

Studying in Taiwan

A guide for international students & families — how Taiwanese higher education works, the Resident Visa and ARC, affordable tuition, Mandarin and English programs, scholarships, and work.

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AFFORDABLE, HIGH-QUALITY, AND A TOP PLACE TO LEARN MANDARIN

Taiwan offers **high-quality, affordable universities; a fast-growing set of English-taught programs (under its Bilingual 2030 policy); and one of the best environments in the world to learn Mandarin** — in a safe, friendly society. Students get a **Resident Visa (via a Taiwan representative office) and an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC)**. Generous government scholarships help. This guide walks it in **ten steps**.

General guidance, not legal or immigration advice. Taiwan's (Republic of China) rules, tuition, and funds change. Visas are handled by Taiwan's overseas representative offices (TECO/TECRO). The details here are recent examples and **must be confirmed with Study in Taiwan, your nearest Taiwan representative office, and your university.**

Understand Why Students Choose Taiwan

WHAT TO KNOW

Taiwan offers **strong, affordable universities; growing English-taught programs; an excellent (and often funded) environment to learn Mandarin; and a safe, convenient, welcoming society** — with generous government scholarships.

BY THE NUMBERS

Affordable

+ high quality

Mandarin

top place to learn

English programs

growing (Bilingual 2030)

HOW TO HELP

Weigh Taiwan's **affordability, quality, and Mandarin environment** against the value of learning some Chinese — for STEM and for Mandarin especially, it's an excellent, well-funded choice.

GOOD TO KNOW

Taiwan is one of the **best (and most affordable) places to learn Mandarin** — with a dedicated scholarship (Huayu) for language study.

Understand the System

WHAT TO KNOW

Taiwan's leading universities include **National Taiwan University (NTU)**, **National Tsing Hua**, **National Cheng Kung**, **National Yang Ming Chiao Tung**, and **Taipei Tech**, plus many others and university-affiliated **Mandarin language centers**. English-taught programs are expanding under Bilingual 2030.

BY THE NUMBERS

NTU

Taiwan's top university

Tsing Hua / Cheng Kung

+ others

Language centers

for Mandarin

HOW TO HELP

Choose among Taiwan's **universities (NTU and others)** or a **Mandarin language center**, and check whether your program is in Chinese or English — EMI is growing.

GOOD TO KNOW

University-affiliated **Mandarin centers** are a popular route (and the Huayu scholarship supports them) — a great way to build Chinese.

Get the Resident Visa (via TECO) & ARC

WHAT TO KNOW

For study over 6 months you need a **Resident Visa**, applied for at your nearest **Taiwan representative office (TECO/TECRO)** with your **admission letter, funds proof, and a health certificate**. After arriving, apply for an **Alien Resident Certificate (ARC)** within 30 days (via the National Immigration Agency).

BY THE NUMBERS

Resident Visa

via TECO/TECRO

Health certificate

required (TB test)

ARC

within 30 days

HOW TO HELP

Apply for the **Resident Visa at a Taiwan representative office** with your admission letter, funds proof, and health certificate, then apply for your **ARC within 30 days** of arrival.

WATCH OUT

A **school admission permit doesn't guarantee a Resident Visa**, and the visa alone doesn't entitle entry — follow each step, and apply for the ARC promptly.

Apply to Universities

WHAT TO KNOW

Apply **directly to universities** during their designated application periods, with an **official admission letter (入學許可書)** as the key document. You'll need authenticated diplomas/transcripts, a recent **health examination**, and a **police clearance certificate**; documents not in Chinese or English need certified translation.

BY THE NUMBERS

Apply directly

to universities

Admission letter

the key document

Health exam + police

required

HOW TO HELP

Apply **directly to your chosen universities**, and prepare authenticated documents, a health examination, and a police clearance — check your program's exact requirements and deadlines.

GOOD TO KNOW

The **health examination** (general check, TB chest X-ray, syphilis test) follows a Taiwan-specified format — get the current template from your representative office.

Plan for Tuition & Scholarships

WHAT TO KNOW

Tuition is **affordable** by international standards. Two flagship scholarships: the **Taiwan Scholarship** (degree students — covers tuition up to ~NT\$40,000/semester plus a monthly stipend of NT\$15,000–20,000) and the **Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES)** (NT\$25,000/month for Mandarin learners). University scholarships also exist.

BY THE NUMBERS

Taiwan Scholarship

tuition + stipend

Huayu (HES)

for Mandarin study

Affordable

tuition overall

HOW TO HELP

Budget the **affordable tuition**, and pursue the **Taiwan Scholarship** (degrees) or **Huayu Enrichment Scholarship** (Mandarin) — applications usually open through representative offices in early spring.

