

國科會徵選海外學者及合作機構補助須知

National Science and Technology Council

Taiwan Studies Program

Overview, Guidelines, and Application Process

I. Program objectives

The National Science and Technology Council is launching the "Taiwan Studies Program (TSP)" to deepen international engagement with Taiwan-related issues and to strengthen teaching and research capacities worldwide. In partnership with leading universities, the program supports the appointment of early-career and full-time professorships dedicated to advancing Taiwan Studies. The program aims to promote Taiwan Studies curriculum development, academic publishing, and research advancement both within institutions and through inter-institutional collaboration. It aims to cultivate professionals in Taiwan Studies, build international research networks, and enhance the influence and impact of Taiwan Studies within the global academic community.

II. Grant categories and execution periods

TSP grant applications encompass the following two distinct categories:

1. 國科會臺灣研究新銳教授 NSTC Early Career Scholar (Assistant Professor) of Taiwan Studies :

Universities may establish a new tenure-track assistant professor position or recruit a full-time professor, either from within the university or externally, with strong academic potential and less than six years of teaching experience. The position is intended to support the integration and utilization of internal academic

resources and to promote interdisciplinary research collaboration. Responsibilities include (but is not limited to) offering courses related to Taiwan Studies, conducting Taiwan-focused research projects, coordinating Taiwan-related academic resources across departments, facilitating joint research or scholarly publications with institutions in Taiwan, and cooperating with relevant projects of national ministries and commissions. Universities are also encouraged to support full-time faculty from non-Taiwan Studies fields in expanding their research and teaching to incorporate Taiwan-related topics, in order to strengthen interdisciplinary development in Taiwan Studies.

The funding duration is between three to five years, with a maximum annual grant of USD 120,000 (or the equivalent in the local legal currency). The funding amount will be determined based on the scholar's percentage of effort devoted to the project. The total grant amount may be up to USD 600,000. The maximum appointment period may be adjusted in accordance with the university's promotion and tenure regulations. If awarded, the university will receive the grant funding on an annual basis.

2. 國科會臺灣研究傑出教授 NSTC Chair (Professor) of Taiwan Studies :

Universities may recruit a full-time professor, at the rank of associate professor or above (or an equivalent position), with outstanding academic achievements to lead the long-term academic development of Taiwan Studies on campus. The scholar is expected to build regional and international academic collaborations, expand the influence of the research community, and deepen global scholarly exchange and cooperation. Responsibilities include (but is not limited to) initiating Taiwan Studies degree programs,

establishing a permanent academic unit for Taiwan Studies within the institution (or strengthening existing units), strengthening the Taiwan Studies academic community, recruiting full-time research staff in the field, and planning collaborative research with academic institutions in Taiwan. Universities are also encouraged to support full-time faculty from non-Taiwan Studies fields in expanding their research and teaching to incorporate Taiwan-related topics, in order to strengthen interdisciplinary development in Taiwan Studies.

The funding duration is between three to five years, with a maximum annual grant of USD 150,000 (or the equivalent in the local legal currency). The funding amount will be determined based on the scholar's percentage of effort devoted to the project. The total grant amount may be up to USD 750,000. If awarded, the university will receive the grant funding on an annual basis.

III. Eligibility and application procedure

1. Eligibility:

Eligible applicants include universities ranked in the top 1,000 of the overall QS World University Rankings or the top 500 in humanities and social sciences within the past three years. Other research institutions deemed eligible by the program may also apply. Institutions with (but not limited to) expertise in Chinese studies, East Asian studies, politics, history, culture, and other Taiwan-related humanities and social science fields are highly preferred.

2. Application procedure and review criteria:

(1) Grant applications must be submitted with the approval of the university or college-level institution and accompanied by relevant supporting documentation.

(2) Register and log in to the application website at

<https://exp.stpi.niar.org.tw/project/TPHS/login>, then complete the required forms and upload all application materials according to system requirements. After submitting the application materials, please contact us for confirmation (taiwan_phs@niar.org.tw).

(3) Review Criteria:

A. **NSTC Early Career Scholar of Taiwan Studies:** The proposal should elaborate on the candidate's qualifications in teaching and research related to Taiwan Studies, the proportion of working hours the scholar will devote to the project, and a plan for the scholar's continued employment—such as a tenure-track or other long-term appointment—following the conclusion of the collaboration period. A principal investigator must also be designated to oversee the overall planning and implementation of the project.

B. **NSTC Chair of Taiwan Studies:** The proposal should provide a detailed description of the teaching and research activities for each year, a short-, medium-, and long-term development plan, the percentage of working hours the scholar will devote to the project, and the roles and responsibilities of institutional personnel involved.

3. Please submit the following English application forms and documents according to each funding category. (Please refer to the program website for the latest version):

NSTC Early Career Scholar (Professor) of Taiwan Studies

(1) Application Form (see Attachment)

A. Candidate and Position Description:

- a. Please provide detailed information on the proposed candidate's educational background, professional experience, research achievements, teaching experience, and any Taiwan studies-related grants

previously received, with particular emphasis on research experience and accomplishments related to Taiwan-related topics.

