

## **Selection Committee's Report on the Selection of the 2018 – 2019 Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Fulbright Program (FLTA)**

### **I. Announcements:**

Announcement of the Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Fulbright Program 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](http://www.edu.tw)) and FSE's websites ([www.fulbright.org.tw](http://www.fulbright.org.tw) , [www.educationusa.tw](http://www.educationusa.tw)) and Facebook fan pages (<https://www.facebook.com/FulbrightTaiwan> and <https://www.facebook.com/educationusatw>). In addition, Department of International & Cross-Strait Education (DICE) of MOE issued official letters to all Teaching Chinese as Second Language institutions in universities particularly FLTA information to support the recruitment. Furthermore, Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Program in Taiwan encouraged the cooperating local English teachers to apply this program for benefiting the English education in those remote areas.

### **II. Applications:**

Many inquired, and 85 began the application process.

In the end, 41 complete applications were received.

### **III. Selection:**

One application was withdrew since the applicant post-mailed her supplementary documents without filling the application form online to us. The other applicant was not invited for interview since she is teaching Chinese and studying in the U.S. currently, which violates the FFSB policy.

The thirty nine (39) applicants were scheduled for 15-minute interviews conducted on Monday and Tuesday, December 11 and 12, 2017, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 9:00 A.M. to 12:30. P.M. in the Conference Room of the Foundation.

#### **IV. Ranking:**

Selection of Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Fulbright Program (FLTA) was based on a number of factors, including academic records, standardized test scores, English and Chinese proficiency, personality, teaching experience, understanding of U.S. culture, awareness of the value of intercultural 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. None application got similarity percentage higher than 5%.