

107 年度科技部培育人文及社會科學研究 海外博士候選人計畫簡章

一、計畫簡介

科技部為培育人文及社會科學領域之海外研究人才，協助具有研究潛力之博士候選人於學位論文寫作階段，專注於論文之撰寫，並提升其論文品質與研究水準，特訂定推動本計畫。

二、執行單位

- (一)本計畫由財團法人國家實驗研究院科技政策研究與資訊中心科技部人文及社會科學研究海外人才培育計畫辦公室執行。
- (二)為使遴選流程公開透明，本計畫之各階段甄選，將由計畫辦公室邀請人文及社會科學領域學者組成「學術審查委員會」，再由「學術審查委員會」邀集相關領域學門之學者進行初審，並由「學術審查委員會」依計畫審查結果進行複審，並決定培育之人數及培育對象名單。

三、申請資格

- (一)申請人應符合下列資格：
 - 1.須具中華民國國籍。
 - 2.於國內經教育部立案之大學校院畢業取得學士學位。
 - 3.就讀於經教育部公告「外國大學參考名冊」所收錄之歐美地區大學校院人文及社會科學領域研究所之全職(full-time)博士生，於申請截止日前已取得博士候選人資格，並由就讀系所出具證明者。
 - 4.研究主題屬於人文及社會科學領域相關範疇。
- (二)指導教授應符合申請人就讀學校及系所有關指導教授資格規定，且願意指導博士生從事研究工作者。

四、申請期限

申請人應依規定之期限提出申請，逾期不予受理。本年度申請截止日期為 107 年 11 月 30 日(以台灣時間為準)。

五、申請方式

(一)申請人應至計畫網站線上申請，並提交下列文件。文件不全或不符合規定者，不予受理。申請系統網址：

<https://top.stpi.narl.org.tw>

- 1.申請書(線上填寫)，包含聲明書、中英文摘要(各 500 字內)及預期影響(150 字內)。
- 2.論文計畫書(以中文或英文撰寫，至多 30 頁，含參考文獻、圖、表、附件等，以 pdf 格式上傳，檔案大小 10MB 以下)。
- 3.指導教授基本資料表(線上填寫)。
- 4.指導教授初評意見表(英文版，由指導教授線上填寫)。
- 5.著作目錄(依科技部個人資料表 CM302 格式，頁數以 2 頁為限)。另可上傳 5 年內已出版最具代表性之學術著作至多 3 篇。
- 6.申請人就讀系所出具已取得博士候選人資格之相關證明文件。
- 7.申請人博士班歷年成績單。

(二)請依線上系統登錄格式內容，詳實完整填寫相關中英文資料，以利後續審查作業。

(三)網路申請送出或申請截止日期後，申請人即無法修改已送出之申請資料。

六、審查程序

(一)作業期間

自申請案截止收件之次日起 3 個月內完成，並核定公布；必要時，得予延長。

(二)審查重點

- 1.研究主題之理論價值及創新程度
- 2.研究內容之嚴謹程度與研究規劃之可行性
- 3.申請人之學術潛力，能有效提升該學術領域之研究能量。

(三)核定公告

本計畫將依審查結果，於 108 年 2 月公告本年度培育對象名單。培育對象與本計畫辦公室簽訂合約後，即辦理撥款手續。

(四)本計畫不辦理申覆作業，也不提供審查意見。

七、培育方式

- (一)獲遴選為本計畫培育對象者，將獲得研習經費每名 1 年新臺幣 90 萬元，培育期間自核定起始日期起，為期 1 年(365 日曆天)。
。合約之簽署及研習經費撥款事宜，依核定通知函規定辦理。
- (二)研習經費計算方式為 90 萬元乘以實際研習日數(實際研習起始日至研習結束日之累計日數)除以 365 日。
- (三)研習經費將分 2 期撥付：
- 第 1 期研習經費：第 1 至第 6 個月之研習經費，雙方於簽訂合約且培育對象完成研習經費請領手續後，計畫辦公室於約定之起始日後 30 個日曆天內，將第 1 期研習經費匯入培育對象指定之本人國內帳戶
- 第 2 期研習經費：第 7 至第 12 個月之研習經費，培育對象應依計畫辦公室規定時程內繳交期中進度報告，經計畫辦公室審核通過後始撥付第 2 期研習經費。

