

Scholarship Application Guidelines for Taiwanese Students – Academic Year 2026/2027

Unlike in previous years, candidates and their alternates recommended for scholarships will now fill out the scholarship application in the new online system, which will only be opened after the completion of the selection procedure in Taiwan. Required attachments must be uploaded to the online application. No physical documents will be sent to the Czech Republic. We therefore recommend that applicants save scanned copies of documents they submit to the Ministry of Education of Taiwan, whether submitted in paper form or as PDF scans. The decision on the format remains with the partner ministry.

The standard application form is still required for the selection process for two reasons: it allows the Czech Economic and Cultural Office (CECO) to review an English-language document, and it must bear the applicant's signature to ensure CECO is covered regarding personal data handling notices.

The process of selection of candidates should be completed by the end of February 2026 (no later than March 10, 2026). During March 2026, selected candidates and alternates will complete the online application and upload all required attachments. The system is planned to close at the end of March 2026. This schedule is in the students' best interest, as timely submission increases the likelihood of securing a place in study programs, dormitories, and completing visa procedures without stress.

The successful applicants have to be informed that being recommended for a scholarship does not mean they have been awarded it at the nomination stage; they are not yet "scholarship holders." From the moment of nomination, applicants should not contact Czech universities regarding their acceptance—this negotiation is handled by the Czech Ministry of Education. Candidates must also understand that the final outcome may be known no earlier than the end of May 2026, and more likely during June 2026, for study periods starting in September 2026. Acceptance for the summer semester can be confirmed later.

The offer is intended for students or recent graduates and is not intended for academic staff.

It is essential that applicants provide accurate postal addresses in the later-opened online system to ensure delivery of the scholarship decision. Incorrect addresses or delivery issues may impact visa procedures.

A mandatory attachment for the Taiwan application is the acceptance/invitation letter from a university if the applicant has already made contact with a specific institution. Applicants should attempt to obtain this letter before the Taiwanese selection process. After submitting the scholarship application, candidates must not independently contact Czech universities, especially those not listed as their primary preference in the application.

Additional requests to change the preferred university received after the official nomination and their justification will be carefully reviewed. If the admission process has already started according to the original preference, such requests will not be accommodated. Each application must include a detailed study/research plan specifying the faculty and field of study. Changes to the receiving university or field of study submitted after acceptance by the preferred institution will not be accommodated, particularly after the scholarship decision has been issued.

Applications from duly nominated candidates will be reviewed by public universities, which autonomously decide whether to accept the candidate under the Czech Ministry of Education scholarship program and assign them to a specific study program. The outcome of the admission process should be known by the end of June.

Please note that the scholarship stay in the Czech Republic must correspond to the applicant's field of study or the field in which they have completed their studies. Placement at art-focused universities may be more difficult due to limited capacity and strict selection criteria. Based on past experience, the Film and TV Faculty of the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague (FAMU) does not accept our scholarship holders.

Regarding the division of ten-month scholarships into five-month stays, ideally, only half of the scholarships, out of a total of eighteen, should be for five-month periods, maintaining a total quota of 180 scholarship months. Please note that not all English-language programs at universities are accessible to MEYS scholarship holders. It is recommended to nominate alternates in case the acceptance of one of the primary candidates cannot be secured.

The scholarship stay in the Czech Republic must be related to the applicant's field of study or the field in which they have completed their studies. MEYS scholarship holders are exempt from tuition fees and receive a monthly scholarship of CZK 12,000 (for applicants without a Master's degree or equivalent) or CZK 13,000 (for holders of a Master's degree or equivalent, provided they do not enroll in another Master's or Bachelor's program).

Scholarship holders are also offered affordable accommodation in university dormitories and access to meals in university cafeterias. However, the scholarship amount may require additional personal investment from the scholarship holder.