

Selection Committee Report

2024 – 2025 Taiwan Fulbright Doctoral Dissertation Research and Graduate Study Grants

I. Announcements:

Announcement of the Doctoral Dissertation and Graduate Study Grants was made in March 2023. 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 Students programs to as many applicants as possible, FSE hosted about thirty-two (32) information sessions in twenty-one (21) universities.

II. Applications:

Many inquired, and ninety-one (91) began the application process.

In the end, fifty-six (56) complete applications were received: three (3) for the Doctoral Dissertation Research Grants, thirty-three (33) for the Graduate Study Grants-Doctoral programs, and twenty (20) for Graduate Study Grants-Master's programs

III. Selection Committees:

The fifty-six (56) applicants were scheduled for 15-minute interviews conducted on Monday, August 21, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. at Angus Business Center.

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.