

## **Subsidies to Invite International Science Scholars and Experts to Taiwan for Short-term Projects**

The National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) encourages Taiwanese institutions to apply for this subsidy, which aims to expose Taiwan to new sources of knowledge and foster international academic exchange in science and technology. Through this subsidy, Taiwanese institutions can invite scholars and experts from overseas to give talks, provide science and technology instruction or offer consultation on science and technology policy.

### **Application Guidelines:**

1. Invitees must possess one of the following qualifications:
  - (1) A Nobel Prize, Tang Prize, Wolf Prize, Fields Medal, or another equivalently prestigious international award.
  - (2) National academician or an internationally renowned scholar at an equivalent level of National academician.
  - (3) Scholars and experts from academic research institutions.
2. Applicant Institutions and Application Procedure
  - (1) Applicant institutions: Public or private Taiwanese colleges and universities as well as NSTC recognized academic institutions.
  - (2) Application procedure:

The applicant institution shall submit its application to NSTC no later than six weeks before the date of the invitee's arrival in Taiwan or internet video conference. Late applications will not be accepted. When applying for a subsidy, first fill in application forms on NSTC website's application portal then upload the invitee's resume (Curriculum Vitae) and list of published works.
3. Obligations while receiving a subsidy:

Invitees physically traveling to Taiwan shall give at least two public talks while in Taiwan.
4. Selection Criteria:
  - (1) Academic standing and experience of the invitee as well as their published academic work within the past five years.
  - (2) The level of urgency Taiwan as a country or the subsidizing institution requires the invitee as well as the overall expected benefit.
  - (3) The degree to which the itinerary and level of funding are deemed feasible and appropriate.
  - (4) Whether or not the subject matter of the talk or scientific and technological instruction is in line with NSTC's key developmental strategies.

- (5) The invitee's achievements, such as awards, published work, or inventions, obtained in fields relevant to the talk or instruction.
- (6) A particular necessity to visit Taiwan for seven days to a month.
- (7) Subsidies are highly selective due to limited availability. When selecting invitees, NSTC will consider its current policy needs and priorities and try to achieve a diverse cohort of invitees from different academic disciplines.

#### 5. Subsidy Types:

Subsidies vary in accordance to whether the invitee travels to Taiwan or presents via video conference:

- (1) Invitees traveling to Taiwan: Will receive a daily stipend and round-trip airfare. For invitees with severe disabilities, the applicant institution may apply for round-trip airfare for an accompanying caregiver.
- (2) Invitees not traveling to Taiwan, but using video conferencing or other digital means to give talks or instruction on science and technology: In accordance with the particular circumstance, the applicant institution may apply for funds to remunerate an invitee for their talk, instruction or consultation. However, these funds shall not be used for the purchase of equipment, remuneration of a Taiwanese speaker or other expenses that fall outside the scope of this subsidy.

#### 6. Reimbursement Procedure:

The applicant institution shall submit receipts, an income and expenditure statement, and an official letter of approval to NSTC to process reimbursement within a month after an academic activity ends. If the reimbursement application is submitted after the due date, the applicant institution shall bear the cost.