

Selection Committee's Report on the Selection of the 2018 – 2019 Taiwan Fulbright Senior Research Grants, Fulbright- Formosa Plastics Group Scholarship (for Senior Scholar and for Non- Academic Professionals), Experience America Research Grants, and Non-Academic Professionals Grants

I. Announcements:

Announcement of the Senior Research Grants, Fulbright-Formosa Plastics Group Scholarship (for Senior Scholar and for Professionals), Experience America Research Grants, and Non-Academic Professionals 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), AIT Facebook fan page (<https://www.facebook.com/AIT.Social.Media/>), 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>). In addition, Fulbright-Formosa Plastics Group Scholarship information was delivered/ emailed to 238 institutions, including non-profit organizations and departments/ graduate institutes in universities.

II. Applications:

Many inquired, and 76 began the application process.

In the end, 51 complete applications were received, of which 40 for the Senior Research Grants, 4 for Fulbright-Formosa Plastics Group Scholarship (for Senior Scholar), 0 for Fulbright-Formosa Plastics Group Scholarship (for Professionals), 5 for Experience America Research Grants, and 2 for Non-Academic Professionals Grants. Two applicants applying Senior Research Grants agreed to move her application to Fulbright-Formosa Plastics Group Scholarship (for Senior Scholar) since the topics are related to Early Intervention, which is supported by this scholarship specifically. One applicant applying Senior Research Grants requested to move her application to Fulbright-Formosa Plastics Group Scholarship (for Senior Scholar) since she misunderstood the application questionnaire.

III. Selection:

The 4 applications of Fulbright-Formosa Plastics Group Scholarship (for Senior Scholar) were peer-reviewed by 2 scholars in the fields of Geriatric Health Promotion and 3 scholars in Early Intervention before the Selection Meeting on November 27.

IV. Ranking:

Selection of Senior Research, Fulbright-Formosa Plastics Group (for Senior Scholar and Professionals), Experience America Research and Non-Academic Professionals Grants was based on a number of factors, including academic records, proposal of research in the U.S. (including justification for residence in the U.S. for this proposed project), promise of academic and professional accomplishments, understanding of U.S. culture, awareness of the value of inter cultural exchange, and intellectual capacity. In addition, FFSB stated that criteria to be used in evaluating proposed projects will include: (1) the feasibility of the proposed project and its usefulness and potential contribution to the objectives of the Fulbright Program; (2) contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the candidate's field; (3) potential for contributing to greater international understanding; (4) benefit to the United States, the host institution(s) and communities, and the partner country. 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. One application got similarity percentage higher than 15%; for the serious issues, this scholar was not nominated.