

## RESEARCH AND PRACTICAL TRAINING PROGRAM IN TAIWAN 2017

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The Ministry of Science and Technology of Taiwan (MOST) has opened the call for its Research and Practical Training Program in Taiwan 2017.

Through this program, the MOST intends to provide grants to French graduate students interested in undergoing a first-hand research or practical experience in Taiwan. The goals of the program are to introduce students to Taiwanese cultural, scientific and technological development, and to initiate personal relationships that will better enable them to collaborate with foreign counterparts in the future.

Application is open to students from **all fields of study**.

**30 grants** will be offered in 2017.

### About the program

The Ministry of Science and Technology will grant 30 French graduate students with an allowance of 50,000 Taiwanese dollars, of which 18% of taxes will be deducted (1 euro ≈ NT\$ 34.4 in December).

This grant will cover an 8-week stay from June 26 to August 18, 2017. Participants must imperatively **respect these dates and stay these 8 weeks** to receive the whole grant. Students can begin their internships earlier and/or staying later, as long as the duration includes the above mentioned dates. They will take in charge this extra time on their own financial resources.

The program will start with a 5-day orientation session (June 26-30) that will provide an introduction to Chinese language and Taiwanese culture. Participation is compulsory. The grant will be paid during this session.

MOST will hold a seminar in Taipei in the 8th (final) week of the internship. We strongly recommend that all grant holders participate in the seminar and share their achievements and experience during their stay in Taiwan.

## Application

Forms and guidelines are available on our website: <http://france.most.gov.tw>.

Application and recommendation forms and required documents are to be sent by email to [nlauvergnier@most.gov.tw](mailto:nlauvergnier@most.gov.tw) or by postal mail to:

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**Deadline: January 31, 2017.**

Results will be announced by the end of March 2017.

## Contact

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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 be enrolled in the last 2 years of "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 and Africa enrolled in French universities or schools may be considered. A strong recommendation from their French supervisor will be required.

#### **Application:**

The complete application must be sent by January 31, 2017 (reception date) and will include:

- the application form (typewritten)
- at least 2 recommendation forms
- the latest academic transcript (marks)
- a copy of student ID card
- a copy of ID or passport
- the host letter from the Taiwanese supervisor\* (to be received before January 31)
- the topic or the title of the training

If sent by email, all these documents should be preferably converted into PDF files.

\*Host letter can be a formal invitation or an e-mail sent to [nlauvergnier@most.gov.tw](mailto:nlauvergnier@most.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 Taiwanese university or institution in Taiwan.

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

You can also visit this website: <http://www.studyintaiwan.org>

Some research institutions:

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

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

- National Nano Device Laboratories (NDL)
- National Laboratory Animal Center (NLAC)
- National Center for Research on Earthquake Engineering (NCREE)
- 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)

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

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

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

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

National Palace Museum (<http://www.npm.gov.tw>)

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Directly contact professors dealing with your field of study 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, complete applications will be studied by representatives from MOST, Taiwanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development. These representatives will then attend a joint review meeting and proceed to the selection of 30 students among the candidates with confirmed host institutions. A secondary list may be established in case of withdrawals.

The results will be announced to all the applicants by email by the end of March 2017.

## 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, by adding a specific contract to the student insurance)
- attend the orientation week from the first day and participate in the organized activities
- submit a final report to the Ministry of Science and Technology

### **Visa:**

For stays up to 90 days:

For French and most of European passport holders, no visa is required. You must simply hold a passport with validity of at least 6 months upon departure from Taiwan. The duration of stay is not extendable.

Students from other nationalities must visit this [website](#) for specific information or contact our consular division.

For stays longer than 90 days:

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 (See below in "IN TAIWAN" section).

- Fee: 43 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 and signed [application form](#) (General Visa Applications)
  - original passport (with validity of at least 6 months)
  - round-trip ticket (original + copy)
  - approval letter issued by the Ministry of Education (to be obtained by your host institution)
  - two recent passport-size photos (in color)

For any information regarding visa issues, please contact our consular division:

Bureau de Représentation de Taipei en France / Service Visas

78 rue de l'Université, 75007 Paris

Tel.: 01 44 39 88 20/21

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

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

[Website](#)

## **Training convention:**

If you need to fill a training convention, the Taiwanese counterpart will be the host institution, not the Ministry of Science and Technology or the Taipei Representative Office.

## **IN TAIWAN**

### **Orientation week (June 26-30):**

Participation in the orientation session is compulsory. Failure to attend from the first day will jeopardize the attribution of the grant.

A university will be contracted by the MOST to organize the 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 25, 2017 (Sunday).

The contracted university will take in charge accommodation until June 30 (Friday).

The grant will be distributed in cash during this week.

### **Duration of stay:**

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

### **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](#) 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

## **USEFUL LINKS**

[National Immigration Agency](#)  
[Study in Taiwan](#)