



TAIWAN A GATEWAY TO ASIA

TAIWAN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS TO PURSUE DEGREES IN TAIWAN

Taiwan has an outstanding education system offering a variety of subjects to international students including Chinese language and history, tropical agriculture and forestry, genetic engineering, business, semiconductors, and more. In Taiwan, you will experience a vibrant and modern society rooted in one of the world's most venerable cultures and populated by some of the most friendly and hospitable people on the planet. As the Asia-Pacific region continues to evolve into a global economic center, Taiwan's ideal geographical position and fascinating culture offer endless opportunities.

WHY I CHOSE TAIWAN

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My two years participating in the Taiwan Scholarship Program were as eventful as they were fruitful. I chose to pursue a master's degree in Chinese Literature at National Taiwan University, located in the bustling downtown of Taipei City. I chose to study in Taiwan because the quality of the classical Chinese education it offers and the research opportunities it presents are far better than those offered in any other Chinese speaking area. An additional bonus, from the perspective of the western student, is the openness and readiness to

meet people from other cultures that characterize the students and teachers here.

After two years in Taiwan, I can safely say that the learning opportunities here, both educational and social, are abundant. Without the sponsorship of the Taiwan Scholarship Program, I would never have been able to enjoy all these opportunities. Who knows what awaits you just beyond this horizon: seize the day and apply to this wonderful program.

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My time in Taiwan was a phenomenal learning experience both inside and outside of the classroom. As an MPH student at National Yang Ming University the focus of my studies was healthcare, international health, epidemiology, and statistics. My professors were intelligent, accomplished, and compassionate. My classmates were just as spectacular. They came to Taiwan from all over the world to study with me, and through them I got a glimpse of health experiences in places as diverse as El Salvador, Poland, and the Gambia. My program also had local Taiwanese students

who were some of the friendliest people that I have ever met. Life at Yang Ming was filled with the intellectual spirit of this diverse, affable student body.

Outside of the classroom life was just as fascinating. All around me was Taiwanese culture. Whether exploring a night market, trying a new food, or simply chatting with a local, I found myself learning something new every day. The education that I acquired in Taiwan was much larger than the degree that I received. Not only did I graduate with a deep knowledge of public health, but I also garnered a profound understanding of Taiwanese culture.

Now as a fourth year medical student at UCLA my appreciation for other cultures is an essential part of my ability to practice medicine. My experiences in Taiwan not only allow me to have a special connection with those Taiwanese patients that I see but also to be tolerant and understanding of the people of numerous other cultural backgrounds that obtain their care in Los Angeles.