

Scholarship Regulations

§1 (Purpose)

To encourage university student exchange among UMAP member countries/territories through a UMAP Taiwan Exchange Student Scholarship Program funded by the UMAP Taiwan National Secretariat (NS) and to promote cultural and academic exchange between Taiwan and other countries/territories for mutual understandings.

§2 (Condition)

This scholarship may be granted to applicants who meet the Eligibility Requirements as presented in regulation 5.

§3 (Scholarship & Quota)

- I. This Scholarship is funded by the Ministry of Education (MOE), Taiwan.
- II. Each exchange student receives up to 20,000 New Taiwan Dollars (NTD) per month.
- III. When the exchange program time duration does not exceed a full month, then the award will be based on the remaining monthly stipend.
- IV. The quota will vary from year-to-year based on the annual fiscal budget.

§4 (Timeline)

- I. The duration of the exchange program is for one to two semesters, and Scholarship applications will be accepted twice a year based on the USCO Timeline.
- II. Exchange students may submit applications twice per academic year based on the "UMAP Exchange Program Procedure and Timeline for USCO (UMAP Students Connection Online)."
- III. The exchange student name list will be announced on the UMAP Taiwan website (<http://umap.moe.gov.tw>) the day after the deadline for the UCTS student placement.

§5 (Eligibility Requirements)

To be eligible for this scholarship, all applicants must meet the following requirements:

- a. All applicants must apply successfully through the USCO online exchange student system before they can be considered.
- b. Applicants must be UMAP outbound exchange students in Taiwan or UMAP inbound exchange students from other countries/territories to Taiwan.

§6 (Application)

- I. The following materials should be submitted in order:
 - a. Application form (See Appendix 1)
 - b. Photocopy of the applicant's passport AND home university student ID.
 - c. Autobiography (English) (See Appendix 1)
 - d. Statement of Purpose (English) (See Appendix 1)
 - e. Other outstanding records or certifications (Optional)
 - f. Official Transcript from his/her home university
- II. All applicants should submit certified copies of all required documents by

registered mail to UMAP Taiwan NS.

§7 (Procedures)

- I. Applications will be reviewed by UMAP Taiwan NS for the preliminary review and all qualified applications will be submitted to the Bureau of International Cultural and Educational Relations R.O.C. for final review.
- II. After the list of exchange students via USCO has been posted on the UMAP Taiwan NS website (<http://umap.moe.gov.tw>), UMAP Taiwan NS and the MOE will complete the review process and announce the Award results within two months.
- III. The list of awarded students will be announced on the UMAP Taiwan NS website: <http://umap.moe.gov.tw>
- IV. Successful Award Recipients will be notified of the results of their application via E-mail (umaptaiwan@gmail.com).

§8 (Responsibilities of Exchange Students)

- I. UMAP Taiwan NS will distribute the scholarship to all applicants. Each Award Recipient's Scholarship will be divided into two payment proportions: 70% and 30%. The distribution will be made through wire transfer at the beginning and ending of the semester, and the applicants will be responsible for each payment fee.
- II. UMAP exchange students must submit the certified copies of following documents by registered mail to UMAP Taiwan NS at the beginning of the semester as proof that they received their first payment (70%) of the scholarship:
 - a. Registration certification from the Host University.
 - b. Personal bank account information (name, bank account number and swift code, and other required remittance data)
 - c. A photocopy of the Receipt with signature to UMAP Taiwan NS.
- III. UMAP Exchange students must submit the certified copies of following materials to UMAP Taiwan NS by registered mail at the end of the previous semester before claiming the remaining payment (30%) of the scholarship:
 - a. A completed UMAP Credit Transfer Scheme (UCTS)
 - b. Official Transcript from his/her host university with required scores
 - c. Photocopies of the Receipt with signature (Appendix 3)
 - d. A Study Report on the Exchange Student Program from previous semester (Appendix 4)

§9 (Additional Requirements for Applicants)

- I. All exchange students must return to their home country after they finish their studies in Taiwan. Exchange Students are required to continue studying at their home universities for the following semester.
- II. Selected Awarded UMAP students who give up the opportunity to study abroad will lose their right to receive a scholarship.
- III. When Selected Awarded UMAP students fail to complete their exchange program, with the exception of uncontrollable documented situations, the uncompleted

scholarship should be returned to UMAP Taiwan NS.

- IV. If there are any violations, students will be legally responsible for all resulting consequences.
- V. In the case of UMAP inbound exchange students, Award recipients of more than six months are obligated to join Taiwan's National Health Insurance Program. However, before arriving in Taiwan, they need to purchase their own student health and accident insurance and other relevant insurance to ensure their coverage before Taiwan National Health Insurance Program is activated.
- VI. The UMAP participating university should assist UMAP Taiwan NS to acquire the exchange student's personal record or other necessary information if the UMAP Board Meeting requests UMAP Taiwan NS to make a report on the outcomes of this scholarship or for other purposes. The UMAP exchange students will automatically become UMAP alumni after completing their scholarship programs.