GOOD TO KNOW

A **scholarship award letter** can replace the **bank deposit certificate** as your financial proof for the visa — a real convenience.

Meet the Financial Requirement

WHAT TO KNOW

For the Resident Visa you must prove funds — typically a **bank statement (with ~6 months of records) showing around US\$8,000–10,000**, or a **scholarship award letter**, or a sponsor's guarantee. You'll also need a health certificate and, later, health insurance.

BY THE NUMBERS

Funds

~US\$8,000–10,000

6-month records

or scholarship letter

+ health certificate

required

HOW TO HELP

Prepare **proof of funds** (a seasoned bank statement or a scholarship award letter) plus your **health certificate** — the scholarship letter can stand in for the bank certificate.

GOOD TO KNOW

Bank records generally must show **~6 months of history** — a last-minute deposit may not satisfy the requirement.



Meet Language Requirements

WHAT TO KNOW

Programs are taught in **Mandarin Chinese** (proof via **TOCFL**) or, increasingly, in **English** (under Bilingual 2030). Many students combine a **Mandarin language year** (Huayu-funded) with later degree study. Some Chinese greatly helps daily life.

BY THE NUMBERS

Mandarin

TOCFL

English

growing (Bilingual 2030)

Language year

Huayu-funded option

HOW TO HELP

Meet your program's language requirement (TOCFL for Chinese-taught, English proof for EMI), and consider a **Mandarin year** first — Taiwan is an ideal place to learn Chinese.

GOOD TO KNOW

You can study in English (growing under Bilingual 2030), but **some Mandarin markedly helps** daily life and work.

Prepare for the Move

WHAT TO KNOW

After arriving, apply for your **ARC within 30 days** (your key resident ID — needed for banking, phone, health insurance, and work permits). Enrol in **National Health Insurance (NHI)** after 6 months of residence. Most universities offer **affordable on-campus dormitories**.

BY THE NUMBERS

ARC

within 30 days (your ID)

NHI

after 6 months

Dorms

affordable on-campus

HOW TO HELP

Complete your **ARC within 30 days** (it's your essential resident ID), enrol in NHI after 6 months, and take advantage of affordable university dormitories.

WATCH OUT

The **ARC is your gateway to everything** — banking, phone, NHI, work permits — so apply for it promptly on arrival.

Understand Work Rules

WHAT TO KNOW

After **6 months** of study, students may work part-time **up to 20 hours per week during semesters (full-time during breaks) with a work permit**. The permit is applied for with your ARC and enrollment certificate.

BY THE NUMBERS

After 6 months

work permit needed

20 hrs/week

in term

Full-time

in breaks

HOW TO HELP

Apply for a **work permit** after 6 months to work up to 20 hours/week in term (full-time in breaks) — useful for experience, with studies as the priority.

GOOD TO KNOW

You need a **work permit (and 6 months of study)** before working — apply with your ARC and enrollment certificate.

Thrive & Work After Study

WHAT TO KNOW

Taiwan actively wants to keep international graduates, especially in its world-leading **semiconductor and tech sectors**. After graduating, work-permit routes (via a points-based evaluation) let you stay and work — and your **Mandarin skills** add real value across the region.

BY THE NUMBERS

Tech & semiconductors

world-leading

Work routes

points-based

Mandarin

valuable regionally

HOW TO HELP

Plan for the **post-study work route** (a points-based system helps fresh graduates qualify), target Taiwan's tech/semiconductor sectors, and use your Mandarin across the region.

GOOD TO KNOW

Taiwan's **semiconductor and tech strength plus graduate-friendly work routes** make staying on realistic — confirm current conditions.

Studying in Taiwan: The Essentials

A snapshot — figures change, so confirm everything with Study in Taiwan, your nearest Taiwan representative office, and your university.

The system

NTU, National Tsing Hua, National Cheng Kung, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung, Taipei Tech and others, plus Mandarin language centers; English-taught programs growing under Bilingual 2030.

Visa & ARC

Study over 6 months needs a Resident Visa (applied for at a Taiwan representative office/TECO, with admission letter, funds, and a health certificate), then an ARC within 30 days of arrival.

Tuition & scholarships

Affordable; the Taiwan Scholarship (degrees: tuition + NT\$15k–20k/month stipend) and the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (NT\$25k/month for Mandarin) are flagship awards; a scholarship letter can serve as financial proof.

Money & language

Prove ~US\$8,000–10,000 (6-month bank records) or a scholarship; Mandarin (TOCFL) or English (growing); a Mandarin year is a popular first step.

Work & after

After 6 months, work up to 20 hrs/week with a permit (full-time in breaks); post-study work routes (points-based) plus strong tech/semiconductor demand support staying on.

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