



Selection Committee's Report on the Selection of the 2020 – 2021 Taiwan Fulbright Doctoral Dissertation Research and Graduate Study Grants

I. Announcements:

Announcement of the Doctoral Dissertation and Graduate Study Grants was made in March, 2019. 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 33 began the application process.

In the end, 21 complete applications were received, of which 1 for the Doctoral Dissertation Research Grants, and 20 for the Graduate Study Grants (doctoral degree).

III. Selection:

The 21 applicants were scheduled for 15-minute interviews conducted on Friday, August 23, 2019, from 8:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Foundation.

IV. Ranking Criteria:

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. None of them has serious issue.

The applicants' rankings were based on the average of ranking points (between 1 for not recommended to 5 for highly recommended) from committee members.