

UAAT International Young Visiting Scholar Program for 2024-2025

1. Program Objectives:

The University Academic Alliance in Taiwan (hereinafter referred as the UAAT, see Appendix 1) has established this fellowship program to promote collaboration of outstanding young scholars from international partner university alliances/systems with the UAAT. The Program encourages collaboration in research, teaching, and innovation & entrepreneurship (I&E), to strengthen international talent exchange and to advance mutual academic research and innovation momentum.

2. Eligibility:

International scholars and Ph. D. holders under the age of 45 and with the following qualifications:

1. Currently employed by or a recent Ph. D. graduate from an UAAT's international partner university alliance/system having signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the UAAT (Appendix 2) and showing expertise in teaching, research, innovation, or entrepreneurship.
2. Demonstrated academic or industrial contributions/performances in their fields.

3. Purposes of the Visit/Collaboration:

During their visit to Taiwan, awardees must engage in at least one of the following collaborative activity areas:

1. Research collaboration
2. Teaching collaboration
3. Start-up development/Entrepreneurship collaboration

4. Funding Information:

1. **Number of Awardees:** Depending on available funds, about 25 scholars may be supported for this funding cycle.
2. **Duration of Visit:** 1 to 3 months (with the visit completed no later than May 31, 2025, for this funding cycle).
3. **Funding:** Up to NTD 300,000 (~ USD 10,000) per award.
4. **Number of Awarding:** Each recipient is eligible for the award only once.
5. **Eligible Expenses:** The funding/fellowship may cover direct expenses related to the visit, such as one round-trip international airfare (economy class), living expenses, and operational expenses for teaching, research, start-up development/entrepreneurship, or industry-academia collaboration, as well as administrative costs (Appendix 3). Use of the funding is subject to the guidelines set by the Ministry of Education in Taiwan.
6. The approved fellowship funds will be transferred to the host university, which will then help disburse the visiting scholar's expenses upon their arrival in Taiwan.

5. Required Application Documents:

1. Application form (including max. 2-page visit/collaboration plan, CV etc.)
2. Certificate of employment and proof of identification (a copy of the photo page of the passport).

3. Recent Ph.D. graduates not currently employed by UAAT's international partner university alliance/system must provide a degree certificate or a temporary degree certificate confirming successful thesis defense and approval and a recommendation letter from the Ph. D. advisor.
4. Signature of consent from the superior supervisor of the applicant's current institution or laboratory, signature of consent from the head of the UAAT hosting unit, signature of consent from the UAAT hosting professor/scholar. (Recent Ph.D. graduates not currently employed by UAAT's international partner university alliance/system are exempt from providing the current employer's/supervisor's signature of consent).

6. Application Procedure:

1. Visiting scholar applicants can identify a host institute/department or a host scholar at a UAAT university (Appendix 1). Alternatively, the UAAT host unit or scholar may invite scholars of UAAT's partner university alliances/systems to apply for this program. UAAT also welcomes recommendation of international young scholars from its partner university alliances/systems.
2. If matching with a host institute/department or a host scholar from the UAAT is needed, inquiries can be made directly to the UAAT Secretariat. An application may be submitted once the matching process is complete.
3. The submitted application and the visit/collaboration plan shall be discussed and agreed by both the visiting scholar and the host unit/scholar (with signatures).
4. Eligible international scholars may submit the application by themselves or have their UAAT host institute/department head or scholar submit the application on their behalf.
5. For this funding cycle, applications must be submitted via email to uatsec@ntu.edu.tw by **Friday, November 15, 2024**. Late submission may not be accepted.
6. For assistance with addition/correction of application documents during the application period, please contact the UAAT Secretariat. Incomplete applications might affect the evaluation result.

7. Review of the Application :

1. Applications will be reviewed and selected by a UAAT review committee, based on the review criteria below.
2. Key review criteria include:
 - (1) Applicant's academic, teaching, innovation, entrepreneurship, or industry contributions in recent years;
 - (2) Innovation and significance of the visit/collaboration plan;
 - (3) Expected outcomes, benefits, and impact of the visit/collaboration plan.

8. Obligations of Award Recipients:

1. Awardees are required to deliver at least two public lectures during their visit to Taiwan.
2. Awardees must submit a visit report to the UAAT Secretariat within one month upon the end of the funding period. Host institute/department/scholar in Taiwan may provide assistance in forwarding the report to the UAAT Secretariat if needed.
3. During their stay in Taiwan, upon informing the host university, the visiting scholars may leave Taiwan temporarily (e.g., attending conferences, conducting research, or collecting data), but the total leave should not exceed one-sixth of the total visit duration.

9. Intellectual Property:

1. In the event that collaboration outcomes involve intellectual property, the scholar's home institution and the UAAT host university shall discuss to reach a mutually beneficial agreement with respect to intellectual property rights.

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Appendix 1: UAAT Member University

NO.	University
1	National Taiwan University www.ntu.edu.tw
2	National Cheng Kung University www.ncku.edu.tw
3	National Tsing Hua University www.nthu.edu.tw
4	National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University www.nycu.edu.tw
5	National Sun Yet-sen University www.nsysu.edu.tw
6	National Taipei University of Technology www.ntut.edu.tw
7	National Cheng chi University www.nccu.edu.tw
8	National Chung Hsing University www.nchu.edu.tw
9	National Central University www.ncu.edu.tw
10	National Taiwan Normal University www.ntnu.edu.tw
11	Taipei Medical University www.tmu.edu.tw
12	National Taiwan University of Science and Technology www.ntust.edu.tw

Appendix 2: International university alliances/systems partnered with the UAAT:

Academic Alliance/System	University of Illinois System (UI)
	University of Texas System (UTS)
	Texas A&M University System (TAMUS)
	Interested Czech Universities (ICU)
	Kyushu-Okinawa Open University (KOOU)

Appendix 3: Funding Amounts Table

Category	Amount (in NTD)	Description
Living Expenses	75,000/month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The duration of stay must be more than one month. For the part of the stay that is less than one month, the funds will be disbursed proportionally. - The host university will withhold income tax before disbursing the funds to awardees.
One Round-trip International Airfare (Economy Class)	North America: Up to 70,000/person; Europe: Up to 70,000/person; Asia: Up to 25,000/person	Reimbursement will base on the location of applicant's home institution or graduation institution.
Administrative Costs	Up to 50,000	Includes visa fees, insurance, etc.
Operational Expenses for Teaching/Research/I&E/Industry-Academia Collaboration		Includes costs related to academic research, teaching, innovation development, or industry-academia collaboration.