

BACS Taiwan Huayu Enrichment Scholarship

Frequently Asked Questions

Eligibility

- Who is eligible to apply?

Those who are over 18 years of age, hold a full UK passport but are not currently studying Mandarin in Taiwan during the scholarship application period; and do not hold or have not held in the past any form of government scholarship in Taiwan.

(Note: anybody studying on a Mandarin course in Taiwan, whether at an officially recognised institution or not, **during the scholarship application period** will not be eligible to apply for the HES. However, they **would** be considered eligible to apply for the scholarship if their studies in Taiwan had ended **before** the official start of the application period. The application period runs from 1st February to 31st March each year, so applicants must **not** be engaged in study at a Taiwanese institution at any point during those two months to be eligible for the HES).

- Can I apply if I am currently studying at a UK university but hold a foreign passport?

No, you cannot. You must apply through the Taiwan Office in your own country.

- Can I apply if I have not studied Chinese formally at a university?

Yes, you are eligible to apply.

Where to email my application

- I am not a student in a Chinese or East Asian Studies department but am studying another subject at a university. Do I apply through my university or as an independent student?

If you are currently registered at a university that offers undergraduate Chinese language courses, you must apply through the BACS representative in your university. This person will normally be in your university's Chinese Studies or East Asian Studies department, but in some cases they may be a China specialist in a different department.

- Where do I email my application as I am an independent applicant?

Read BACS Notes for Applicants where the email address is supplied.

Language centres

- Where do I find the information about the Language Centres recognised by the MoE in Taiwan?

Visit this website:<http://english.moe.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=14462&CtNode=11424&mp=1>

- Can I apply to more than one recognised language centre?

Yes, you can. You only need to provide evidence of your application to one language centre.

- Can I apply to a language centre that provides only 10 hours of Chinese classes per week?

No, you will not qualify. The Huayu Enrichment Scholarship administered by BACS is awarded by the Ministry of Education (MoE). For the MoE award, the requirement is for at least 15 hours of classes per week. When you apply to a centre, explain that you are applying for the MoE Huayu Enrichment Scholarship, and request confirmation that their language programme provides 15 hours of classes per week.

- Do I need to be admitted to one of the language centres before applying for the scholarship?

No. You only need to provide an email confirmation from a recognised language centre acknowledging the receipt of your application.

TOCFL related

- I am studying Chinese at a university and will apply through my department. Do I need to take the TOCFL test?

No, you do not have to take the TOCFL test.

- Due to practical reasons, I will not be able to take the TOCFL test. Does that disqualify me?

No, your application will still be considered.

References

- Can I supply more than two references?

Yes you can, but it is not necessary. Choose two referees who you think will provide you with the most relevant references. The referees should, between them, be able to comment on your language-learning ability, academic achievement and promise, and commitment to studying Chinese.

- As I have not been in any form of degree or course related to learning the Chinese language, do my referees still have to use the Reference form provided?

Yes, they must use the Confidential reference form provided and fill in Section 7 only.

- Can my referees fill out the form in Chinese?

Yes, they may use either Chinese or English.

- As I graduated from university a long time ago, can I provide references from my current and past employers?

Yes you can, but we need at least one academic reference.

- Should I wait for my references to be ready and then email my application?

No, you can email your application first if you like. Ask your referees to email their references directly to the department if you apply through a university, or directly to BACS Coordinator (see 'BACAS Notes for Applicants' for the Coordinator's contact detail) if you are an independent applicant.

Supporting documents

- What supporting documents do I need to provide?

Please click [here](#) to see the checklist at the end of the BACS Notes for Applicants.

- What shall I do if I cannot insert the photo into the space provided in the application form?

Scan your photo as one of the supporting documents.

Other issues

- I want to begin studying in a term starting in November. Would I still be eligible for the scholarship?

Yes. There are different options. See HES Information document.

- When is the deadline?

If applying through university departments, email your application to your department by the deadline set by the department. For independent applicants, the deadline is usually at the end of March (see BACS Notes for Applicants).