

Postgraduate Research Grant
for the Study of the Tainan Region, 2025

GUIDELINES

1. Purpose of the grant

To promote Tainan research and encourage young students to care about local culture and social development, the "Postgraduate Research Grant for the Study of the Tainan Region" has been established. This grant aims to support related research projects and fieldwork, enhancing the quality of research findings and fostering in-depth local studies.

2. Organizers

- 1) Organizer : Cultural Affairs Bureau of Tainan City Government
- 2) Co- Organizer : International Center for Tainan Area Humanities and Social Sciences Research (ICTAHSSR)

3. Applicants' qualifications

Applicants applying to the Tainan Research Postgraduate Grant must meet the following requirements:

- 1) Must either be M.A. students or Ph.D. candidates in a university or a college, in Taiwan or abroad;
- 2) The subject of their M.A. theses or Ph.D. dissertations must relate to the Tainan area, fully or in comparison with other regions of Taiwan or any corner of Asia, in the field of humanities or social sciences;
- 3) They must complete their thesis between 2026 and 2027 after being granted;
- 4) The subject still accept the amendments recommended by the review committee of this case¹;
- 5) The subject has not received any grant.

4. Number of recipients and amount of grants

- 1) Two Ph.D. grants; each will be granted at NTD 100,000.
- 2) Five M.A. grants; each will be granted at NTD 50,000.
- 3) The grant will be divided into two portions and be delivered in two times: 2/5 in November 2025 3/5 after the completion of the dissertation/thesis and after the ICTAHSSR board receives a copy before July 2026.
- 4) The grant recipient can provide a copy of the first-hand information from fieldwork research for ICTAHSSR.

¹ This grant is intended for the awardees to use for fieldwork and research. The review committee and the member of International Center for Tainan Area Humanities and Social Sciences Research (ICTAHSSR) will also recommend amendments for revisions, with the aim of further enriching and improving the research findings.

5. Application deadline and period of selection

- 1) Applications will be received before May 31st, 2025. The envelope containing the application must be postmarked by the 31th of May, at the latest.
- 2) The selection process is handled and supervised by the scientific committee of the ICTAHSSR and will last until September 2025 (see appendix 1).
- 3) The application has to be sent by post at the following address:
Culture Affairs Bureau, Tainan City Government.
No23, Zhongzheng Rd, Xinying District, Tainan City, 72242, Taiwan
On the envelope please add the mention: “Tainan Research Postgraduate Grant for the Study of the Tainan Region - APPLICATION”
- 4) Contact: Mr. Chen , Culture Affairs Bureau, Tainan City Government
Tel: 886 (0)6 6321047#6612
E-mail: ictahssr@gmail.com

6. Application

Applicants must include in their application the following items (three paper document and one electronic files):

- 1) Application form (see appendix 2);
- 2) Research proposal, including:
 - i) title of the proposed research and its problematic, mentioning the importance of the research in its domain, the motivations and purposes of the research, a literature review of the subject, explanation about the methodology;
 - ii) estimate of the limits and possible achievements of the research;
 - iii) research progress schedule;
 - iv) bibliography
- 3) Attestation of registration for the year (e.g. student I.D.);
- 4) Two recommendation letters (one letter must be from the applicant’s supervisor).

7. Selection process

- 1) The applications received by the ICTAHSSR will first be examined by a pre-selection board to assess the prerequisites of the applicants and their topics. The research proposals are then externally evaluated. Finally, on the basis of the reviewers’ reports, the Selection Committee will determine the list of the grant recipients (see appendix 1).
- 2) The Cultural Affairs Bureau of Tainan City Government will notify every grant recipient via letter.

