to associated regional trends, and maximize results by employing the right combination of capital and technical cooperation.

Ultimately, our work is tailor-made to the local needs of each partner country. Our assistance covers a variety of contemporary development issues such as environmental protection, public health, agriculture, education and information and communications technology.

We are also acting to improve human resources and build institutional capacity at the TaiwanICDF itself. We believe that as a stronger, more professional organization, we will be better placed to advise decision-making bodies within our government. Efforts to improve our own organization will also help us to deepen the coverage of our projects and transfer technological know-how on to our partners. We aspire to making the most effective use of

manpower and resources, and replicating and adapting successful experiences from one partner country to another.

## **2. Overview of the International Higher Education Scholarship Program**

Our International Higher Education Scholarship Program was initiated in 1998 when we joined forces with a group of Taiwanese universities to offer scholarships for a number of English-language courses, up to and including Ph.D. level. To expand the scope of the scholarship, from 2014 we are providing a further range of bachelor's programs taught in Mandarin.

The program enables talented young citizens to come to Taiwan to pursue their higher education and follow course materials and learning objectives that are specifically designed to address key development issues. The program provides full financial support for tuition and living expenses, and having grown in scope over the years, now covers 34 courses from 21 universities — 12 bachelor's, 20 master's and two Ph.D. programs. These courses focus on the development needs of our partner countries by addressing issues such as tropical agriculture, aquatic sciences, business administration, information technology, human resource development, medicine and public health, or various fields of engineering. All of these disciplines are in high demand in our developing partner countries. We aim to boost social development and economic growth by generating a pool of quality human resources.

Each year we provide scholarships to around 195 new students.

## **3. Application Instructions**

### **3.1 Eligibility**

Applicants applying for a TaiwanICDF scholarship must meet both the general eligibility criteria (please refer to appendix 1) and be a national of a country on the List of Countries Eligible for TaiwanICDF Scholarship (please refer to appendix 2). Applicants must also meet the Regulations Governing Visiting, Resident, and Permanent Residency of Aliens set by ROC(Taiwan) National

Immigration Agency.

\*\*\*Note: All Undergraduate Programs only accept applications submitted by citizens of allied countries of ROC(Taiwan).

### **3.2 Application Procedure**

The 2016 TaiwanICDF Scholarship application period will run from January 1 to March 18. For the 2016 TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarship Program, there are a total of 31 study programs available for scholarship application.

Applicants should: (1) first, complete the TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarship Program Online Application, and (2) submit the documents listed below to the ROC (Taiwan) Embassy/ Consulate (General)/ Representative Office/ Taiwan Technical Mission or project representative in their country. Applicants must ensure that they submit accurate and complete documentation; failure to do so will result in the application not being processed. Please also note: 1. Late submissions will not be accepted and/or processed. 2. All Undergraduate Programs only accept applications submitted by citizens of allied countries of ROC (Taiwan).

- 1. A photocopy of applicant's passport or other document showing proof of nationality.**
- 2. A photocopy of applicant's highest-level diploma and academic transcripts.**
- 3. A photocopy of applicant's English proficiency certificate.**

Please note: This means a TOEFL test score or that of another recognized English proficiency exam, or documents certifying that the applicant has graduated from a program where all courses were taught in English. Applicants who are unable to provide such proof of English proficiency due to special circumstances may be assessed for English proficiency by an ROC (Taiwan) Embassy/ Consulate (General)/ Representative Office/ Taiwan Technical Mission or project representative via interview or other forms of testing.

Applicants whose official national language is English are exempt from needing to supply these documents.

4. **A TaiwanICDF Medical Report** (including an HIV test) dated within the past three months. (please download TaiwanICDF Medical Report form from TaiwanICDF official website at <http://www.icdf.org.tw/public/Attachment/5168441735.pdf>).
5. **Two letters of reference.**
6. Any other documents specifically requested by an ROC (Taiwan) Embassy/ Consulate (General)/ Representative Office/ Taiwan Technical Mission or project representative.

In addition to the above documents requested as part of their scholarship application, applicants should also submit all documents required by the TaiwanICDF partner university that they are applying to before the admissions deadline of that university. For detailed information on such documents, please refer to the Study Programs Available for TaiwanICDF Scholarship Application at Partner Universities in 2016.

The ROC (Taiwan) Embassy/ Consulate (General)/ Representative Office/ Taiwan Technical Mission or project representative will conduct a first review of applicants based on the eligibility requirements and selection criteria of the TaiwanICDF, and then submit their list of recommended applicants to the TaiwanICDF no later than March 31 each year.

A second review of the qualified applicants will be conducted by an academic committee organized by the individual partner university in joint cooperation with TaiwanICDF representatives. Such reviews will be based on each university's selection criteria, whilst also accounting for the eligibility requirements and selection criteria of the TaiwanICDF.

After the second review has been conducted in cooperation with all partner universities, the TaiwanICDF will announce its list of scholarship recipients, in principle, no later than June 30 each year. Successful applicants will receive an acceptance letter through the ROC (Taiwan) Embassy/ Consulate (General)/

Representative Office/ Taiwan Technical Mission or project representative to whom they originally applied.

