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## **Scholarship Guidelines for Academic Year 2025 to Support Universities Recruiting Lecturers and Researchers from African Countries**

### **Article 1. Introduction**

Africa is the second-largest continent in the world, with a population exceeding 1.33 billion, accounting for approximately 17.2% of the global population. The African Union (AU) currently comprises 55 countries, making it the continent with the highest number of countries globally.

Higher education in Africa faces challenges such as a lack of resources for postgraduate training and low research output. To assist African nations in cultivating top-tier talent, expand Taiwan's educational exchanges with significant academic and research institutions in Africa, and enhance Taiwan's international visibility and influence, the Ministry of Education (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") has implemented a program to incentivize universities to admit African university lecturers or researchers to pursue master's or doctoral degrees (with priority given to doctoral programs) in Taiwan.

This program began in the 2021 academic year and was initially set for three years (from the 2021 to the 2023 academic year). From the 2024 academic year, the program has been extended for another three academic years, supporting 20 recipients per year, with a total of 60 recipients. The funding spans six fiscal years (from 2024 to 2030).

### **Article 2. Subsidy Basis and Criteria**

1. The program is implemented in accordance with the "MOE Elite Talent Program for Africa."
2. The Ministry provides each scholarship recipient with a monthly stipend of NT\$ 25,000, with the shortfall to be covered by the recipient's university. The maximum funding period is two years for master's students and three years for doctoral students. The total scholarship period per recipient cannot exceed three years, with any excess to be covered by the university's own funds.
3. The stipend covers tuition and miscellaneous fees (including credit fees and base tuition), thesis supervision fees, insurance, accommodation, internet fees, and living allowances. However, it cannot be used for capital expenditures.

4. The scholarship is granted from the month the recipient begins their studies until they graduate, their scholarship period ends, or if they drop out, withdraw, or the scholarship is terminated or suspended.
5. If, during their studies, the scholarship recipient fails to meet the academic standards of their university, violates Taiwan's laws, is given a major demerit by their university, or takes leave of absence or is expelled, their scholarship will be terminated.
6. Scholarship recipients who go abroad as exchange students or dual-degree students without Ministry approval or leave Taiwan without consent will have their scholarships revoked, and any remaining scholarship period will not be retained or extended. However, recipients who take leave to go abroad with approval from both their university and the Ministry will not have their scholarship revoked but will have it suspended during their time abroad. Scholarships will not be reclaimed if the recipient has spent more than 15 days of the current month in Taiwan.