

Postgraduate Research Grant
for the Study of the Tainan Region, 2026

GUIDELINES

1. Purpose of the grant

The "Postgraduate Research Grant for the Study of the Tainan Region" has been established to promote Tainan research and encourage young students to care about local culture and social development. 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 : Culture Affairs Bureau, 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; the review committee of the International Center for Tainan Area Humanities and Social Sciences Research Center could recommend adaptations of the subject¹.
- 3) After being granted, they must complete their theses in 2027 or 2028; those who are planning to complete their theses or graduate in 2026 are not eligible to apply.

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 2026, 3/5 after the completion of the dissertation/thesis and after the ICTAHSSR board receives a copy.
- 4) The actual number of grant recipients may be adjusted in accordance with the annual budget, the number of applicants, and the results of the review process. Any taxes arising from the grand payments shall be borne by the recipient.

¹ The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage recipients to apply their knowledge to fieldwork and research. The review committee of the ICTAHSSR could also provide relevant feedback to further enrich and improve the research results.

- 5) The grant recipient could provide a copy of the first-hand information from fieldwork research which he/she considers enriching the general knowledge and research on Tainan to the ICTAHSSR.

5. Application deadline and period of selection

- 1) Applications must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2026.
- 2) 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, 730210, Taiwan
On the envelope please add the mention: “Tainan Research Postgraduate Grant for the Study of the Tainan Region - APPLICATION”
- 3) Contact: Ms. Liu , Culture Affairs Bureau, Tainan City Government
Tel: 886 (0)6 6321047#6616
E-mail: ictahssr@gmail.com

6. Application

Applicants must include in their application the following items:

- 1) Application form (see appendix 1);
- 2) Research proposal (seven paper copies and one electronic file), 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, Timeline and announcement date

- 1) All the applications received by the ICTAHSSR will first be examined by the review committee 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 list of the grant recipients will be determined (see appendix 1).
- 2) The list of recipients will be announced in mid-October 2026 and posted on the websites of the Cultural Affairs Bureau, Tainan City Government and of the ICTAHSSR.

8. Important information

- 1) The copyright of the granted dissertation belongs to the original author. The

recipient must follow ethical and academic rules of conduct vis-à-vis the research and the writing of his/she dissertation/thesis, ensuring that it is free from plagiarism, falsification, infringement, or any other violations of academic ethics or copyright laws. If the foregoing provisions are violated, the Cultural Affairs Bureau of Tainan City Government, reserves the right to revoke the grant and recover any funds already disbursed.

- 2) The recipients are required to acknowledge the support of the “The Tainan Research Postgraduate Grant” in their dissertations/theses.
- 3) Three months after the completion and defense of their dissertations/theses, grant recipients are required to give three copies of their dissertations/theses plus one electronic version to ICTAHSSR. If grant recipients are unable to complete their dissertations/theses, they must inform the Cultural Affairs Bureau, Tainan City Government, which reserves the right to revoke the grant and reclaim any funds already disbursed.
- 4) The announcement of the Tainan research Postgraduate Grant will be found on the following websites:

Cultural Affairs Bureau, 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>

The Tainan Research Postgraduate Grant, 2026
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	