

Selection Committee's Report on the Selection of the 2023 – 2024 Taiwan Fulbright Doctoral Dissertation Research and Graduate Study Grants

I. Announcements:

Announcement of the Doctoral Dissertation and Graduate Study Grants was made in March 2022. 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>).

To promote Student programs to as many applicants as possible, FSE hosted about nineteen (19) information sessions in seventeen (17) universities.

II. Applications:

Many inquired, and forty-one (41) began the application process.

In the end, twenty-one (21) complete applications were received, of which three (3) for the Doctoral Dissertation Research Grants, ten (10) for the Graduate Study Grants - Doctorate programs, and eight (8) for Graduate Study Grants- Master's programs.

III. Selection Committees:

The twenty-one (21) applicants were scheduled for 15-minute interviews conducted on Monday, August 22nd, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

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. Two of them have serious issues and their performance did not meet the standards either.

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