**Please note: Gaining admission from the university does not necessarily mean that the applicant has also been given a TaiwanICDF scholarship. Only the applicant who receives the acceptance letter issued by the TaiwanICDF is the scholarship recipient.**

\*\*\* TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarship Program Online  
Application System: <http://www.icdf.org.tw/TSP/WelcomeStart.aspx>

## 4. Study Programs Available for TaiwanICDF Scholarship Application at Partner Universities in 2016

### Kaohsiung Medical University (KMU)

#### *M. Sc. Program in Tropical Medicine*

##### ✧ SCOPE OF CURRICULUM

This program is specified for the knowledge and ability regarding research on Tropical Medicine, and is emphasized on:

1. Tropical medicine & Medical parasitology
2. Vector-borne infections & Medical entomology
3. Clinical microbial infections & Travel medicine
4. Tropical disease associated cancer & virology

##### ✧ APPLICATION

##### DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

1. Two copies of the completed application form. (ref. KMU Appendix)
2. An official transcript and the highest-level diploma verified by R.O.C representative office. (Chinese or English translation is required if the transcript is in neither of the languages aforementioned.)
  - (1) The bank statement shall be issued by the bank officially with the information of current balance and currency, and be authenticated by R.O.C. representative office in/near your country, or sealed and mailed to KMU by your bank directly.
  - (2) Financial statements from a Taiwanese bank or a branch of a foreign bank located in Taiwan do not need to be authenticated.
3. A statement of purpose in Chinese or English.
4. Two letters of recommendation.

5. According to regulations of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of the Interior, the applicants must submit their birth certificates, certifications of the parents and any document that shows their parental relationships, as well as the documents that certify the applicant's nationality.
6. Declaration (ref. KMU Appendix)
7. Application Checklist (ref. KMU Appendix)
8. For Taiwan ICDF scholarship applicants should submit medical report (including an HIV test) within the previous 3 months. (\*Note: Incomplete application documents will not be reviewed.)
9. Bachelor's degree certificate (including a notarized copy in Chinese or English) or MD Diploma.
10. Autobiography
11. Minimum requirements in addition to the general qualifications aforementioned:
  - (1) Holds a bachelor's degree in related medical, public health, veterinary, life or natural sciences from a local or foreign university which is recognized by MOE and verified by R.O.C representative office. OR Holds an equivalent degree of Medical Doctor, MD diploma.
  - (2) Applicants must have taken a minimum of 10 credits (160 hours) in General Biology, Epidemiology, Parasitology, Microbiology or Life Science related courses.
  - (3) A minimum GPA of B or 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (a notarized Chinese or English translation of transcript is required)

**PROCEDURE:** To complete the application, please remember to apply on KMU website as well and mail required document to KMU

**FOR MORE PROGRAM INFORMATION GO TO:**

<http://gim.kmu.edu.tw/index.php/en-GB/>

**FOR APPLICATION SYSTEM/FORM GO TO:**

<http://english2.kmu.edu.tw/front/bin/ptlist.phtml?Category=23>

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## **Appendix 1: General Eligibility Criteria for TaiwanICDF Scholarship**

### **An applicant must:**

- ✓ Be a citizen of a country on the List of Countries Eligible for TaiwanICDF Scholarship, and satisfy any specific criteria established by his or her country and/or government of citizenship.
- ✓ Neither be a national of the Republic of China (Taiwan) nor an overseas compatriot student.
- ✓ Satisfy the admission requirements of the partner university to which he or she has applied to study under a TaiwanICDF scholarship.
- ✓ Be able to satisfy all requirements for a Resident Visa (Code: FS) set by the Bureau of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC) set by the Ministry of the Interior, of the ROC (Taiwan) government (this means that the TaiwanICDF has the right to revoke a scholarship offered if an applicant cannot satisfy the visa requirements).
- ✓ Upon accepting a TaiwanICDF scholarship, not hold any other ROC (Taiwan) government-sponsored scholarship (such as the Taiwan Scholarship) in the same academic year in which the TaiwanICDF scholarship would be due to commence.
- ✓ Not be applying for a further TaiwanICDF scholarship in unbroken succession — applicants who have already held a TaiwanICDF scholarship, MOFA's Taiwan Scholarship or an MOE scholarship must have returned to their home country for more than one year before re-applying (note: to apply for a 2016 scholarship, an applicant must have graduated and returned to his or her home country before July 31, 2015).
- ✓ Have never had any scholarship revoked by any ROC (Taiwan) government agency or related institution, nor been expelled from any Taiwanese university.

## Appendix 2: List of Countries Eligible for TaiwanICDF Scholarship

### List of Countries eligible for The TaiwanICDF Scholarship

Region	Country
Asia Pacific	Fiji
	India
	Indonesia
	Kiribati
	Laos
	Malaysia
	Marshall Islands
	Myanmar
	Nauru
	Palau
	Papua New Guinea
	Philippines
	Solomon Islands
	Thailand
Tuvalu	
Vietnam	
West Asia	Jordan
	Mongolia
	Russia
	Turkey
Africa	Burkina Faso
	Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
	Nigeria
	São Tomé and Príncipe
	South Africa
Swaziland	
Caribbean	Dominican Republic
	Haiti
	Saint Christopher (St. Kitts) and Nevis
	St. Lucia



<b>Region</b>	<b>Country</b>
	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
<b>Central America</b>	Belize
	El Salvador
	Guatemala
	Honduras
	Mexico
	Nicaragua
	Panama
<b>South America</b>	Argentina
	Bolivia
	Brazil
	Colombia
	Ecuador
	Paraguay
	Peru
	Uruguay
<b>Europe</b>	Bosnia and Herzegovina
	Latvia
	Kosovo