

Selection Committee's Report on the Selection of the 2022 – 2023 Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Fulbright Program (FLTA)

I. Announcements:

Per the request from the US Department of State, FSE was asked to nominate Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) candidates of 30 principals and 25 to 30 alternates. The announcement of FLTA Program was made in March, 2021.

Announcements and grant descriptions were emailed to 53 Chinese Learning Centers and TCSL Training Programs in universities, as well as placed on 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>).

To promote FLTA programs to educators with language-teaching experience to as many applicants as possible, FSE has hosted about sixteen (16) information sessions in eleven (11) universities

II. Applications:

Many inquired, and one hundred and one (101) began the application process. In the end, seventy one (71) complete applications were received.

III. Selection Committee:

Among seventy-one (71) applicants, two (2) have withdrawn for personal reasons, which left us sixty-nine (69) applicants for the first round selection. FSE used the criteria including their TCSL certificate, education background, English ability, and teaching experience, to select sixty (60) applicants for interviews.

After the first-round selection, one (1) applicant withdrew for personal reason.

Fifty-nine (59) applicants were scheduled for 10-minute interviews conducted on Wednesday and Thursday, December 15 and 16, 2021, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Foundation.

IV. Ranking Criteria:

Selection for the Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Fulbright Program (FLTA) is based on a number of factors, including academic records, standardized test scores, English and Chinese proficiency, personality, teaching experience, understanding of US 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 of them had a 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.