

# Terms of the Program

By accepting a scholarship from the TaiwanICDF, you **must**, for the duration of your period of study in Taiwan (for a maximum of 2-5 consecutive years):

1. Agree to abide by the laws of the Republic of China (Taiwan).
2. Agree that during your study at your host institute, all matters related to the program will be settled in accordance with the institute's rules and regulations and that your host institute's decision will be final and implemented accordingly.
3. Agree to return to your home country soon after the completion of the program.
4. Be responsible for all expenses that exceed the amounts and terms stated in the Scope of Scholarship.
5. Agree to repay airfare and living allowances should you decide to drop out of the program without gaining the prior consent of the TaiwanICDF or without providing proof of exceptional circumstances, and you accept that the TaiwanICDF's decision in this matter will be final.
6. Agree that the TaiwanICDF has the discretionary right to **suspend your monthly allowance** due to any misconduct by yourself, including but not limited to absence from school or the receipt of minor demerits given by your host institute.
7. Agree that the TaiwanICDF has the right to **terminate your scholarship** if you:
  - (1) are found to have engaged in political activities or any form of employment for profit or gain.
  - (2) are found to have violated the laws of the Republic of China (Taiwan), have been given any major demerit by your host institute, or have withdrawn from or been expelled by your host institute.
  - (3) have not participated in program orientation or registered for your program in time without reasonable cause.
  - (4) are found to be physically unfit to study in Taiwan due to suffering from any

chronic illness during your time in Taiwan, or due to suffering from any preexisting condition that you had not previously declared.

- (5) are found to have given an unsatisfactory academic performance<sup>1</sup>.
- (6) fail to provide a certificate for the Level 3 Chinese proficiency test (TOCFL) by the end of the first year<sup>2</sup> (for recipients of Mandarin-taught programs).
- (7) transfer to another field of study.

8. Certify that the information contained in the physical examination form is genuine and agree that you shall not request reimbursement for hospitalization in case of a chronic illness in Taiwan.

9. Agree to learn the Chinese language:

- (1) for recipients of **English-taught programs (bachelor's)**, taking and passing the Level 2 Chinese proficiency test (TOCFL) before graduation is compulsory<sup>3</sup>.
- (2) for recipients of **English-taught programs (master's)**, taking the Chinese proficiency test (TOCFL) before graduation is optional.
- (3) for recipients of **English-taught programs (Ph.D.)**, taking and passing the Level 2 Chinese proficiency test (TOCFL) before graduation is compulsory<sup>4</sup>.
- (4) for recipients of **Mandarin-taught programs**, taking and passing the Level 3 Chinese proficiency test (TOCFL) by the end of the first year is compulsory<sup>5</sup>.

10. Agree to summarize your completed thesis manuscript for the SCI, EI, A&HCI,

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<sup>1</sup> Academic performance will be considered "unsatisfactory" if you:

- (1) Fail the academic average in any one semester. This means either failing the required standard set by your host institute, or averaging 60 out of 100 or lower for undergraduates or 70 out of 100 or lower for postgraduates (equivalent to the GPA scale conversion of your host institute); in which case, full scholarship will be suspended during the following semester. Should the academic average be achieved during this next semester, the TaiwanICDF will continue the scholarship by request; or
- (2) Fail exactly or more than one-half of all modules that you elect to study across two consecutive semesters; or fail exactly or more than two-thirds of all modules that you elect to study in any one semester. In this case, the full scholarship will be terminated.
- (3) Fail the Master's/Ph.D. Thesis Research or Independent Study component of the program, or related subject; in which case, full scholarship will be suspended during the following semester.

<sup>2</sup> The full Chinese proficiency test (TOCFL) includes listening, reading, speaking and writing sections. According to the provisions of the TaiwanICDF, you should enroll in and pass the **listening** and **reading** sections.

<sup>3</sup> For recipients of English-taught programs (bachelor's and Ph.D.), you should enroll in and pass the **listening** and **speaking** sections of the Chinese proficiency test (TOCFL).

<sup>4</sup> Please refer to **footnote 3** above.

<sup>5</sup> Please refer to **footnote 2** above.

SSCI and TSSCI journals or the Journal of International Cooperation (JIC) (\*not applicable to undergraduate students).

11. Fully agree that matters not included in these terms will be handled in accordance with provisions related to TaiwanICDF scholarship affairs.
12. Agree to provide your personal information, including but not limited to your academic performance, to the Republic of China (Taiwan), public institutes in your home country and the TaiwanICDF.