- b. If the scholar is yet to be recruited, please provide a draft of the planned job advertisement.

B. Institutional Information:

Please describe the institution's existing foundation in Taiwan-related research, such as relevant course offerings, research achievements, and affiliated faculty members. Include information on any existing academic organizations or communities within the institution that focus on Taiwan Studies and their current operations. In addition, specify the resources and support the institution plans to allocate to this project, and outline future plans for collaboration and deeper engagement with academic institutions in Taiwan.

C. Project Objectives:

Please describe the core objectives, medium- and long-term development strategy, and expected outcomes of the proposed project, including but not limited to the future direction of promoting Taiwan Studies within the institution and the potential for fostering interdisciplinary research collaboration. The university should also elaborate on its plan to continue the appointment through a long-term position after the conclusion of the project.

D. Work Plan:

Applicants must submit a comprehensive teaching and research work plan, providing a detailed description of the anticipated annual work items and outcomes during the funding period (such as course plans and syllabi, research, publications, and academic activities). The plan should also specify the proportion of working hours devoted to Taiwan Studies, outline a clear timeline with phased objectives, and define the proposed candidate's role in

advancing the project.

E. Budget Plan:

Please provide a complete budget plan explaining the purpose and necessity of each expense item. The budget plan may use the forms provided on the program's official website or self-designed forms, but must provide complete information according to the form content.

(2) Curriculum vitae of the principal investigator

(3) Salary reference information for the proposed candidate (or equivalent level) provided by the institution.

(4) Dean's Letter of Support :

A letter of approval must be provided by the dean of the college where the proposed courses will be offered, confirming the institution's support for the candidate's implementation of the project and related activities on campus. It is preferable if the university commits to supporting the candidate for a future tenure-track position.

(5) Other documents or materials that would be helpful in the review process.

NSTC Chair Professor of Taiwan Studies

(1) Application Form (see Attachment)

A. Candidate and Position Description:

Please provide detailed information on the proposed candidate's educational background, professional experience, research achievements, teaching experience, and any Taiwan studies-related grants previously received, with particular emphasis on research experience and accomplishments related to Taiwan-related topics.

B. Institutional Information:

Please describe the institution's existing foundation in Taiwan-related research, such as relevant course offerings, research achievements, and affiliated faculty members. Include information on any existing academic

organizations or communities within the institution that focus on Taiwan Studies and their current operations. In addition, specify the resources and support the institution plans to allocate to this project, and outline future plans for collaboration and deeper engagement with academic institutions in Taiwan.

C. Project Objectives:

Please describe the core objectives, medium- and long-term development strategy, and expected outcomes of the proposed project, including but not limited to the future direction of promoting Taiwan studies within the institution and potential possibilities for enhancing inter-institutional connections.

D. Work Plan:

Applicants must submit a comprehensive teaching and research work plan, providing a detailed description of the anticipated annual work items and outcomes during the funding period (such as course plans and syllabi, research, publications, and academic activities). The plan should also specify the proportion of working hours devoted to Taiwan Studies, outline a clear timeline with phased objectives, and define the proposed candidate's role in advancing the project.

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- confirming the institution's support for the candidate's implementation of the project and related activities on campus.
- (4) Other documents or materials that would be helpful in the review process.

IV. Application Period

This program conducts one round of applications annually. Applications are now open and will close on November 13 (Thursday) of this year (2025). Review results will be announced to institutions within 3 months after the application is received. The notification period may be extended if necessary.

V. Notices

1. Applications and funding items under this program must be reviewed and approved by the academic review committee organized by the NSTC. Once a collaborative project is established, the National Institutes of Applied Research (NIAR) will sign the contract on behalf of the executing unit with the collaborating institution. The rights and obligations of both parties shall be governed by the terms of the contract, which will specify the work items, evaluation mechanisms, and funding disbursement methods in detail.
2. For approved applications, if the collaborating institution intends to adjust or modify the implementation content during the execution period—including project extension or termination—it must immediately notify the program office. When necessary, the program may require the collaborating institution to adjust the implementation content.
3. If a scholar funded under this program is found to be involved in academic misconduct, the collaborating institution must immediately report the case to the executing unit of the program. If the institution's academic review committee determines that a violation of academic ethics has occurred, the scholar may be required to return the funding received, depending on the severity

of the case.

4. If vacancies arise for any positions during the execution period due to various factors, the institution must submit a proposal for a new appointee upon becoming aware of the vacancy. Detailed regulations on this matter are specified in the contract.
5. If a consensus on the implementation details cannot be reached between the collaborating institution and this program, the institution may be asked to make improvements within a specified period. If necessary, grant support may also be terminated.
6. Collaborating institutions must submit an annual report detailing substantial achievements and the status of fund utilization (the funds should be verified by the institution's accounting unit).
7. Relevant information and announcements related to this program can be found on the website:

<https://taiwanphs.stpi.niar.org.tw/project/tphs/index>

Contact: taiwan_phs@niar.org.tw

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Application Form

*You may change the size of forms or add rows in accordance with the content.

