

Selection Committee's Report on the Selection of the 2024 – 2025 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 25 principals and 25 alternates. The announcement of FLTA Program was made in March, 2023.

Announcements and grant descriptions were emailed to Chinese Learning Centers, TCSL Training Programs in universities, language-teaching-related programs in universities, International Offices in universities, Research & Development Offices in universities, Fulbright Mandarin-Taught Master's Degree Program partners, Fulbright U.S. grantees' host faculties, Fulbright campus advisors, and as well as placed on FSE's websites (www.fulbright.org.tw , www.educationusa.tw) and Facebook fan pages (<https://www.facebook.com/FulbrightTaiwan>). In addition, MOE has helped to issue official letters to all Teaching Chinese as Second Language centers in universities to support the recruitment.

To promote FLTA programs to educators with language-teaching experience to as many applicants as possible, FSE has hosted about thirty-two (32) information sessions in twenty-one (21) universities.

II. Applications:

Many inquired, and one hundred seventeen (117) began the application process.

In the end, seventy-one (71) complete applications were received.

III. Selection Committee:

FSE used the criteria including their TCSL certificate, education background, English ability, and teaching experience, to select sixty-three (63) applicants for interviews. Among sixty-three (63) applicants, one (1) has withdrawn for personal reason, which left us sixty-two (62) applicants for the interview.

Sixty-two (62) applicants were scheduled for 15-minute interviews conducted on Friday,

December 1, 2023, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. in Angus Business Center, a professional meeting venue out of FSE office.

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.