

to collaborate with universities in Europe, North America, New Zealand and Australia to implement the “Taiwan Huayu BEST Program”. The MOE also established the MOE Huayu Enrichment Scholarships (HES) to encourage overseas students to study Mandarin in Taiwan. HES scholarship winners can study at a Mandarin language center in Taiwan for a period from as short as two months, up to a maximum period for one year. They receive a monthly stipend of NT\$25,000.

There are sixty-five Mandarin language centers located all around Taiwan, each affiliated with a university. They offer a wide range of courses year-round at Mandarin language centers to suit people of all ages and all levels of proficiency, with excellent teaching and materials designed to support students achieving a wide range of learning goals. Overseas students can choose one in an area they would like to explore as they study through the website of Taiwan Mandarin Educational Resources Center <https://lmr.tci.edu.tw/>.



## C Inquiry Service for Overseas Students

Providing high quality services is critically important to ensuring that overseas students can focus fully on their studies and research as well as enjoy their time in Taiwan. For this reason the MOE set up NISA, the Network for International Student Advisors in 2011, with the purpose of assisting the professional personnel on campuses continually improve the ways they meet the needs of overseas students. NISA now has mechanisms for students who have something on their mind to contact someone and receive rapid and effective handling of the matter.

NISA's Inquiry Service for Overseas Students at Tertiary Colleges and Universities now has a dedicated webpage, an online mailbox, and a hotline for overseas students: 0800-789-007. It also has a network of personnel in a range



of agencies who can immediately be called on for assistance, and it also conducts a number of meetings with overseas students each year in conjunction with several other agencies. The service is available in several languages: English, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Indonesian. For more information, please visit <https://www.nisa.moe.gov.tw/moecare/index/lang/en>.

## D Internships for International Students

### Taiwan Experience Education Programs (TEEP)

In 2015, the MOE launched the Taiwan Experience Education Programs (TEEP) in conjunction with a number of universities and colleges in Taiwan. Each offers a distinctive short-term program with a practical focus in a particular field – for example, International Consulting, Electrical Engineering, Computer Science, Culture Studies, English Language Teaching, and Taiwan’s Natural Environment. Some target undergraduates, others are more suitable for graduate students.

All the programs include a combination of a short Chinese language-learning program, a cultural immersion program, and a short-term professional internship or research internship. The language-learning and cultural immersion components are designed to help participating international students learn some Chinese and understand Taiwanese culture. The TEEP internships give students opportunities to participate in a range of activities with their placement company or organization to prepare themselves for future work in the business or research world.

The TEEP gateway is an exciting chance to experience Taiwan’s quality higher education and connect with the Asian job market. For more details about the various programs available, visit <http://www.studyintaiwan.org/teep>.

## E The U.S.-Taiwan Education Initiative

In December 2020, Taiwan and the United States jointly launched the U.S.-Taiwan Education Initiative, which aims to strengthen