Guidelines to the Taiwan Fellowship

I. To encourage the experts and scholars worldwide who are interested in Taiwan, cross-strait relations, mainland China, Asia Pacific, and Sinology to conduct research in Taiwan’s universities or research institutes and promote academic exchanges, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) of Republic of China (ROC) has regulated the following guidelines.

II. The Fellowship recipients should be foreign professors, associate professors, assistant professors, and doctoral candidates of related departments of overseas universities, and research fellows of the same level in academic institutes abroad.

III. The field of study should be social sciences, such as Taiwan studies, cross-strait studies, China studies, Asia Pacific studies, and Sinology.

IV. The granting and duration of the Fellowship:
   1. An economy class roundtrip ticket flying the most direct route will be provided. Tickets will not be provided to recipients who are already in Taiwan.
   2. Research stipends are granted in the beginning of each month in the following two categories:
      (1) Professors, associate professors, research fellows, and associate research fellows: NT$60,000.
      (2) Assistant professors, assistant research fellows, and doctoral candidates: NT$50,000.
   3. The minimum duration of scholarship is three months, and the maximum is one year.
   4. Accident insurance of NT$ 1,000,000 is provided during the term of research in Taiwan. (This sum is also to cover the expenses incurred from the treatment of injuries.)

V. The quota of recipients is determined in accordance with MOFA’s annual budget. In principle, 30 recipients are selected each year.

VI. Applicants should submit the prepared English or Chinese documents to the ROC Embassy or Representative Office in their home countries or where their research or study is based. The documents include:
   1. Application form.
   2. Resume (including a publication list).
3. Research proposal (No word limits. The proposal should be well-organized, and will serve as the reference for the committee to evaluate the granting and duration of the scholarship).

4. Documents from Taiwan’s universities or research institutes granting admission to the recipient to do research in Taiwan.

5. Letter of recommendation (original).

Those who are currently doing research in Taiwan can submit the application to MOFA directly.

VII. Application and Selection Process:

1. ROC Embassies and Representative Offices abroad will provide the application form based on these guidelines and accept applications. They will then review the information provided by the applicants, evaluate their academic influence or potentiality, and decide whether to recommend the applicants.

2. ROC Embassies and Representative Offices abroad should provide reasons for the recommendation, which will be the references for selection.

3. MOFA will invite scholars, experts and representatives from departments in charge of different regions to form a reviewing committee, which will be responsible for the selection.

VIII. Recipients of the Fellowship should obey the following regulations:

1. The research proposal and research area provided in the application should not be changed unless approved by MOFA. Otherwise MOFA may terminate the Fellowship.

2. The recipients should submit a solid and concise article or monograph to MOFA within three months after the end of the project. During their stay in Taiwan, the recipients should participate in the lectures or seminars related to their research topics and hosted by MOFA as speakers or discussants.

3. The recipients are not eligible to apply for the Fellowship again within two years after the end of the project.

4. During the period of the Fellowship, the recipients are not allowed to receive any full scholarships granted by the governmental agencies, public or private education institutions, and other academic organization in
Taiwan.

IX. The execution plan is as follows:

1. After the result of selection is approved, ROC Embassies and Representative Offices abroad will notify the recipients, who will have to sign the terms of agreement according to the approved documents.

2. The recipients have to apply for visa to enter Taiwan.
   (1) For those awarded with Fellowship shorter than six months, ROC Embassies and Representative Offices abroad will issue visitor visas.
   (2) For those awarded with fellowship over six months, ROC Embassies and Representative Offices abroad will issue residence visas.

3. The recipients should arrange their research and visits in Taiwan by themselves.

4. Before departure, the recipients should submit the information about their itinerary (dates of arrival at and departure from Taiwan) and affiliate research institutions to ROC Embassies and Representative Offices abroad for reference. ROC Embassies and Representative Offices abroad will assist in the purchase of the flight tickets.

5. ROC Embassies and Representative Offices abroad should complete the cancellation upon verification within one month after the end of each case. If it is not possible upon the end of the fiscal year, the aforesaid office should reserve the allocated fund according to the relevant regulations.

6. ROC Embassies and Representative Offices abroad should attach the photocopies of the recipients’ flight tickets and receipts onto the Expenditure Reimburse Form, and submit it to MOFA for cancellation upon verification.

X. MOFA shall set other regulations for matters not covered under these guidelines.