

MANDARIN LANGUAGE LEARNING PROGRAMS



學華語到臺灣
Learn Chinese in Taiwan

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1.U.S.-TAIWAN EDUCATION INITIATIVE

As part of the U.S.-Taiwan Education Initiative, the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on language education cooperation. The MOU is expected to help enhance and/or expand existing Mandarin and English language instruction opportunities in the United States and Taiwan. The MOU also encourages the exploration of opportunities for Mandarin and English language teachers and resources to be deployed to language programs at U.S. universities and Taiwan educational institutions, and facilitates greater exchange between U.S. and Taiwan institutions based on best practices.

Below are some examples of existing U.S.- and Taiwan-funded programs that provide Mandarin language instruction that we seek to pursue greater cooperation on or expand. The most up-to-date version of this list can also be found on the Talent Circulation Alliance website at: www.talentscirculationalliance.org/us-taiwan



2.1 HUAYU ENRICHMENT SCHOLARSHIP

The Ministry of Education (MOE) of the Republic of China (Taiwan) established the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship program in 2005. HES recipients can study at one of Taiwan's Mandarin learning centers affiliated to universities and accredited by the Ministry of Education for 2, 3, 6, 9, or 12 months. Each student receives a monthly stipend of NT\$25,000 (approximately US\$862).

2.2 TAIWAN SCHOLARSHIP

The MOE initiated the Taiwan Scholarship in an effort to encourage outstanding international students to undertake degree programs in Taiwan.

Taiwan MOE will provide each recipient with tuition and fees

up to 40,000 Taiwan dollars (TWD)(≐USD1,379) per semester. A monthly stipend will also be provided for each recipient: TWD 15,000 (≐USD517) for undergraduate studies; TWD 20,000 (≐USD689) for graduate studies.

HUAYU ENRICHMENT SCHOLARSHIP



TAIWAN SCHOLARSHIP



3. SENDING MANDARIN LANGUAGE TEACHERS AND TEACHING ASSISTANTS ABROAD

The Ministry of Education (MOE) has formulated regulations on financial aid for teachers and teaching assistants teaching Mandarin overseas, consisting of round-trip airfare, a monthly stipend, and a one-time teaching material allowance. Under this program, the U.S. host university pays for visa fees and health insurance and provides salary and accommodation. In 2019, the MOE sent 19 Mandarin teachers and 36 teaching assistants to the United States.

The general practice of the program is outlined as follows:

I. Application Procedures

Interested educational institutions should submit an official request letter and the Information Form (Attachment 1) for the program to the nearest Education Division of the Taiwan representative office (TECO). All the requests will be forwarded to the Ministry of Education in Taiwan for approval. The Information Form should include the following details: job description with qualifications, Chinese program overview, curriculum, teaching hours, salary, period of employment, application deadline, etc.

Upon approval from the Ministry of Education, the request for eligible Mandarin lecturers will be forwarded to the Association of Teaching Chinese as a Second Language (ATCSL) for selection and recommendation. The recommended candidates' applications will then be sent to the inquiring institutions for approval. If possible, interviews may be arranged in Taiwan via phone or over the internet, for example.

The whole process of recruitment, including the U.S. Visa application for the Taiwan visiting lecturer, may take four months or more.

II. Provisions from the Participating U.S. Educational Institutions

Lecturer:

- (1) Competitive salary (determined as needed in accordance with teaching load, candidate experience and/or local standards of living)
- (2) Standard benefits (e.g. medical, dental insurance)
- (3) Assistance in the teacher's U.S. visa application

Teaching Assistant:

- (1) Accommodation and meals
- (2) Standard benefits (e.g. medical, dental insurance)
- (3) Assistance in the teacher's U.S. visa application

III. Grant from the Ministry of Education

The grant from the Ministry of Education includes:

Lecturer:

- (1) Round-trip airfare. (Up to \$1,750 USD)
- (2) Living allowance of up to \$1,600 USD per month
- (3) \$300 USD for educational materials

Teaching Assistant:

- (1) Round-trip airfare. (Up to \$1,750 USD)
- (2) Living allowance of up to \$800 USD per month

IV. Other

The grant is initially for one year but can be extended for a second year if amenable to both parties. The living allowance for the second year can also be provided.

