

**Selection Committee's Report on the Selection of the  
2023– 2024 Taiwan Fulbright Senior Research Grants, Fulbright-Formosa Plastics  
Group Scholarship (for Senior Scholar and for Professionals), Experience America  
Research Grants, Non-Academic Professionals Grants and Fulbright-Taiwan  
Ministry of Culture, Arts Professionals Grants**

**I. Announcements:**

Announcement of the Senior Research Grants, Fulbright-Formosa Plastics Group Scholarship (for Senior Scholar and for Professionals), Experience America Research Grants, Non-Academic Professionals Grants and Fulbright-Taiwan Ministry of Culture, Arts Professionals Grants was made in March, 2022. Announcements and grant descriptions were emailed to 161 universities, colleges and research institutions, Research & Development Offices in universities, FSE partners in universities as well as placed on Ministry of Education (MOE) website ([www.edu.tw](http://www.edu.tw)) , AIT Facebook fan page (<https://www.facebook.com/AIT.Social.Media/>), Ministry of Culture (MOC) Facebook fan page (<https://www.facebook.com/www.moc.gov.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>).

To encourage administrators in culture and arts fields for Fulbright-Taiwan Ministry of Culture, Arts Professionals Grants application, FSE and MOC co-hosted three online information sessions, on June 20<sup>th</sup>, August 25<sup>th</sup> and September 27<sup>th</sup>. There were about a hundred (100) people participating in these three online events.

In addition, to raise the visibility among scholars and professionals, FSE has hosted about nineteen (19) information sessions in seventeen (17) universities.

**II. Applications:**

Many inquired, and 76 began the application process.

In the end, 56 complete applications were received, of which 34 for the Senior Research Grants, 2 for Experience America Research Grants, 4 for Fulbright-Formosa Plastics Group Scholarship (for Senior Scholar/ Professionals), 9 for Non-Academic Professionals Grants, and 7 for Fulbright-Taiwan Ministry of Culture, Arts Professionals Grants.

### **III. Selection Committee:**

The two applications of Fulbright-Formosa Plastics Group Scholarship (for Senior Scholar) were peer-reviewed by two scholars in the fields of Geriatric Health Promotion and Early Intervention before the Selection Meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup>. In addition, since 4 applications of Senior Research may be classified to Fulbright-Formosa Plastics Group Scholarship (for Senior Scholar) due to their research topic, the 4 applications were peer-reviewed by the same group of experts as well.

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

Selection of Senior Research, Fulbright-Formosa Plastics Group (for Senior Scholar and Professionals), Experience America Research, Non-Academic Professionals Grants and Fulbright-Taiwan Ministry of Culture, Arts Professionals Grants was based on a number of factors, including academic records, proposal of research in the U.S. (including justification for residence in the U.S. for this proposed project), promise of academic and professional accomplishments, understanding of U.S. culture, awareness of the value of inter cultural exchange, and intellectual capacity. In addition, FFSB stated that criteria to be used in evaluating proposed projects will include: (1) the feasibility of the proposed project and its usefulness and potential contribution to the objectives of the Fulbright Program; (2) contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the candidate's field; (3) potential for contributing to greater international understanding; (4) benefit to the United States, the host institution(s) and communities, and the partner country. 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. One applicant in Senior Research Grant and one applicant in Fulbright-Formosa Plastics Group (for Senior Scholar) grant had serious issues and thus illegible.

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