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Summer Program in Taiwan 2014 for Spanish Graduate Students

The National Science Council of Taiwan (NSC) has launched the call for proposals for Summer Program in Taiwan 2014.

This program intends to provide to provide Spanish graduate students in all fields with the opportunity of a first-hand research 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 in the context of a research laboratory, and to initiate personal relationships that will better enable them to collaborate with foreign counterparts in the future.

10 grants will be offered in 2014.

Content of the program

The National Science Council takes in charge Spanish students' allowance. Students will receive a grant of 50,000 Taiwanese dollars, of which 20% of taxes will be deducted (1 euro ≈ NT\$ 40 in August 2013). This grant will be paid during the orientation week.

Duration

The grant will cover an 8-week stay from June 30 to August 22, 2014. 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 June 30 to July 4, 2014. 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, 2014 at the following address:**

Service Sciences et Technologies
Bureau de Représentation de Taipei en France
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Results will be announced by mid-March, 2014.

For further information, please contact:

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APPLICATION PROCESS

Requirements:

The applicant must:

- be of Spanish nationality
- be enrolled as a Master or PhD student in a Spanish university
- have a good proficiency in English
- have found their host institution in Taiwan by the time of application deadline

Application:

The complete application must be sent by February 15, 2014 (reception date) and will include:

- application form (typewritten)
- 2 recommendation forms
- recent academic transcript
- 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 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)

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

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

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 institution: technical and non-technical components, specific tasks/skills, etc.

Selection process:

After the deadline, the applications will be studied by representatives from both NSC and Spain. These representatives will then attend a joint review meeting and proceed to the selection of 10 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 2014.

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 Spain 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 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:

Oficina Economica y Cultural de Taipei
Calle Rosario Pino 14-16, Piso 18 Derecha
28020 Madrid
Tel.: 91- 571 46 78
E-mail: esp@mofa.gov.tw
Openings: Monday to Friday: 09.00-14:00

IN TAIWAN

Orientation week (June 30 to July 4):

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 29, 2014 (Sunday).

You will be accommodated on the university campus for free until Friday 4.

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 would 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