V. For further information, please contact:

Education Division, TECO in Houston

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Attachment

Overseas Mandarin Teacher from Taiwan Information Form	
Country	United States of America
Cooperating school / district (include information)	
Person-in-charge	
Number of teachers to be invited	
Applicant qualifications (including TOEFL scores, teacher certification, any other certifications)	
Period of employment	
Salary provided by cooperating school (before / after taxes)	
Benefits provided by cooperating school (i.e. health insurance, accommodation, training opportunities, tax-exemption)	
Past subsidies received from Ministry of Education, Taiwan	
Course content and teacher requirements (including teaching materials, teaching hours per week and administrative support)	
Students	
Applicant's required information	
Contact person / method of contact	
Notes	

4. SHORT-TERM MANDARIN STUDY GROUP

In an effort to encourage foreign students coming to Taiwan for Mandarin language study, the Ministry of Education provides subsidies of NT\$6,000 per person per week for groups of foreign students to study Mandarin for 2– 4 weeks:

Guideline

- The Education Division of TECO in Houston invites students of schools/universities in Texas, Louisiana, Colorado, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Mississippi and Arkansas to participate in the courses arranged by the sister schools/universities or provided by the language centers affiliated to Taiwan's universities.
- The courses should be focused on the learning of traditional Chinese characters and Taiwan culture.
- The ways of subsidizing are as follows:
 1. Each group must have at least 15 students.
 2. 1-2 teachers may accompany the group.
 3. Each group member will be subsidized NT\$ 6,000 (= around US\$214) weekly.
 4. The study period will be 2-4 weeks. Each week is counted from Monday to Friday. The daily attendance to the course should be no less than 3 hours.
 5. The subsidy will be granted in NT\$, which will be requested from the Ministry of Education by the hosted schools/universities in Taiwan. The sponsored group is needed to submit the program report including photos to the hosted schools/universities as well as The Education Division of TECO in Houston within 4 weeks after the program ends.

Please check the following website for further information: Taiwan Mandarin Educational Resources Center (<https://lmit.edu.tw/lc>)

5. MANDARIN TEACHER TRAINING

The MOE offers subsidies for groups of foreigners who teach Mandarin in U.S. schools, colleges or universities to visit Taiwan for further professional training and observation.

A subsidy of NTS2,000 per day is provided for 2 weeks, for each teacher who hasn't had further professional training with an MOE subsidy in the last three years. Air tickets and travel insurance fees are not covered.

Example:

2023 Mandarin Teacher Summer Workshop in Taiwan

Workshop Information:

1. Qualifications: Chinese teacher in U.S.A. 【Elementary to University level】 Priority given to teachers who have not participated within three years. There will be a maximum of 20 participants. TECO in Houston will have final decision regarding participants.
2. Preferred Qualifications: Familiarity and proficiency with teaching Traditional Chinese Characters.
3. Duration: June 26 to July 11, 2023 (two weeks total)
4. Registration deadline: April 20, 2023
5. Program fee: All applicants must submit the program fee of \$450USD by April 20, 2023. This fee will cover tuition, handouts, local transportation, breakfast, lunch, accommodation, but dinner is not included. The fee amount may be changed depending on funding from the Ministry of Education in Taiwan. Air tickets and travel insurance fees must be paid by the participants. 【Note: The program fee is non-refundable once the applicants are selected.】
6. Registration:
 - 1) Please fill out the application form and upload a copy of passport at <https://forms.gle/gopmhzxSHWcpztxEA>
 - 2) Please make the check payable to Education Division, TECO in Houston.
Mailing address: 11 Greenway Plaza, Suite 2012, Houston Texas 77046, U. S. A.

【Note: The teaching training program must have at least 15 applicants; otherwise the workshop will be cancelled, and the program fee will be returned. Applicants will be notified around the end of April.】

6.1 TEST OF CHINESE AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TOCFL)

The MOE has been actively promoting TOCFL across the United States, and U.S. government recognition of TOCFL certification as an educational qualification. In 2019, 49 TOCFL rounds were held across the U.S., drawing a total of 2,114 candidates—a 15 percent increase from 2018. TOCFL has been adopted as an important reference in applications for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) Taiwan Fellowship, the MOE Huayu Enrichment Scholarship, jobs that require Mandarin proficiency, and Taiwan’s universities and colleges.

