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2019 BACS NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

- TAIWAN HES SCHOLARSHIP -

All applications must be submitted electronically via email. BACS will send an acknowledgement e-mail to confirm receipt of every application form and reference submitted. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that their complete application (including both references) has been received by BACS. Please note:

- Slightly different arrangements apply to independent applicants and to 'departmental' applicants (i.e. applicants coming through a University department with a BACS co-ordinator) – *see details below*;
- Applications that are late, incomplete or submitted in an incorrect format cannot be considered;
- All applications must be received by the BACS-Taiwan Scholarships Manager by **27th March 2019 (17:00 GMT)**
 - **Independent applicants** must ensure that application documents and references are submitted to this deadline;
 - **Departmental applicants** must ensure that application documents and references are submitted to an earlier internal deadline (to be confirmed by departmental co-ordinators) so that their applications can be forwarded to the BACS-Taiwan Scholarships Manager to the 27th March 2019 deadline.

Read these notes and the “Foreign Student Information for UK Applicants” by the Education Division, Taipei Representative Office (TRO) in the UK carefully before completing the application form.

The BACS-Taiwan language scholarships provide a monthly stipend of NT\$25,000. Scholarship funds must be used to pay for registration and course fees at approved language centres/universities in Taiwan. The remainder of the grant represents a contribution towards maintenance costs.

Eligibility

The language scholarships are open to those holding a full UK passport, above the age of 18, who possess A-Levels (or equivalent qualifications) or above with an excellent academic record and are of good moral character. Applicants must be able to pay for their own return airfare to Taiwan in order to be considered for the scholarship.

Candidates to whom one or more of the following criteria apply are ineligible for the scholarship.

- a. Overseas Chinese students and nationals of the R.O.C.
- b. Those currently studying Mandarin in Taiwan or who have studied a degree programme in Taiwan.
- c. Those who have previously received a HES or a Taiwan Scholarship.
- d. Those who will be an exchange student to Taiwan under an agreement between partner institutions in the UK and Taiwan during the scholarship period.
- e. Those currently receiving financial benefits from the Taiwan government or other educational institutions.

f. Students who are currently studying Mandarin in Taiwan during the HES scholarship application period (1st Feb – 31 March); or who hold or have held in the past any form of government scholarship in Taiwan are NOT eligible.

Application procedure

All applications must include the following (*See checklist below*)

1. An official application form. This must include
 - a. a statement explaining your reasons for wanting to study in Taiwan (Point 8 in the application form; maximum length 400 words);
 - b. a digital colour photograph (inserted into the application form on p.2).
2. A scanned copy of a valid UK passport.
3. Proof of application to a recognised language centre in Taiwan (e.g. valid admission letter or e-mail from the language centre's admissions department acknowledging receipt of application). Visit the following website for a list of language centres recognised by the MoE in Taiwan:
<https://english.moe.gov.tw/cp-23-17677-b4bb4-1.html>
4. Scanned copies of the certificates of his/her highest academic qualification (i.e. degree certificate or A-Level certificates). Current university students who have not yet graduated should include a copy of their most recent transcript of study.
 - a. For independent applicants who have not had formal learning of the Chinese language but have taken HSK or TOCFL tests, please also submit a scanned copy of the test results.These items must be submitted as a single file, identified by the applicant's name, e.g. <WALEY Arthur HES application>.
5. Two confidential references must be supplied by all applicants. Please email a Confidential Reference Form to each of your referees and ensure that they are aware of the deadline.
 - a. All references must be submitted on the standard form
 - b. Each reference filename MUST include the applicant's and the referee's names: <WALEY Arthur HES reference GILES>
 - c. Departmental applicants: ask your referees to email the completed forms directly to your departmental contact (your department will inform you of the right email address), who will forward these to BACS.
 - d. Independent applicants: please ask your referees to email completed forms directly to: bacs.huayuscholarship@gmail.com References supplied by applicants are not acceptable.
 - e. Please note: it is each applicant's responsibility to make sure that two references are supplied. We regret that BACS cannot contact applicants/referees for missing references.
6. Where to send your application:
 - a. Departmental applicants: submit applications to your department's BACS co-ordinator by the internal departmental deadline (which your department will communicate to you);
 - b. Independent applicants: email applications direct to: bacs.huayuscholarship@gmail.com by 27th March 2019 (17:00 GMT)

Communication of results – Results of the BACS selection will be communicated to individual applicants at **the end of April 2019** by the Taipei Representative Office in the UK. BACS is unable to enter into any correspondence regarding the results of the selection. Any queries related to scholarship details, please contact Ms Olivia Saunders, Education Division, TRO, Suite 3, 73/75 Mortimer Street, London W1W 7SQ. Tel: 020 7436 5888; Email: olivia.saunders@mofa.gov.tw

Successful candidates will be expected to accept or decline the scholarship offer within the timeframe indicated on their HES award notification (issued by email).

Successful candidates should also note that the Taiwanese authorities have made the continuation of the scholarship dependent on the academic performance of the student. See Section 7 in "Foreign Student Information for UK Applicants".

CHECK LIST for emailing:

Application Format <ul style="list-style-type: none">• this must be ONE electronic file (RTF, Word or PDF file, maximum size 2MB)• filename must include applicant's full name, <i>e.g.</i> <WALEY Arthur HES application>	
Completed Application File MUST include:	
1. Completed HES Application form, including digital photograph on p.2	
2. Scanned copy of valid UK passport	
3. Proof of application to a recognised language centre in Taiwan	
4. Scanned copies of the certificates of applicant's highest academic qualification	
AND	
5. Confidential References (TWO) <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Independent applicants: referees must include the applicant's and the referee's names in the filename <WALEY Arthur HES reference GILES>, and email directly to: bacs.huayuscholarship@gmail.com○ Departmental applicants: co-ordinators must include references in a single file with each applicant's form and supporting documents.	

If you have any queries relating to the scholarship, please first read [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on the BACS website <http://bacsuk.org.uk/funding-2/bacs-taiwan-studentships>. For further queries, contact the BACS co-ordinator in your department if you apply through a university department. If you are an independent applicant, send your query directly to the BACS-Taiwan Studentships Manager, Dr Xiaoning Lu, at : bacs.huayuscholarship@gmail.com