八、權利義務

- (一)本計畫培育對象於培育期間，有下列情形之一者，不得領取本計畫研習經費；已領取者，應按重複領取其他獎、補助或薪給期間比例，或依合約規定全額繳回：
- 1.支領我國政府、國內法人、國內大學或研究機構資助之公費或獎學金。
 - 2.培育對象在培育期間應具備歐洲或北美地區大學院校全職(full-time)學生身份，若因休學、退學、學業成績評量或其他因素退出本計畫，除停止研習經費之撥付外，應追繳其已受領之本計畫研習經費。
- (二)培育對象需依合約書規定，於計畫辦公室規定時程內繳交期中進度報告與期末成果報告。於培訓期程結束後，應協助本計畫進行書面或線上成果發表 2 次，並參與相關學術社群活動。
- (三)培育對象取得博士學位後，應至本計畫網站線上繳交經我國駐外館(處)驗證之博士學位證書及博士論文電子檔，培育期間結束後 3 年內未繳交前述資料者，應繳回本計畫研習經費。若有特殊情形無法於前述期限繳交前述資料者，應於期限內來文檢附相關文件辦理延期，延長期間最多以一年為限。

(四)論文致謝頁須載明本論文接受「科技部人文及社會科學研究海外人才培育計畫獎助」字樣(以中文或外文撰寫)。

九、學術倫理規範

博士論文之撰寫，於構想、執行或成果呈現階段，涉有違反學術倫理情事者，依科技部學術倫理案件處理及審議要點規定處理。

十、其他注意事項

(一)本計畫之相關資訊與公告請密切注意本計畫網站

<https://top.stpi.narl.org.tw>

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(二)本簡章如有未盡事宜，得由本計畫辦公室隨時修訂公布之。

2018 Ministry of Science and Technology Taiwanese Overseas Pioneers Grants (TOP Grants) for PhD Candidates

1. Program overview

In an effort to nurture research talents overseas in fields of humanities and social sciences, the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) has designed and promoted this program to assist PhD candidates with research potential to stay focused on writing their graduate dissertations when they have reached such stage, as well as to enhance the quality of their dissertations and the level of their research.

2. Unit responsible for program implementation

- (1) This program is to be carried out jointly by the Taiwanese Overseas Pioneers Grants (TOP Grants) Program Office, under National Applied Research Laboratories' Science & Technology Policy Research and Information Center.
- (2) To maintain an open and transparent selection procedure, scholars from humanities and social science fields will be invited by the program office to sit with an "academic review committee", which will then invite scholars from relevant academic sub-fields to conduct preliminary reviews on program admissions. A secondary review will be carried out by the "academic review committee" on the results of the program review results to determine the number of people to be admitted, as well as who is to be admitted, into the nurturing program.

3. Qualifications

- (1) An applicant must possess the following qualifications:
 - i. He/she is a national of the Republic of China (ROC).
 - ii. He/she has received a bachelor's degree from a university or college in ROC accredited by the Ministry of Education.

- iii. He/she needs to be a full-time PhD student studying in a field of humanities or social sciences at a European or U.S. graduate school listed on the “Foreign Universities Reference List” announced by the Ministry of Education and needs to have acquired the qualification of a PhD candidate, with certification documents issued by the department where he/she is pursuing his/her studies, prior to the application deadline.
- iv. His/her research topic needs to be confined to a particular field of humanities and social sciences.

- (2) The student’s supervisor must have complied with the supervisor qualification rules set by the school and department/graduate school where the applicant is pursuing his/her studies and be willing to supervise PhD students in their research.

4. Application deadline

Applications shall be submitted by applicants before the deadline. Late submissions will not be accepted. The application deadline for the current year is November 30, 2018 (Taiwan Time).

5. Application procedure

- (1) Applications shall be submitted online at the program website and shall include the documents listed below. Ineligible applications or applications with incomplete documents will not be processed. Application website: <https://top.stpi.narl.org.tw>
 - i. Application form (to be filled out online). The form includes a statement, Chinese and English abstracts (less than 500 words each), and expected effect (less than 150 words).
 - ii. Dissertation proposal (can be written in Chinese or in English. 30 pages maximum, which includes the references, figures, charts, and appendices. Upload in PDF form. Maximum file size is 10 MB).

