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**Summer Program in Taiwan 2010
for Italian Graduate Students**

Introduction

In order to promote a further collaboration with Italian Education and Research authorities, the National Science Council of Taiwan (NSC) intends to provide 5 Italian graduate students - PhD or Master degree students in science and social sciences and humanities - of first-hand research experience in Taiwan, an introduction to its science and technology policy infrastructure, and orientation to the culture and language.

The goals of the program are to introduce students to Taiwanese scientific and technological development in the context of a research laboratory, and to initiate personal relationships that will better enable them to collaborate with foreign counterparts in the future.

Program history

The Summer Program in Taiwan for Italian Graduate Students would be based on the East Asia Summer Institutes (EASI) model, which is administered in the United States by the National Science Foundation (NSF) with co-sponsorship by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and sponsored in East Asia by Science Ministries in Japan, Korea, China, and Taiwan. The first summer institute began in Japan in 1990, followed by Korea in 1995, Taiwan in 2000, China in 2003. Canada has joined this program since 2007.

National Science Council has agreed to offer scholarships for Italian students under this program. 5 Italian students participated in the program in 2008 and 2009.

Content of the Program

National Science Council takes in charge Italian students living allowance. Students will receive a living allowance of 50,000 Taiwanese dollars/2-month, of which 20% of taxes will be deducted (1 euro = NT\$ 47.6 in September 2009).

NSC also contracts an university to implement the program. This university organizes visits as well as Chinese language training during the orientation session.

Italian side will be in charge of the candidate's selection process.

The Italian student:

- Should take in charge the round-trip air ticket between Italy and Taipei, as well as health insurance for the period of his staying in Taiwan.
- Tries to find a research institute or asks assistance to the partnership university to find the research place if not having contacts with Taiwanese institutions.
- Finds housing or asks host institute to arrange housing.
- Gets a visa to Taiwan (from 37€ to 74€ depending on the type of visa).
- Has to attend the Orientation Week from the first day and participates in organized activities.
- Will be required to submit a brief final report (one page) to National Science Council.

Criteria

- This program is only reserved for Italian students.
- The students must be enrolled in a Master degree or Ph.D degree in an Italian university
- Priority will be given to candidates already having contacts with Taiwanese institutions.

Duration

The program lasts eight weeks from June 28 to August 20, 2010.

Orientation and Research

During the first week, between June 28 and July 2, 2010, an orientation session provides the participants an introduction to Chinese language, culture, research policy, and other activities. Seven weeks are then spent on research activities at the host institution.

Application

Application form is available on our website: <http://france.nsc.gov.tw> . The application form will be sent back **imperatively before February 15, 2010 at the following address:**

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Results will be announced by **March 31, 2010.**

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