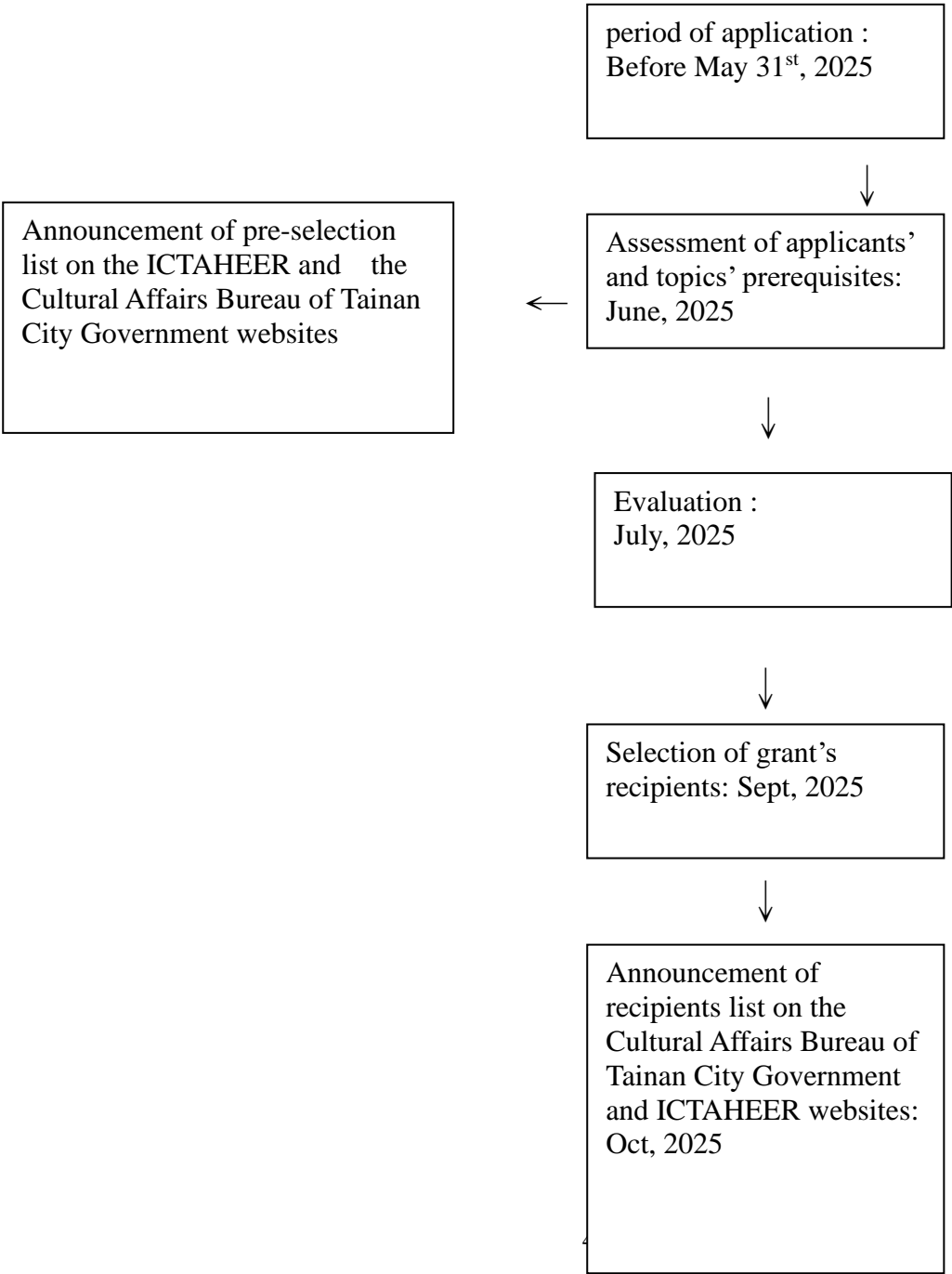
- 3) Three months after the end of their dissertation/thesis and their defense, the grant recipients are required to submit 3 copies of their dissertation/thesis plus 1 electronic version to the International Center for Tainan Research.

8. Important information

- 1) The list of recipients will be announced middle Octobrt, 2025 and be posted on the websites of both the Cultural Affairs Bureau of Tainan City Government and the ICTAHSSR.
- 2) If grant recipients are unable to complete their dissertation/thesis, they must inform the Cultural Affairs Bureau of Tainan City Government which has the right to withdraw the grant and to claim back the money already granted.
- 3) The recipients must follow ethical and academic rules of conduct vis-à-vis the research and the writing of their dissertation/thesis.
- 4) The recipients are required to acknowledge the support of the “The Tainan Research Postgraduate Grant” in their dissertation/thesis and any subsequent publications or presentations based on their dissertation/thesis.
- 5) The announcement of the Tainan research Postgraduate Grant will be found on the following websites:
Cultural Affairs Bureau of Tainan City Government, at <http://www.tnc.gov.tw/>
International Center for Tainan Area Humanities and Social Sciences Research, at <https://culture.tainan.gov.tw/theme/latestevent/index?Parser=9,50,351>

Appendix 1

The Tainan Research postgraduate Grant
Timetable of the selection process, 2025



Appendix 2

The Tainan Research Postgraduate Grant, 2025 Application form

Date of the day : day: month: year: application number ; not to be filled by applicant

Surname, name		Nationality	
Chinese name if any		Passport number	
Address			
E-mail address			
Contact phone number		Mobile phone in Taiwan if any	
Univ./college/institute		Department	
Diploma (M.A. or Ph.D.)			
Grade/year			
Title of thesis/ dissertation			
Project's abstract			
Estimate of thesis/dissertation completion time			
Advisor's Signature		Applicant's Signature	