

Selection Committee's Report on the Selection of the 2022 – 2023 Taiwan Fulbright Doctoral Dissertation Research and Graduate Study Grants

I. Announcements:

Announcement of the Doctoral Dissertation and Graduate Study Grants was made in March 2021. 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), FSE's websites (www.fulbright.org.tw , www.educationusa.tw) and Facebook fan pages (<https://www.facebook.com/FulbrightTaiwan>, <https://www.facebook.com/educationusatw>).

II. Applications:

Many inquired, and forty eight (48) began the application process.

In the end, twenty six (26) complete applications were received, of which five (5) for the Doctoral Dissertation Research Grants, three (3) for the Graduate Study Grants- Master programs, and eighteen (18) for Graduate Study Grants- Doctorate programs.

III. Selection Committees:

Two (2) applications were withdrawn for ineligibility.

The twenty four (24) applicants were scheduled for 15-minute interviews conducted on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Due to the COVID-19 situation, all interviewees attended the interview online, while most selection committee members attended in-person in FSE office.

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.