

# **Prospectus for the OCAC Scholarship To Reward Top and Outstanding Overseas Compatriot Students for Studying AI Related Departments at Universities in Taiwan**

National Taiwan University

- I. In order to reward top and outstanding overseas Compatriot students studying in Taiwan for a bachelor's degree, based on the "Medium and Long-term Individual Social Development Project 2023 to 2026- Expanding the Cultivation and Retention of Overseas Compatriot Students" approved by the Executive Yuan's document Yuan Tai Wai Zi No.110024110 on August 31, 2022, the Overseas Community Affairs Council (OCAC) specifically stipulates the "OCAC Directions for Approval of Scholarships for Top and Outstanding Overseas Compatriot Students to Study at Universities in Taiwan.”
- II. Scholarship amount:
  1. **Top Overseas Compatriot Students Scholarship:** NT\$260,000 per academic year (same below), totaling NT\$1.04 million over four years.
  2. **Outstanding Overseas Compatriot Students Scholarship:** NT\$100,000 per academic year, totaling NT\$400,000 over four years.
- III. The application eligibility is as follows:
  1. Overseas compatriot students who have graduated from a high school or above, have achieved excellent academic performance, demonstrated good conduct, and meet the requirements of Article 2 of the Regulations Regarding Study and Counseling Assistance for Overseas Chinese Students in Taiwan to study for a bachelor's degree in Taiwan.
  2. Applicants who have been admitted to the following departments of National Taiwan University (NTU): Department of Electrical Engineering, Department of Computer Science & Information Engineering, Department of Information Management, Global Undergraduate Program in Semiconductors, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Department of Chemical Engineering, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, English-Taught Intelligent Engineering and Technology Undergraduate Program.
  3. If applicants have already applied for the OCAC "Scholarship for Top and Outstanding Overseas Compatriot Students to Study at Universities in Taiwan” through Taiwan's overseas missions or designated units, they may only apply for this scholarship if they have not received the award or if it has not been confirmed whether they will receive the award.
  4. Before the application deadline, the applicant's grades in "Mathematics" and "Physics" during the entire duration of their high school or equivalent education must meet the following criteria: For the Top Overseas Compatriot Students Scholarship, the average score for "Mathematics" and "Physics" must both be 88 or above, or the applicant must be in the top 5% of the class. For the Outstanding Overseas Compatriot Students Scholarship, the minimum score is 85 or the applicant must be in the top 10% of the class, and the conduct grade must be 80 or above.
  5. Any of the following circumstances are not allowed to apply:
    - (1) Have retained their student status at a domestic university or have registered to attend a domestic university in Taiwan.

(2) Have studied in Taiwan at the same level as the degree program you are applying for.

(3) While studying in the Academy of Preparatory Programs for Overseas Compatriot Students of National Taiwan Normal University and domestic public and private senior high schools (including vocational high schools) in Taiwan or after graduation, enroll in a domestic university/college after graduation.

(4) Students are exchange students or dual/joint degree students recruited by Taiwan's universities based on academic cooperation agreements signed with foreign schools.

(5) This scholarship has been revoked.

(6) While studying in Taiwan, also receive tuition and miscellaneous fee subsidies, exemptions, or scholarships and bursaries set by our government agencies (institutions); however, this does not include tuition and miscellaneous fee subsidies, exemptions, or scholarships and bursaries provided by the school where the student is a scholarship recipient.

#### IV. Scholarship duration:

1. The maximum scholarship period is four years.
2. From September 1 of the current school year to August 31 of the following year.
3. If a student is suspended from school for any reason, his/her eligibility will be revoked, and the scholarship will be stopped. The scholarships received during the year of suspension shall be paid back in full if the amount is less than one-half according to the period of study before suspension; if the scholarship is more than one-half but less than three-quarters, half shall be paid back; if more than three-quarters has been received, there is no need to return it.
4. Scholarship recipients should arrive at the school on time to register. Those who fail to come to Taiwan to study within the time limit will be deemed to have given up their eligibility to receive the scholarship, and it will not be retained.
5. If a recipient transfers to another department, scholarship eligibility will be rescinded, and the scholarship will be discontinued.

#### V. Applicants should submit the following documents from July 1, 2025 to August 15, 2025:

1. Scholarship application form (as attachment)
2. A copy of the permanent or long-term residence permit for the place of residence.
3. Copy of highest academic qualification certificate and results transcript (If it is in a language other than Chinese or English, a Chinese translation should be attached). The photocopy and translation should be verified by overseas missions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the ROC or Culture Centers of Taipei Economic and Cultural Offices or the sponsoring unit designated by the OCAC. If the academic grade calculation method provided in the transcript is not based on a percentage scale, please attach the original school's conversion standard or the verified equivalent in percentage.

4. Two scanned copies of recommendation letters from a principal, teacher, or tutor, personally signed by the recommender.
5. Autobiography (including study plan).
6. A certificate of the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL) at the intermediate level or above (exemption if unavailable).
7. Please arrange the above documents in order, scan them into a single PDF file, and upload it to the following link: <https://forms.gle/JVKcPKnXtdTha8398>

(Application forms should be complete. The application will be rejected if the order is incorrect, the information is incomplete, or the scan is unclear. If the required documents are not submitted by the specified deadline, it will be considered as a waiver of the application.)

VI. The principles for selection of recipients are as follows:

1. The candidates for the award, both primary and alternate, will be selected through a written review.
2. The written review will focus on the recipients' future plans to enter the AI industry.
3. Priority will be given to scholarship applicants who have passed the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL) and obtained an intermediate or above test certificate.

VII. After the award recipients are selected and approved by the OCAC, the approved recipient will be notified and receive an official letter from the school designated by the OCAC.

VIII. The procedures for initial scholarship receipt, continuing receipt, and application review are as follows:

1. Initial receipt: Students who have received the award at the beginning of the first academic year should submit the official letter from the OCAC approving the award and other documents proving the award to NTU after registration in the first academic year.
2. Eligibility for continuing receipt:
  - (1) Recipients who meet the above criteria should study for more than nine credits per semester during their studies. Top scholarship recipients should have an overall average academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.76 or above and an overall conduct grade of A- or above for each academic year; Outstanding Scholarship recipients should have an overall academic average of GPA 3.38 or above and an overall conduct average of A- or above for each academic year; if they become exchange students during their studies, their foreign credits and study grades must be recognized by NTU first.
  - (2) Those whose grades in the previous school year did not meet the current benchmark will not be allowed to apply. However, if grades in subsequent academic years reach the current benchmark, they may apply again.
3. After the second academic year, award recipients should submit transcripts that meet the provisions of the preceding paragraph and apply to NTU for renewal; NTU should review the award recipient's eligibility to renew the award, submit the renewal review results to the OCAC for review, and then notify the award recipient. NTU will handle scholarship applications in accordance with regulations.

- IX. If the scholarship recipient's application documents are found to be forged or false, or if he or she drops out, the OCAC will revoke his or her eligibility and pursue related legal liability depending on the seriousness of the situation.