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CSAT

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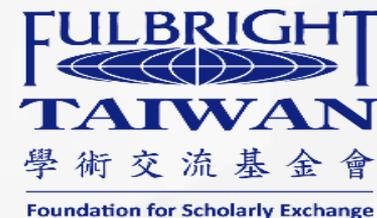
# CSAT Background

- **Joint Program:**
  1. **FICHET** (Foundation for International Cooperation in Higher Education in Taiwan)
  2. **Fulbright Taiwan** (Foundation for Scholarly Exchange, Fulbright Taiwan)
- **Support** from MOE (Ministry of Education)
- **Linking** American & Taiwan study abroad hubs



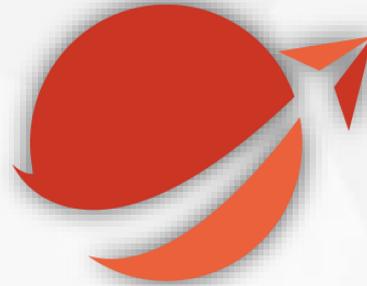
# About the Consortium

- **A bridge**, a hub: linking goals of the student with the appropriate Taiwan university.
- **Accredited** by U.S. or Taiwan educational institutions
- **Managed** by Fulbright Taiwan
- **Funded** by FICHET & MOE



# Members

U.S. Colleges  
& Universities



Taiwan  
Universities



## ▪ Sending Students

- Nominal membership fee (free trial 1<sup>st</sup> year)

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- Semester, year, short-term, customized

## ▪ Receiving Students

- FICHET members



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# The Mission

- **Streamlining** administrative process by providing direct contacts and efficient service.
- **Matching** students' preferences & schools' requirements
- **Nurturing** future talents with international & Asian experience
- **Bringing** “a world with a little more knowledge & a little less conflict”



# CSAT: a Creative Solution to Long-term Issues

## U.S. issues

- Too few students for Taiwan at any school
- Variety of majors at each school
- No one partner in Taiwan can provide all
- Limited institutional resources
  - Need placements for all interested students
  - Curriculum Committees review each program

## Taiwan issues

- America: too big, diverse, and decentralized
- Limited administrative resources



# Why CSAT (I)

## Consolidated market: Taiwan hub

- English Language Courses: all majors
- Practicums/internships
- Multiple lengths: short-term, semester, year
- Multiple locations



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## Centralize Service: U.S. hub

- One-stop-shop for U.S. universities
- Efficient service and direct contact
- Concentrated resources



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# Why CSAT (II)

**English Instruction in all disciplines**  
**Assisting Course selection in:** Majors, Distribution requirements, Electives, Chinese Language & Culture  
 (Sample of the 31 Tw university partners & their programs below)

Schools	Department	Field of Study
<b>National Taiwan University of Science and Technology</b>	International Advanced Technology Program	Engineering Mathematics
<b>National Chung Cheng University</b>	Dep. of Finance and Banking Dep. of Political Science Graduate Institute of Computer Science and Information Engineering	Social Sciences Finance Political Science Computer Science
<b>National Taiwan Normal University</b>	Dep. of Human Development & Family Studies Dep. Of Taiwan Culture, Language and Literature College of Technology and Engineering College of International Studies and Social Sciences	Education Business and Management Foreign Language and International Studies Fine and Applied Arts
<b>National Sun Yat-sen University</b>	Institute of Environmental Engineering Institute of Marine Biotechnology and Resources International Master Program in Asia-Pacific Affairs(IMAPA)	Engineering Physical and Life Sciences Social Sciences Humanities
<b>University of Taipei</b>	Dep. of Urban Development	Social Sciences
<b>Tunghai University</b>	International Business Administration Sustainability Science & Engineering	Business & Management Engineering
<b>Chung Yuan Christian University</b>	Dep. of Applied Linguistics and Language Studies Dep. of Environmental Engineering	Foreign and Language Studies Physical and Life Sciences



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# Why CSAT (III)

## Student Placement

Students matched with the university and location that best meets their academic requirements, professional goals, and personal preferences

## Credit Translation

transcript assessment/pre-approve of credits

Full range of courses taught under similar titles as in America:

- Grades, Syllabi, & Credits translated to the U.S. system
- Faculty credentials and courses description provided
- Most faculty trained in America with Ph.D.



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# Why CSAT (IV)

- **Assisting arranging:**  
Internships & Working Experience
- **Teaching Practicums:** Affiliated with universities' English teaching programs
- **Learning Chinese :** Finding the most effective Chinese second language courses
- **Finance:** No extra cost for students to study aboard



# Internships & Working Experience

- Students' placements by the host university.
- The placement in:
  - Non-profits
  - Businesses
    - Local business
    - Social enterprise
    - STEM industry
  - Science
    - Lab
- Students work with a lab supervisor or program coordinator at host university and are supervised by English speaking faculty.
- **Competitive and limited**



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# Teaching Practicums

- Teachers in practical training placed in a local school in cooperation with a County Education Bureau.
- Placements in:
  - Primary schools
  - English teaching classes
- Students supervision
  - Local Teacher (LT) mentor
  - English speaking faculty from TW university
  - Overseen by CSAT
- Competitive and limited



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# Chinese Second Language Courses

- Intensive language learning and cultural activities: focus on immersion in a Chinese speaking, cultural environment
- Language learning may also be integrated into majors: Business, Engineering, Fine Arts, Political Science, Biology, etc.

