

Postdoctoral Research Abroad Program

National Science and Technology Council, Republic of China (Taiwan)

Introduction

The Postdoctoral Research Abroad Program, granted by the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC), is intended to subsidize Taiwanese postdoctoral researchers to conduct research at an accredited educational institute abroad. The goal of this program is to encourage qualified individuals to gain research experience overseas, develop their global perspective, and strengthen international collaborations for a maximum of two years.

Eligibility

- The applicant must be a citizen of the Republic of China (Taiwan) with a household registration.
- The applicant must hold a Ph.D. degree, conferred in the last five years, by any accredited educational institute in Taiwan.

Prioritized Overseas Research Institution

1. Universities ranked among the top 30 in the world in its respective research field.
2. Important national laboratories or world-class R&D institutions in its respective research field

■ Evaluation

The evaluation of application will be conducted by experts and scholars in related fields in two stages: documentary review and interview. The evaluation criteria of documentary review include applicants' past academic performance, development potential in research, ability for project execution, foreign language proficiency, research theme and suitability of foreign research institutions or advisors. The scoring items of the interviews include personality and attitude, thought and verbal expression, professional knowledge and personal insights, etc.

Only the applicants for those who gain excellent scores in the first stage (documentary review) will be selected and notified by the Ministry for the next interview stage. Applicants who are absent in the interview or delay will not be admitted

Grant

- Each successful grant recipient will receive 1,500,000 NT dollars (about 50,000 US dollars) each year for a maximum of two years. The grant period cannot be staggered or extended.
- The applicant should sign the contract and report to a foreign host institute for research within the period from January 1 to October 31 of the year following the announcement date. Therefore, the applicant sets the start date of the grant period by himself/herself within the above period.
- Due to fund limitation, only the grant recipients themselves rather than the institutes or advisors will be subsidized by the National Science and Technology Council.
- During the recipient's stay, all office space and related equipment for research shall be provided by the host institutes or advisors.

Important Dates:

- **Application Period:** June 1st to July 31st (via the NSTC online system)
- **On-line Submission Deadline:** 12:00 pm, July 31st
- **Dates of Interview:** around late October till early November
- **Announcement of the Grant Results:** November 30th (might be extended when necessary)
- **The Starting Date of the Grant:** between January 1st and October 31st of the following year

Notes

1. During the subsidy period, the total number of days of leave of absence to return to Taiwan shall not exceed 30 days, and no subsidies shall be paid during the period of return. If the total number of days of leave of absence to return to Taiwan is more than 30 days or the total number of overseas study days is less than 180 days, the full subsidy must be return. If the total number of days of overseas research has reached 180 days but has not yet reached the agreed period, the grant shall be returned in proportion to the number of days of leave.
2. During the grant period, the recipient shall not be subsidized by other research abroad grants, overseas study scholarships from any R.O.C. government, or the teaching and research fees for the Recruiting Program of Visiting Scientific Talents of the NSTC.

Sample

研究機構名稱及
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The letter from
the host institute

Fantasy University



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To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure to notify that we have accepted Dr. Gau-yu Wang in the postdoctoral research program at Department of Physical Therapy, College of Health Science, Fantasy University with Professor Jill Smith as her advisor for the period of February 2022 through January 2023. We will provide her office space and access to a computer during her staying with us.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jill Smith".

Jill Smith
Head, Department of Physical Therapy
College of Health Science
Fantasy University