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## Research and Practical Training Program in Taiwan 2013

The National Science Council of Taiwan (NSC) has launched the call for proposals for the Research and Practical Training Program in Taiwan 2013.

This program intends to provide French graduate students in all fields with the opportunity of a first-hand research or practical experience in Taiwan, an introduction to its science and technology policy infrastructure, and an orientation to its culture and language.

The goals of the program are to introduce students to Taiwanese scientific and technological development, and to initiate personal relationships that will better enable them to collaborate with foreign counterparts in the future.

30 grants will be offered in 2013.

### Content of the program

The National Science Council takes in charge French students' allowance. Students will receive a grant of 50,000 Taiwanese dollars, of which 20% of taxes will be deducted (1 euro ≈ NT\$ 37.72 in November 2012). This grant will be paid during the orientation week.

### Duration

The grant will cover an 8-week stay from July 1 to August 23, 2013. Participants have to stay at least 8 weeks to receive the whole grant. Students can stay longer on their own financial resources.

The participants must imperatively be in Taiwan to attend the orientation week, from July 1 to 5, 2013. This orientation session provides an introduction to Chinese language, Taiwanese culture, research policy, and other activities.

### Application

Application form is available on our website: <http://france.nsc.gov.tw>. It will be sent back **imperatively before February 15, 2013 at the following address:**

Service Sciences et Technologies  
Bureau de Représentation de Taipei en France  
78 rue de l'Université  
75007 Paris

Results will be announced by mid-March 2013.

## **Contact**

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**Service des Sciences et Technologies**

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# GUIDELINES

## APPLICATION PROCESS

### **Requirements:**

The applicant must:

- be of French nationality\*
- be enrolled either as a Master or PhD student in a French university or at least in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a "Grande Ecole" or Engineering School
- have a good proficiency in English
- have found their host institution in Taiwan by the time of application deadline

\* Applications from foreign students from Europe (except Spanish and Italian students who can apply to specific Summer Programs) and Africa enrolled in a French university or school may be considered. A strong recommendation from their French supervisor will be required.

### **Application:**

The complete application must be sent by February 15, 2013 (reception date) and will include:

- application form (typewritten)
- 2 recommendation forms
- a copy of your student ID card
- a copy of your ID or passport
- the host letter from the Taiwanese supervisor\* (to be received before February 15)
- the general/precise training topic

\*Host letter can be a formal invitation or an e-mail sent to [nlauvergnier@nsc.gov.tw](mailto:nlauvergnier@nsc.gov.tw) confirming the professor will host the candidate for the duration of the program.

### **How to find a host institution:**

You can be hosted in any university or research institution in Taiwan.

You will find the complete list of Taiwanese universities on the English website of the Taiwanese Ministry of Education [here](#).

Some research institutions:

Academia Sinica ([www.sinica.edu.tw](http://www.sinica.edu.tw))

ITRI – Industrial Technology Research Institute (<http://www.itri.org.tw>)

AITS – Asian Institute of TeleSurgery / Ircad Taiwan (<http://www.aits.tw>)

NARL – National Applied Research Laboratories (<http://www.narl.org.tw>):

- National Nano Device Laboratories (NDL)
- National Laboratory Animal Center (NLAC)
- National Center for Research on Earthquake Engineering (NCEE)
- National Space Organization (NSPO)
- National Center for High-performance Computing (NCHC)
- National Chip Implementation Center (CIC)
- Instrument Technology Research Center (ITRC)

- Science & Technology Policy Research and Information Center (STPI)
- National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction (NCDR)
- Taiwan Ocean Research Institute (TORI)
- Taiwan Typhoon and Flood Research Institute (TTFRI)
- Biomedical Technology and Product Research Center (BTPRC)

NHRI – National Health Research Institutes (<http://english.nhri.org.tw>)

TLRI – Taiwan Livestock Research Institute (<http://www.tlri.gov.tw>)

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Directly contact professors dealing with your field to explain your expectations, the topic which you would like to work on. If necessary, explain the specific requirements from your school: technical and non-technical components, specific tasks/skills, etc.

Whether you apply for a research or a practical training, your supervisor has to be working in a research institution. If needed, the supervisor will help you to get in touch with companies, as university and industry use to collaborate very closely.

### **Selection process:**

After the deadline, the applications will be studied by representatives from both NSC and French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs. These representatives will then attend a joint review meeting and proceed to the selection of 30 students among the candidates with confirmed host institution. A secondary list may be established in case of withdrawals.

The results will be announced to all the applicants by email by mid-March 2013.

## **THE PARTICIPANTS**

### **The selected candidate will:**

- find housing or ask host institution to arrange housing on the campus (except during orientation week)
- take in charge the round-trip air ticket between France and Taiwan
- take in charge health insurance for the period of their stay in Taiwan (usually, simply by adding a specific contract to the student insurance)
- attend the orientation week from the first day and participate in organized activities
- submit a final report to the National Science Council

### **Visa:**

No visa is required for a stay up to 90 days. You must simply hold a passport with validity of at least 6 months upon entry. The duration of stay is not extendable.

