

# **Regulations on Academia Sinica Fellowships for Doctoral Students from Foreign Universities (TIGP-X Pilot Program)**

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## **Article 1: Objective**

To promote international academic collaboration and the recruitment of international students, Academia Sinica (AS) encourages researchers to collaborate with foreign academic research institutes by supporting international doctoral students to conduct thesis research at AS, thus enriching the talent pool of doctoral students.

## **Article 2: Eligibility Requirements**

- (1) AS researchers at the level of Assistant Research Fellow or above may apply for the Program.
- (2) Selected students must obtain approval from their affiliated institutes/universities.

## **Article 3: Application and Review Procedures**

- (1) Eligible AS researchers (the Applicants) must submit the following documents to their affiliated Institutes/Research Centers which will, in turn, forward applications with internal review comments to the Department of International Affairs (DIA):
  - A. A collaboration proposal or doctoral thesis proposal
  - B. The curriculum vitae (CV) of the doctoral student
  - C. A letter of recommendation from the student's advisor at the affiliated foreign institute/university
  - D. A letter of approval from the student's affiliated institute/university
- (2) The fellowships are open for application three times a year. The affiliated Institutes/Research Centers of the Applicants should submit the applications to the DIA before the end of February, June, or October. The DIA will collect applications and submit them to the Central Academic Advisory Committee (CAAC) for review. The evaluation is primarily based on points, including the academic competitiveness of the student's affiliated foreign institute, as well as the anticipated significance of the research and collaboration plan. A

shortlist, together with review comments, will be submitted to the AS President for approval. (Recommended students will fall into one of two categories: "Academia Sinica Fellowship International Doctoral Students" and "Academia Sinica International Doctoral Students.")

#### **Article 4: Time Limits for Collaborative Research**

- (1) The project's expected completion date is required in the application. For those projects without a specific completion date, the project's term is tentatively set for one year and may be extended, if necessary.
- (2) The collaborative research in AS must be concluded within three years.

#### **Article 5: Award**

Approved applications receive the following benefits:

- (1) AS will provide selected students with a round-trip, economy class air ticket between their home country and Taiwan.
- (2) The Applicant may apply for an overseas business trip when serving as co-advisor to the selected student. AS will provide a round-trip, economy class air ticket to and from Taiwan, as well as living and office expenses (handling fees, insurance fees) based on the "Directions for the Overseas Travel Allowance Disbursement."
- (3) The awardees of the "Academia Sinica Fellowship International Doctoral Students" will receive a monthly fellowship of NT\$34,000 and NT\$16,000 from AS and the Applicant, respectively. Should the Applicant anticipate difficulties in providing this level of support, the circumstances should be explained at the time of application.
- (4) The awardees of the "Academia Sinica International Doctoral Students" shall be funded by the Applicant, with the amount of money being in accordance with the "Guidelines for Academia Sinica Fellowship Payments."

#### **Article 6: Review of Research Achievements**

- (1) Selected "Academia Sinica Fellowship International Doctoral Students" must submit a progress report every year during their research at AS. After approval by the co-advisors of both institutes (at AS and the affiliated foreign institute/university), the report will be collected by the DIA and sent to CAAC for review before the fellowship for the following year is released.
- (2) A final research report must be submitted to the DIA at least two weeks

before students leave Taiwan following the completion of their thesis research.

**Article 7: Important Information**

- (1) Each applicant shall be granted no more than one application per year.
- (2) Applicants are responsible for mentoring and assessing the selected students' research work during their stay at AS. If the students must leave Taiwan for more than two weeks for personal reasons, the fellowship will be suspended temporarily according to their period away from Taiwan.
- (3) The intellectual property rights of the awardees' research results at AS will be handled in accordance with the "Regulations for Academia Sinica Scientific and Technological Research and Development Results."
- (4) Should awardees be involved in academic ethics violations, their cases will be processed according to the "Guidelines for the Establishment and Operation of Ethics Committees at All Levels, Academia Sinica."

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## Application Form

Name of Applicant	(English)		(Chinese)	
Institute/Research Center (Full Name)			Division	<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics & Physical Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Life Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Humanities & Social Sciences
Position	<input type="checkbox"/> Distinguished Research Fellow <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Research Fellow <input type="checkbox"/> Research Fellow <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Research Fellow			
Contact Information	Tel:		E-mail	
Duration of Support (at least 1 year and cannot exceed 3 years)	From	(Month)	(Day)	(Year)
	To	(Month)	(Day)	(Year)
Total _____ year(s)				
Stipends	<p>If your student is selected as an awardee of the "Academia Sinica Fellowship for International Doctoral Student", he/she will receive a monthly stipend of NT\$34,000 from Academia Sinica and NT\$16,000 from you.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I agree with this arrangement.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No, I will not be able to provide the specified monthly stipend of NT\$16,000.          *Please briefly explain why and justify the amount you can commit instead:          _____</p> <p>If your student is selected as an "Academia Sinica International Doctoral Student", he/she will receive a monthly stipend from you in accordance with the "Guidelines for Academia Sinica Scholarship Payments".</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes. I agree and will provide a monthly stipend of NT\$_____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No. Please specify the reason: _____</p>			
<b>Student Information</b>				
Name			Nationality	
Home University (Full Name)			PhD Program	
Location of Home University	City		Country	
Thesis Advisor at Home University (name and affiliated Department/Institute)				
<p><b>I hereby certify that the above information submitted for the application of TIGP-X plan is true and complete, to the best of my knowledge.</b></p> <p>Applicant Signature : _____ Date : _____</p>				

**Applicant's affiliated Academia Sinica Institute/Research Center is required to check the items on the list below and ensure that all documents are submitted to DIA in the correct order.**

- ☐ Applicant's Statement (up to 1 page, justifying the benefit of international collaboration for the student)
- ☐ Student's Research Plan (up to 2 pages, including a brief outline of the intended PhD Thesis work and the purpose of conducting which part of the research in Taiwan)
- ☐ A letter of recommendation from the student's home university thesis advisor
- ☐ A letter of approval for studying abroad from the student's home department/university
- ☐ Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the student (up to 2 pages, including a personal statement of fewer than 250 words)
- ☐ Evaluation Report from the applicant's affiliated Institute/Research Center at Academia Sinica