PART I

Field	Description / Selection	
Type of Application	☐ NSTC Early Career Scholar (Assistant Professor) of Taiwan Studies	☐ NSTC Chair (Professor) of Taiwan Studies
Proposed Funding	_____ (A maximum of USD 120,000 per year)	_____ (A maximum of USD 150,000 per year)
Proposed Duration of Cooperation (3-5 years)	From _____ to _____ (Total _____ years)	From _____ to _____ (Total _____ years)

1. Basic Information of the Applying Institution	
Project Title	
Name of the Applying Institution	
QS World University Rankings for the Past Three Years	
Contact Information	Address: Phone Number: Fax Number: Email:

2. Basic Information of the Proposed Candidate	
Name (in English)	
Name (in native language)	
Gender	
Date of Birth	
Nationality	
Country of Current Residency	
Current Position (Institution/Position)	

Name of Principal Investigator (Required for applicants to the NSTC Early Career Scholar (Assistant Professor)	
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3. Education			
Period (From-To)	Institution	Field	Degree

4. Career			
Period (From-To)	Institution	Department	Position

5. Key Publications/Outputs (up to 10)			
Year	Title	Type	Publishing Platform (Journal/Conference)

6. Recent Grants, Scholarships, or Awards (Last 5 Years)					
*Please indicate grants or awards specifically related to Taiwan Studies.					
Period (From-To)	Title of Grant/Award	Funding Item	Amount	Sponsor	Related to Taiwan Studies

7. Taiwan-Related Academic Experience

Please describe any prior engagement with Taiwan-related topics in research, teaching, or collaboration (including courses, publications, or joint projects) .

8. Institutional Support and Collaboration Plan with Academic Institutions in Taiwan

- 8.1 Please describe the university's past achievements and current status in promoting Taiwan Studies, including its existing curriculum framework, faculty members, and other relevant Taiwan-related information, as well as any existing academic organizations or communities within the institution that focus on Taiwan Studies and their current operations.
- 8.2 Please describe the resources and support that the university plans to provide for this application in promoting Taiwan Studies, including institutional-level commitments and assistance measures. In addition, please explain how the university intends to establish and strengthen partnerships with academic institutions in Taiwan to support the long-term development of Taiwan Studies.

9. Job Advertisement (If the scholar is yet to be recruited, please provide a draft of the planned job advertisement.)

PART II

1. Proposal

(1) Project Goals:

Please describe the core objectives, implementation plan, and expected outcomes of the proposed project. This should include, but is not limited to, how the proposed position will contribute to advancing Taiwan Studies within the institution, as well as the potential for fostering inter-institutional collaboration in the future. Additionally, please present the institution's medium- and long-term development strategy, including plans for sustaining and expanding Taiwan Studies beyond the grant period.

(2) Work Plan:

- A. Provide a comprehensive teaching and research work plan (please attach course syllabi). Please describe the overall plan and outline the annual activities and deliverables during the grant period, along with a clear timeline and milestones. The plan should also describe the institution's development strategy and its envisioned role in advancing Taiwan Studies. In addition, please specify the proportion of working hours devoted to Taiwan Studies and define the proposed candidate's role in advancing the project.
- B. Please complete the Scope of Work section. The scope of work may include, but is not limited to, the following examples (or equivalent types of activities) . These items will be included as an appendix to the future contract.

For the Early Career Scholar position:

- A. Conducting research projects related to Taiwan Studies.
- B. Developing and teaching Taiwan Studies-related courses.
- C. Publishing journal articles in the field of Taiwan Studies.
- D. Promoting joint research or academic publications with institutions in Taiwan.
- E. Organizing academic exchange activities in collaboration with local institutions in Taiwan.

For the Chair Professor position:

- A. Establishing a permanent academic unit for Taiwan Studies within the institution, or strengthening the capacity of existing Taiwan Studies units.
 - B. Developing Taiwan Studies-related courses or designing degree programs in Taiwan Studies.
 - C. Conducting Taiwan Studies research projects and leading Taiwan Studies centers or academic programs.
 - D. Promoting the publication of Taiwan Studies monographs.
 - E. Planning and establishing visiting scholar programs.
 - F. Integrating institutional and expanding regional resources for Taiwan Studies.
 - G. Facilitating joint research or academic publications with Taiwanese academic institutions.
 - H. Organizing regional or international academic conferences and community engagement activities related to Taiwan Studies.
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Section B

Scope of work

The assigned Qualified Scholar of the University is Professor_____.

Proposed Duration	Name	Title	Contact Information

The University shall ensure the Qualified Scholars:

2. Budget Plan

Please provide an annual budget plan, including estimated expenditure items and corresponding amounts. (You may attach a separate budget table if preferred; however, it must include more detailed information than this form.)

Year	Budget Categories	Estimated Amount (USD)	Remarks
Y1			
Y2			
Y3			
Y4			
Y5			