

2015 HES & MTC Scholarships Summer Chinese Language Studies in Taiwan

We are pleased to announce two types of scholarships to support Chinese language studies in Taiwan in the summer of 2015. All applicants are required to go through an internal review process through which the review committee will finalize the recipients of the scholarships at UVa in March, 2015.

I. Huayu Enrichment Scholarship offered by Ministry of Education in Taiwan (HES 臺灣教育部華語獎學金)

Application deadline & procedure

1. Send a one-page personal statement in English to the HES & MTC Taiwan Scholarships Committee Chair, Professor Miao-fen Tseng (mt3z@virginia.edu) by ***Friday, February 27th, 2015***. Late application will not be considered.
2. Schedule an interview with Professor Tseng when you submit the personal statement via email. In your email correspondence please indicate the Chinese language course you are currently taking this semester and the name of your current Chinese language instructor.
3. The scholarship will be awarded to two UVa students.
4. See details about the HES scholarship in pages 4-5.

II. MTC Scholarship (Mandarin Teaching Center, 臺灣師範大學國語教學中心獎學金)

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2. Schedule an interview with Professor Tseng when you submit the personal statement via email. In your email please indicate the Chinese language course you are currently taking this semester and the name of your current Chinese language instructor.
3. The scholarship will be awarded to two UVa students.
4. See details about MTC tuition waiver in the following pages.

III. Highlighted differences in the two types of scholarships

1. Internal review process at UVa

Both of the following scholarship sponsors have authorized UVa faculty to conduct the review process and make final recommendations. Therefore, all UVa students who are interested in applying for either type of the scholarship should go through the internal review process stated above without any exception.

2. Nature of scholarship

HES scholarship offers a 2-month stipend, i.e., a fixed monthly stipend of NT\$25,000 (approx. US \$862). You can use it for whatever purposes directly related to your studies in Taiwan. MTC offers tuition waiver for language studies in that particular center.

3. Eligibility

- 1) HES applicants should be American citizens, whereas MTC applicants do not have to be American citizens. International students are encouraged to apply for the latter, but NOT the former.
- 2) Undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to apply.
- 3) Priority will be given to non-heritage learners.
- 4) Although you may want to indicate interests in both scholarships, the UVa review committee will NOT grant two scholarships to one applicant. Only one scholarship will be granted to one applicant according to the review committee's decision and recommendation.

4. Application package

Your application package for the UVa internal review process includes the following:

- 1) Personal statement (email attachment)
- 2) An oral interview with the HES & MTC Scholarships Committee Chair, Professor Miao-fen Tseng.

There is **NO** need to request a recommendation letter from your instructor unless otherwise noted. What is likely to happen is that the review committee will contact your current Chinese language instructor to request recommendations at an opportune time. You do not need to request a recommendation letter from your language instructor until the committee notifies you that you are selected as an HES or MTC scholarship recipient.

5. Proficiency Level

Learners at whatever proficiency level are all welcome to apply.

6. Transferred credits

UVa does not offer automatic transferred credits. After you return to UVa, you will have to schedule an appointment to meet with the Chinese Language Program Director, Professor Hsin-hsin Liang to discuss the possibility of transferring credits to UVa. Be reminded that you should bring your learning portfolio to the meeting, including syllabus, exams, quizzes, homework, handouts and other learning materials. Professor Liang will interview you, examine the materials, and decide if the credits you will have earned over summer can be successfully transferred to your UVa transcript.

7. Study sites

HES scholarship recipients can self-determine exactly where you prefer, whereas MTC scholarship recipients should study in the designated location, i.e., MTC. Other recommended study sites will be shared with HES scholarship recipients as time approaches. In the past years, UVa students who received HES scholarship all chose to study at MTC of the National Taiwan Normal University and International Chinese Language Program of National Taiwan University in Taipei. Once you are selected as one of the recipients of the HES scholarship, the committee members will advise you to make plans and recommend study sites to best prepare for your trip to Taiwan.

