

Selection Committee's Report on the Selection of the 2018 – 2019 Taiwan Fulbright Doctoral Dissertation Research and Graduate Study Grants

I. Announcements:

Announcement of the Doctoral Dissertation and Graduate Study Grants was made in March, 2017. Announcements and grant descriptions were emailed and post mailed to 161 universities, colleges and research institutions, as well as placed on Ministry of Education's (MOE) website (www.edu.tw) and FSE's websites (www.fulbright.org.tw, www.educationusa.tw) and Facebook fan pages (<https://www.facebook.com/FulbrightTaiwan> and <https://www.facebook.com/educationusatw>).

II. Applications:

Many inquired, and 43 began the application process.

In the end, 28 complete applications were received, of which 2 for the Doctoral Dissertation Research Grants, and 26 for the Graduate Study Grants (doctoral degree).

III. Selection:

A Pre-Screening review before the Interview/ Selection Panel was made on August 4; the applicants who are not eligible were not invited to the Interview/ Selection Panel. Two applicants for Doctoral Dissertation Research Grants and 22 for Graduate Study Grants were invited for interview.

The 24 applicants were scheduled for 15-minute interviews conducted on Thursday, August 17, 2017, from 9:00 A.M. to 4:40 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Foundation.

IV. Ranking:

Selection of Doctoral Dissertation and Graduate Study Grants was based on a number of factors, including academic records, standardized test scores, preparation

for U.S. graduate studies, English proficiency, promise of academic and professional accomplishments, understanding of U.S. culture, awareness of the value of inter cultural exchange, and intellectual capacity. Besides these generally applied factors, no specific criteria were added by the selection committee.

All applications were investigated by Turnitin, which is a software of plagiarism checker. Two applications got similarity percentage higher than 10%; for their serious issues, these two students were not nominated.