## Sample of the 31 Tw partner universities & their locations

Location	Partner Institution
<b>North</b>	National Taiwan Normal University National Taiwan University National Taiwan University of Science and Technology Tamkang University
<b>Central</b>	National Chung Cheng University National Chang Hua Normal University Tunghai University Chung Yuan Christian University
<b>South</b>	National Cheng Kung University National Sun Yat-sen University Kaoshiung Medical University Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages



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# Student Finances

- Students normally pay their American institution its tuition
- Financial aid is the decision of each institution
- Institution pays the Consortium a flat fee
- Semester fee of \$7,950 covers, in Taiwan:
  - **Tuition:** the equivalent of 12 to 18 hours of course work.
  - **Housing:** typical dormitory in host university.
  - **Language Instruction Expenses:** the equivalent of 3-6 hours of U.S. semester credit within the 18 hours; often also a language buddy
  - **Culture Enrichment Activities:** events organized by CSAT and/or the Taiwan partner institution
  - **Practicum Expenses:** fewer regular courses; replaced with a Teaching Practicum or Internship course. Includes supervision, reflection, and evaluation. Practicum & internship placements are limited and competitive.
- **Short-term & customized programs available.**



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# Student Finances

- Students need to prepare the following (approximately):
  - Meals: \$200-300 /month
  - International Airfare
  - Miscellaneous: \$100-200 /month
  - Health insurance [After 6 months, students are enrolled in Taiwan's modern and comprehensive healthcare system] otherwise students **must** provide their own.]



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# Faculty Internationalization Initiative

- A U.S. institution enrolls twelve or more (12+) students
- Over a three (3) year period
- One U.S. faculty member is eligible for a fellowship
  - \$15,000 + housing
  - Teach one semester at a CSAT Taiwan partner (selected by FSE & the U.S. institution).
  - Normal commitment: 2-3 courses
  - Home institutions encouraged to provide sabbatical or supplement



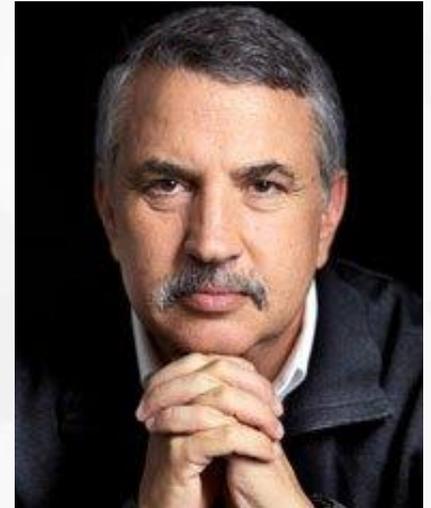
# Why Taiwan

EVERY so often someone asks me:

“What’s your favorite country, other than your own?”

I’ve always had the same answer: Taiwan.

**“Taiwan? Why Taiwan?”**



- Thomas Friedman  
American journalist and author



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# Taiwan's Niche

- Reasonable price
- High educational quality
- Nature & culture
  - Landscape, Environment
  - Food, People
  - Safety
  - Gateway
  - Traditional Culture
- Relatively unknown



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# New Opportunities in Taiwan

1. Explosion of English language courses
  - Full curriculum in all majors
2. Multiplication of program types
  - Year, Semester, Short-term, Practicum & Internships
3. Multiple locations



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# Top 8 Reasons for Studying in Taiwan

1. High quality learning environment
2. Perfect place to learn Chinese



# Top 8 Reasons for Studying in Taiwan

3. Repository of traditional Chinese culture
4. Multi-ethnic history & character: Taiwanese, Hakka, Indigenous, Chinese, Japanese, and Western



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# Top 8 Reasons for Studying in Taiwan

5. Safe, clean, environmentally progressive

6. Beautiful and easily accessed natural environment



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# Top 8 Reasons for Studying in Taiwan

7. Warm friendly people

8. Gateway to China, East Asia, and Southeast Asia



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# CSAT Members Finances

**\*\*Free Trial Period First Year\*\***

- Consortium Membership fee: U.S. institutions
  - Doctorate-granting Universities \$300
  - Master's Colleges and Universities \$200
  - Baccalaureate Colleges & Special Focus Institutions \$100
  - Associate degree Colleges & Tribal Colleges \$50
- Benefits:
  - Simplified administrative process
  - Consolidate opportunities for studying in Taiwan
  - Faculty Internationalization Initiative



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# Thank You

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