- iii. Basic information form about the supervisor (to be filled out online).
 - iv. Supervisor' s preliminary comments form (English version; to be filled out online by the supervisor).
 - v. A list of publications (to be provided according to the personal data form CM302 format issued by MOST; maximum 2 pages). The applicant may also upload a maximum of 3 academic works published over the past 5 years that he/she considers most representative of his/her achievements.
 - vi. Relevant certification documents proving that the applicant has acquired the qualification of PhD candidate, to be issued by the department/graduate school where the applicant is pursuing his/her studies.
 - vii. All of the applicant' s transcripts during his PhD studies.
- (2) Please completely and accurately fill out all relevant information in Chinese and in English according to the input format of the online system in order to allow for further review process.
- (3) After the application has been submitted online or the application deadline has passed, the applicant may no longer edit his/her application materials.

6. Review procedure

(1) Length of review

The review will be completed within three months from the next day of the application deadline. Review results will be announced. The length of the review may be extended as necessary.

(2) Key points of the review

- i. The research topic' s theoretical value and level of innovation.
- ii. The rigorous level of research content and feasibility of research plans.
- iii. The applicant' s academic potential and whether he/she is capable of effectively increasing the research capacity

of the academic field in question.

- (3) Approval and announcement
Successful candidates admitted into the nurturing program will be announced in February 2019 based on the review results. As soon as successful candidates sign agreements with the program office, funds will be distributed according to the relevant next procedures.
- (4) This program does not allow for any petitions. Review comments will not be disclosed.

7. Nurturing procedure

- (1) Nurturing program candidates will be given research funding of NT\$ 900,000 per person for the duration of one year. The nurturing period is one year (365 calendar days) starting from the date on which funding is approved. Matters related to the signing of the agreement and research funding distribution shall be handled according to the letter of approval notification.
- (2) Research funding is calculated by multiplying NT\$ 900,000 by the number of actual research days (i.e., the number of days accumulated between the first day of research and the last day of research), then divided by 365 days.
- (3) Research funding will be distributed in two stages:
First stage research funding: After both parties sign an agreement and the nurturing program candidate has completed the research funding claiming procedure, the research funding for the first month through the sixth month (i.e., first stage research funding) will be remitted by the program office to the participant's designated domestic bank account under his/her name within 30 calendar days from the day when the agreement has been signed.

Second stage research funding: The nurturing program candidate shall submit a mid-term progress report pursuant to the schedule required by the program office. Research funding for the seventh month through the twelfth month (i.e.,

second stage research funding) will only be provided to the candidate when the progress report has been reviewed and approved by the program office.

8. Rights and obligations

- (1) The nurturing program candidate may not receive any program research funding during the nurturing period if he/she satisfies any of the following conditions; for those who have already received nurturing program funding, he/she shall return the funding proportionate to the period that he/she had received other awards, subsidies, or salaries, or return funding in the full amount according to the agreement:
 - i. If the candidate receives, is receiving, or has received public funding or scholarships granted by the ROC government, domestic legal persons, domestic universities, or domestic research institutions.
 - ii. The nurturing program candidate shall be a full-time student studying in a European or North American university during the nurturing period. If the candidate withdraws from the program due to leave of absence, expulsion, academic grade evaluations, or other reasons, his/her research funding will cease to be provided to him/her, and he/she is required to return the program research funding that he/she has received thus far.
- (2) Nurturing program candidates need to submit a mid-term progress report and a final progress report within the timeframe required by the program office. After the nurturing program ends, the candidate needs to present his/her results twice, either in the form of a written report or online. He/she shall also take part in relevant academic social group events.
- (3) Once the nurturing program candidate receives his/her PhD diploma, he/she shall go to the program website and submit his/her PhD diploma and PhD dissertation online (in electronic form), both of which need to be authenticated by the ROC embassies (diplomatic missions) prior to being uploaded. If the

aforementioned information is not turned in within 3 years from the date when the nurturing program ceased to be effective, the candidate shall return the program research funding. If the candidate cannot turn in the aforementioned information within the said deadline due to special circumstances, he/she must send a written notice, with relevant documents attached, to apply for an extension. Extensions cannot exceed one year.

- (4) The acknowledgment page of the candidate's dissertation must specify that the dissertation research has been subsidized by the "Taiwanese Overseas Pioneers Grants (TOP Grants) Program Office (Ministry of Science and Technology)" (in Chinese or a foreign language).

9. Academic ethics

Any PhD dissertation found to be in violation of academic ethics, either during the stage of concept, implementation, or results, will be handled according to the Ministry of Science and Technology's Regulations on the Handling and Review of Academic Ethical Cases.

10. Other information

- (1) Please regularly check the program website <https://top.stpi.narl.org.tw> for relevant information and announcements.

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- (2) The program office retains the right to revise and release this prospectus at any time if it is found to be lacking any information.