8. Review criteria

The granting of the scholarships is merits-based and needs-based. Your timely submitted personal statement and the to-be-scheduled oral interview account for a great proportion of weight. Recommendation from your current Chinese language instructor is equally important.

2015 Application Announcement
Ministry of Education (MOE) Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES)
Education Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office
in the United States.

Preface: The Ministry of Education (MOE) of the Republic of China (Taiwan) provides the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES) for foreign Mandarin/Chinese learners including beginners to study at any accredited Mandarin center in a university or college in Taiwan.

Award Value: A fixed monthly stipend of NT\$25,000 (about US\$833). No other stipend.

Duration: **2 months** (June-July, July-August, 2015), or **3, 6, months** from September 2015 to August 2016.

Application Deadline: March 31, 2015

Eligibility: Applicants must be American citizens, above the age of 18, possess a high school diploma or above, and excellent academic performance. Candidates with one of the following qualifications may not apply. (Applicants with other nationalities need to apply to the Division or Taiwan Consulates or Missions in their **native** countries.)

- a. Are an **Overseas Chinese student or a national of the R.O.C.** (Taiwan).
- b. **Are currently a registered student at a Mandarin Language Center or have been a degree seeking student at any universities or colleges in Taiwan.**
- c. **Have already received a HES 、AMS, or TUSA scholarship within recent two years.**
- d. **Are an exchange student to Taiwan, during the scholarship period.**
- e. **Are currently receiving financial benefits from the R.O.C. government or other educational institutions.**

Notes

1. Applicants whose official residency is in “**Alabama, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, or the District of Columbia**” should apply to us (the Education Division of TECRO in DC). Otherwise, check here for one of our seven other Education Divisions in the US where you should apply to and contact with.
2. Applicants can find an accredited Mandarin center here where they would like to attend.
3. TECRO will to notify the accepted/declined candidates of the selection between April and May.

4. Applicants who have taken or have registered for the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL) will have higher priority in acceptance. The TOCFL test in the DC area is scheduled to be held on Saturday, **March 28, from 10a.m.-12noon**. Please check <http://www.moetwdc.org/English/index.html> for more information.
5. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Marisa Lin, E-Mail: marisa@tecro.us or call (202)895-1918/1925

The MTC Scholarship Program

◆ Purpose

The goal of the MTC Scholarship Program is to encourage promising students from foreign countries to continue their Chinese studies in Taiwan and increase the flow of international culture.

The Mandarin Training Center (MTC), established in 1956, is affiliated with National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU) and is Taiwan's oldest and best-known Chinese language institute. In cooperation with the Graduate Institute of Teaching Chinese as a Foreign/Second Language, the Graduate Institute of International Sinology Studies, the Department of Applied Chinese Languages and Literature, and the Department of Chinese Language and Culture for International Students at NTNU, the MTC is recognized as one of the world's leading research and teaching institutions. The MTC Scholarship, a tuition fee waiver, will be awarded to serious students of excellence to promote the study of Mandarin Chinese.

◆ Benefits and Duration

1. Tuition at the MTC is waived. Each year has four terms (Mar. 1-May 31 / Jun. 1-Aug. 31 / Sep. 1-Nov. 30/ Dec. 1-Feb. 28) and a summer session (July 1-Aug. 31). The duration of the scholarship is granted for a minimum of 1 term or up to a maximum of four consecutive terms (1 year).
2. After the initial term, in accordance to available funds, continued receipt of scholarships will be determined by attendance and grades during the previous term.

◆ Key Points for Scholarship Students

1. Students who possess the necessary Chinese proficiency and who are present for the TOCFL's biannual exams must participate in the TOCFL exam, the TOCFL fee must be paid by the student. The TOCFL scores will be taken into

consideration for students wishing to continue the duration of their studies for a following term.

2. Students must participate in the Language Exchange Program and provide a written evaluation at the completion of their language exchange.