For longer stays:

You have to ask for a 60-day single entry visa. When in Taiwan, you will be able to apply for a maximum of two 60-day extensions at local service centers of the National Immigration Agency. You will need a letter from your host institution and your return ticket. (See below)

- Fee: 37 euros in cash or by check (to B.R.T.F.) at the time of visa application

- Validity: 3 months, allows up to 60-day stay
- Required documents:
  - completed & signed application form
  - original passport (with validity of at least 6 months upon entry)
  - electronic ticket or proof of a travel agency (+ copy)
  - certificate of participation (ask Mme Nathalie Lauvergnier)
  - host letter
  - two recent passport-size photos (in color)

For any information regarding visa issues, please contact:

Bureau de Représentation de Taipei en France / Service Visas

78 rue de l'Université 75007 Paris (metro: Solférino / RER C: Musée d'Orsay)

Tel.: 01 44 39 88 20/21

Fax: 01 44 39 88 12

E-mail: [fra@boca.gov.tw](mailto:fra@boca.gov.tw)

Openings: Monday to Friday: 09.30-12.30 / 13.30-16.00

### **Training convention:**

If you need to fill a training convention, the Taiwanese counterpart will be the host institution, not the National Science Council or Taipei Representative Office in France.

## **IN TAIWAN**

### **Orientation week (July 1 to 5):**

Participation in the orientation week is compulsory. Failure to attend since the first day will compromise the attribution of the grant.

A university will be contracted by the NSC to organize an orientation session including Chinese lessons and cultural activities.

The coordinator will contact you by e-mail to organize your arrival in Taiwan. The most convenient way is to arrive in Taiwan on June 30, 2013 (Sunday).

You will be accommodated on the university campus for free until Friday 5.

The grant will be distributed in cash during this week.

### **Duration of stay:**

You have to stay at least 8 weeks (including orientation week) to receive the whole grant. Incomplete weeks will not be paid.

Please note that the NSC will hold a half-day seminar in the 8th (final) week of the internship. We strongly recommend all internship holders to participate in the seminar and share their achievement and experience during their stay in Taiwan.

**Visa extension:**

Visitor visa can be extended twice for a maximum stay of 180 days within 15 days before the expiry date.

You have to go to one of the service centers of National Immigration Agency (<http://iff.immigration.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=1092844&ctNode=32289&mp=2>) to apply for a 90-day extension. Required documents:

- visa extension application form
- passport with visa without a stamp of no-extension
- return flight ticket
- letter from your host professor and/or certificate of participation

# APPLICATION FORM

## Research and Practical Training Program in Taiwan 2013

(This application must be typewritten.)

### PERSONAL INFORMATION:

**Full Name** (LAST NAME, First name and Middle Name):

**Sex:**

**Date (dd/mm/yyyy) and place of birth:**

**Nationality:**

**Current address:**

**Permanent home address:**

**Telephone:**

**E-mail address 1:**

**E-mail address 2:**

### CURRENT ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONAL ADDRESS:

Department

Institution

Address

Office Phone +33 (0) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax +33 (0) \_\_\_\_\_

**Date (MM/YYYY) when you began graduate studies** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Degree Program:** PhD.  Master  Engineer: 2<sup>nd</sup> year  3<sup>rd</sup> year

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE OBTAINED FROM:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Department \_\_\_\_\_  
Institution \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone/Fax/E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Department \_\_\_\_\_  
Institution \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone/Fax/E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**PREVIOUS VISITS TO TAIWAN (place, year, duration and purpose):**

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**POSITIONS AND AWARDS IN THE LAST THREE YEARS:**

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**CHINESE LANGUAGE BACKGROUND:** Specify courses taken (university level), details of other training (including self-instruction), and any particular strength you might have in the language. Please note this information is required for planning the language instruction in Taiwan and that proficiency in the foreign language is not a prerequisite for participation in this Program.

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**I have read this program announcement in detail and have noted the conditions herein.**

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:**



## POTENTIAL HOST INSTITUTIONS

List potential host institutions in priority order, and include names and complete contact information of potential host scientist(s) if available.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

The host institution should be confirmed at the time of application deadline (February 15, 2013).

## DATES AND/OR DURATION OF TRAINING

(If you plan to stay longer than July 1 ~ August 23, 2013)

**Dates:**

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

(Explain your unique qualifications for participation in this Program and list the benefits the program will provide to your professional development. May not be exceeding one page).

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT STUDIES**

(Provide a summary of your current studies and/or research projects, and interests. Please write the summary for a technical audience and identify both a general field of study and any specific research interests. May not be exceeding one page.)

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** \_\_\_\_\_

# RECOMMENDATION FORM

NAME OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDER: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. How long, and in what capacity, have you known the applicant?**

**2. In specific terms, explain how this Program will benefit to the applicant. What unique approaches, opportunities, or skills will the applicant obtain in Taiwan?**

**3. Briefly describe the applicant's research contributions, the quality of the research, and the potential significance of the research to your discipline or field.**

**4. I rank this applicant in the top \_\_\_\_\_ (percent) among \_\_\_\_\_ (number) of graduate students I have supervised over the last \_\_\_\_\_ (number) years.**

**5. Please check one of the two statements below.**

A. \_\_\_\_\_ my identity and this report must be held in confidence.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ this report may be released to the applicant upon request.

**6. [For the Applicant's Academic Advisor only.] I have read and understood the terms and conditions of the Research and Practical Training Program in Taiwan, and I endorse my student's full participation in the program.**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Initials here)

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send the completed recommendation form to:**

Service Sciences et Technologies  
Bureau de Représentation de Taipei en France  
78 rue de l'Université  
75007 Paris

**Do not return to applicant.** Recommendations must be postmarked by February 15, 2013. Failure to return this form in a timely fashion will jeopardize the application.)