

2015 SUMMER PROGRAM IN TAIWAN FOR ITALIAN GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Ministry of Science and Technology of Taiwan (MOST) has opened the call for 2015 Summer Program in Taiwan for Italian Graduate Students.

Through this program, the MOST intends to provide grants to Italian graduate students interested in undergoing a first-hand research 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.

5 grants will be offered in 2015.

Content of the program

The Ministry of Science and Technology takes in charge Italian students' allowance. Students will receive a grant of 50,000 Taiwanese dollars, of which 18% of taxes will be deducted (1 euro ≈ NT\$ 38.6 in October 2014). This grant will be paid during the orientation week.

Duration

The grant will cover an 8-week stay from June 29 to August 21, 2015. 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 29 to July 3, 2015. This orientation session provides an introduction to Chinese language and Taiwanese culture.

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 or by postal mail to:

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Deadline: February 15, 2015.

Results will be announced by mid-March 2015.

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GUIDELINES

APPLICATION PROCESS

Requirements:

The applicant must:

- be of Italian nationality
- be enrolled either as a Master or PhD student in an Italian 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, 2015 (reception date) and will include:

- the application form (typewritten)
- at least 2 recommendation forms
- the latest academic transcript
- a copy of student ID card
- a copy of ID or passport
- the host letter from the Taiwanese supervisor* (to be received before February 15)
- the topic or the title of the training

*Host letter can be a formal invitation or an e-mail sent to 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](#).

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.aitis.tw>)

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 (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)

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.

Selection process:

After the deadline, complete applications will be studied by representatives from both Taiwan and Italy. 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 mid-March 2015.

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 Italy 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 the organized activities
- submit a final report to the Ministry of Science and Technology

Visa:

For stays up to 90 days:

For Italian 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.

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: 37 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
 - original passport (with validity of at least 6 months upon departure)
 - round-trip ticket (original + copy)
 - certificate of participation (ask Ms Nathalie Lauvergnier)
 - host letter
 - two recent passport-size photos (in color)

For any information regarding visa issues, please contact:

Ufficio di Rappresentanza di Taipei in Italia

Via Liegi, 17

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Tel.: +39/06 – 9826 2800

E-mail: ita@boca.gov.tw

Openings: Monday to Friday: 09.00-13:00

IN TAIWAN

Orientation week (June 29 to July 3):

Participation in the orientation week 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 28, 2015 (Sunday).

The contracted university will take in charge accommodation until Friday 3.

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 MOST will hold a half-day seminar 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.

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

USEFUL LINKS

<http://iff.immigration.gov.tw>

<http://studyintaiwan.org>