3. Students must complete each term they receive the scholarship, if students must leave early they will need to submit a Leave of Absence Request to the scholarship office.

4. The recommendation instructor and school will be notified of students who fail to follow scholarship or MTC guidelines.

◆ **Eligible Students**

- Outstanding students from overseas colleges and universities who have studied or are currently studying Mandarin Chinese are eligible for the scholarship. Each university may be granted one or two student scholarships.

- **Qualifications for Applicants**

Overseas applicants must meet the following requirements:

- (1) Students must be recommended by their Chinese instructor or dean.
- (2) Students must have an outstanding academic record and be of good character.
- (3) Students cannot be recipients of any other scholarships from other Taiwan government agencies (such as Taiwan Scholarship, Language Scholarship, Huayu Enrichment Scholarship also known as the Language Scholarship and Sister City Scholarship).
- (4) For interested students who are currently attending universities

or language centers in Taiwan
please contact the MTC
Scholarship office for more information.

◆ **Scholarship Application**

■ **Application Deadline:**

Term	Application Deadline
Spring Quarter (Mar. 1-May 31)	Jan. 15
Summer Quarter (June 1-Aug. 31)	Apr. 15
Summer Session (July 1-Aug. 31)	May 15
Fall Quarter (Sept. 1-Nov. 30)	July 15
Winter Quarter (Dec. 1-Feb. 28)	Oct. 15

■ **Application Materials:**

- (1) One Letter of Recommendation from a Chinese instructor (Must use the MTC Scholarship Reference Form)
- (2) MTC application form
- (3) An original copy of the student's most recent university transcript
- (4) Financial Statement showing at least US\$2,500 within the past 3 months (original only)
- (5) Passport information page (photocopy acceptable)
- (6) MTC Survey of student's language background
- (7) A comprehensive Study Plan, students should submit a study plan essay between 300-600 words (ie. Students should elaborate on why they are interested in studying Mandarin Chinese, why have they chosen Taiwan, how long they plan on studying, and what they hope to gain from studying at the MTC.)

Note:

- For more detailed information about application materials for applying to the MTC, please refer to the MTC bulletin or website at <http://www.mtc.ntnu.edu.tw/apply.html>
- All documentation listed above must be submitted in the order listed and clipped together in the upper right hand corner.

■ **How to apply:**

Please send all application documents by registered mail to:

***MTC Scholarship Program
Mandarin Training Center
162 Hoping East Road, Sec. 1
Taipei 106, Taiwan***

* In order to expedite the application and delivery process, please send all application materials as soon as possible before the application deadline date. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

■ **Announcement:**

After scholarship recipients have been selected, the MTC will notify them approximately 15 working days after the deadline date.

◆ **Registration**

- Scholarship recipients should bring their **scholarship admissions letters** to registration. Scholarship recipients do not need to pay tuition, however students will need to pay the one time registration fee and the mandatory accident insurance.
- Non-scholarship recipients should bring their general admissions letters and pay all school expenses if they still wish to attend classes at the MTC.

◆ **Scholarship Loss or Forfeiture**

- Students must maintain a quarterly grade average of 80% or above.
- If students miss more than 12 hours of class per month (excluding serious illness, injury or emergencies), they will not be eligible to receive scholarship for the following term.
 - * Scholarship continuation is also dependent on the availability of funds.

◆ **Continuing Applicants Procedure**

- Please confirm your eligibility to continue the MTC Scholarship Program during the registration period for continuing students in room 614. Continuing scholarship receipt is contingent upon the student's academic record and attendance record.
- Registration dates for continuing scholarship students are the same as for regular continuing students (approximately 15 days before the first day of classes). Scholarship recipients do not need to pay tuition; those who fail to meet scholarship requirements, but choose to continue their studies, will be required to pay their own tuition.

◆ **Contact Information**

- For general information about the MTC, please refer to our website:
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- Or contact, General Information:
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