According to the AP Course Description, “Course work provides students with opportunities to perform Intermediate- to Advanced-level tasks, and students are expected to achieve proficiencies throughout, and sometimes beyond, the Intermediate range, as described in the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Proficiency Guidelines.” Therefore, if the students want to pass the AP test, they have to reach the intermediate level of the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines, which corresponds to level 3 of the TOCFL. The students could take the TOCFL as a practice test for AP test preparation.

Examinees who pass the test will receive a Chinese Proficiency Certificate as a credential for the followings:

- Becoming eligible for the “Taiwan Scholarship” and “Huayu Enrichment Scholarship” sponsored by the Ministry of Education and for studying in Taiwan.
- Qualifying for admission to academic programs at colleges or universities in Taiwan.
- Serving as a job-required proof of Chinese language proficiency for individuals who wish to obtain Mandarin-inclusive, bilingual employment globally.
- Providing an incentive to those who are interested in learning Mandarin.

6.2 CHILDREN'S CHINESE COMPETENCY CERTIFICATION (CCCC)

CCCC is designed for non-native Chinese-speakers between the ages 7–12. The test can help young learners to track their learning progress and to inspire their enthusiasm and interest.

The test content covers all of the assorted life experiences of children, including their daily and leisure activities, traffic and transportation, people's characteristics, body and health, school life, concepts of time and space, weather and season, and other relevant topics. The test material is taken from a wide range of authentic situations and is full of variety.

Please check the following website for further information:

- ogme.edu.tw/lc/tocfl
- Steering Committee for the Test Of Proficiency-Huayu (<https://tocfl.edu.tw/>)
- Children's Chinese Competency Certification (<https://cccc.sc-top.org.tw/>)
- Study Guide and Mock-test (<https://tocfl.edu.tw/index.php/exam/test/1>)
- Education Division, TECO in Houston (<http://www.moetw.org>)

7. ON-LINE LEARNING - HUAYU 101

Huayu 101, an online Mandarin Chinese learning platform established by Taiwan's Ministry of Education (MOE) for foreigners on short-term stays in Taiwan, has launched six new learning scenarios for Mandarin language learners.

Commissioned by the MOE in 2017, the University of Taipei has developed six chapters of learning scenarios that collect dialogues for everyday Chinese, encompassing "Greetings," "Accommodation," "Shopping," "Order," "Transportation," and "Asking for help."

This year, it added more everyday conversations to Huayu 101, including "City tour," "Arts and cultural activities," "Call and reservation," "Exchange," "Making friends," and "Hospital and post office."

The e-learning materials select the most practical conversations based on experiences of students from different countries, with scenarios spanning greetings, making friends, tourism, business, transportation, accommodation, shopping, reservation, and hospital. These sentences are dubbed by Taiwanese teachers and allow users to change the vocabularies they would like to practice for different scenarios.

According to the MOE, demand for e-learning has surged due to impacts of the coronavirus outbreak. Through just connecting to the internet, users can get easy access to learn Mandarin phrases for daily use on Huayu 101.

In addition to Huayu 101, the Office of Global Mandarin Education (OGME) established by the MOE also offers free online learning courses for teachers and learners, including "Start From Scratch," "Intermediate Chinese," "FLTA Story Book Series," "Mandarin in 300 Sentences," and "Fall in Love With Mandarin."

Since the Huayu 101 website went live, it has attracted almost 90,000 active users and received positive feedback from students and teachers in Taiwan and overseas.

Please check the following website for further information:

Office of Global Mandarin Education (<https://ogme.edu.tw/lc/learning>)

Education Division, TECO in Houston

(<http://www.moetw.org/2020/06/huayu-101-your-best-online-resources.html>)

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8. Taiwan Huayu BEST Program

Purpose

In order to promote Chinese language education in the USA & Europe, the MOE encourage cooperation between universities in Taiwan and universities in the USA & Europe. The cooperation: universities in Taiwan enter into agreements with universities in the USA & Europe

- Chinese language teachers & teaching assistants
- Taiwan Huayu BEST Scholarships
- Promote teaching and learning resources
- Chinese language centers

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