Citizens of FORUM ISLAND COUNTRIES (FICs) are invited to apply for scholarships under the Taiwan/ROC-Pacific Islands Forum Scholarship Scheme. Scholarships will be awarded for FULL TIME studies at certificate, diploma undergraduate or postgraduate levels within the specified priority fields. Awards are tenable at accredited tertiary institutions in FICs. Awards will be made for Mandarin language training in Taiwan/Republic of China (Taiwan/ROC) to prepare for a programme of study undergraduate or postgraduate level. The list of eligible institutions is available on the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat website: https://www.forumsec.org/taiwan-roc-pif-scholarship-scheme/.

THE SCHOLARSHIP

Covers tuition fees, text book, living and accommodation allowances (*special conditions apply for the accommodation allowance), medical allowance (in the case of Taiwan/ROC, medical insurance one year of Mandarin language training), and one return economy airfare to the country of study. Note: There are no allowances for dependents.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS – Applicants must:

• be a citizen of a Forum Island Country and a resident in a Forum Island Country for five years prior to application, excluding years of study overseas
• be applying to commence a new programme of study and not be seeking support for study already commenced
• For tertiary institutions in FICs, must have been accepted into a programme of study and institution, or should show proof of application when requested. If you receive a conditional scholarship offer, you MUST confirm an offer of placement no later than January 2020. Your offer will be suspended if you do not have a confirmed placement by this time;
• For tertiary institutions in Taiwan/ROC, must provide academic record of highest qualification held, and indicate preferred field of study (NB: academic year begins in September, and continuation of study following Mandarin training is conditional on acceptance into a programme);
• be under 35 years old for undergraduate courses or under 40 years old for postgraduate courses
• be in good health, and not hold a criminal record
• be able to take up the award within the scholarship year
• not be under any bonding requirements at the commencement of this award

PRIORITY FIELDS – Please refer to the attached Country Priority Fields for your country for 2020. In addition to the Country Priority Fields, the Scholarship Scheme will also consider applications for study in the fields of agriculture, aquaculture, and vocational training.

SELECTION CRITERIA – Based on fulfillment of the eligibility requirements and merit within the priority fields of each country. Gender equity will also be considered.

PROCEDURE - Applicants should:
• obtain forms from your National Scholarship Office; download forms off the Secretariat’s website https://www.forumsec.org/taiwan-roec-pif-scholarship-scheme/, or collect forms from the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji
• ensure that all sections of the application form is completed with certified supporting documents attached
• ensure that the completed application is endorsed by the National Scholarship Authority and/or Ministry of Foreign Affairs (or External Affairs) prior to submission to the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

CLOSING DATE: Applications must reach the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Private Mail Bag, Suva, FIJI; or email to info@forumsec.org by 4pm, Friday 13th December 2019. Please clearly mark submission as ‘SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION’. Late applications will not be accepted.

Please note:
• The Secretariat will ONLY contact successful applicants. Please provide contact details where you can be reached.
• Applicants are encouraged to select their preferred institution of study. However, the scheme makes the final decision on the selected institution of study for successful applicants.

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