Translated from Chinese to English by Yuan Ze University In the event of discrepancies in interpreting the two texts, the Chinese version shall prevail.

2027 Academic Year (AY 116) MOE Elite Scholarship Program for Africa
Eligibility and Faculty Recommendation Guidelines

1. Purpose and Program Period

The Ministry of Education (MOE) supports African university lecturers and researchers who pursue master's or doctoral degrees in Taiwan, with priority given to doctoral programs. The program continues for three academic years beginning in 2027 (AY 116), with 20 recipients supported each academic year and 60 recipients in total. Funding is implemented across fiscal years 2027–2032.

2. Scholarship Coverage and Duration

1. The MOE provides the admitting university with NT$25,000 per recipient per month. Any shortfall must be covered by the university.
2. The maximum subsidy period is two years for a master's program and three years for a doctoral program. A recipient's total subsidy period may not exceed three years.
3. The subsidy may be used for tuition and miscellaneous fees, credit fees, thesis supervision fees, insurance, accommodation, internet access, and living expenses related to study in Taiwan. It may not be used for capital expenditures.
4. Funding begins in the month of actual enrollment and ends when the award period expires, or when the recipient graduates, takes a leave of absence, withdraws, is expelled, or has the scholarship suspended or revoked.
5. The scholarship must be revoked if the recipient fails to meet the university's academic standards, violates Taiwan law, receives a major demerit, takes a leave of absence, or is expelled.
6. The scholarship must be revoked if the recipient studies abroad as an exchange or dual/joint-degree student, or leaves Taiwan without prior

MOE approval. An approved temporary absence may result in suspension of the scholarship during the period abroad.

3. Eligible Applicants

- The applicant must be a current lecturer at a public or private university in an African country; or
- The applicant must be a current researcher at a public or private university in an African country, with at least three years of university-based research experience and documented research achievements or specialized publications.
- The applicant must apply for admission to an English-taught master's or doctoral program at Yuan Ze University that provides sufficient English-taught courses to satisfy graduation requirements.
- Priority is given to doctoral applicants and to lecturers or researchers employed by institutions included in the MOE list of African quality universities and priority-allocation institutions.

4. Applicants Who Must Not Be Recommended

1. Anyone holding Overseas Chinese student status or Republic of China nationality.
2. Anyone who has retained enrollment status at, or is already registered and studying at, a university in Taiwan. A graduating student applying for the next degree level may be exempt, but must still meet the lecturer or qualified researcher requirement above.
3. Anyone who has previously studied in Taiwan at the same degree level for which they are applying.
4. Anyone who will study in Taiwan as an exchange student or dual/joint-degree student under an institutional cooperation agreement.
5. Anyone whose cumulative scholarship period under this program would exceed three years.
6. Anyone who will concurrently receive another scholarship or subsidy from a Taiwan government agency while studying in Taiwan.

5. Faculty Recommendation Checklist

- Confirm the applicant’s current employment as a lecturer or researcher at an African public or private university.
- For a researcher, verify at least three years of university research experience and evidence of research achievements or specialized publications.
- Confirm the intended YZU program is fully English-taught and can meet graduation requirements through English-taught coursework.
- Check that none of the six exclusion conditions applies.
- When candidates are otherwise comparable, prioritize doctoral applicants and applicants from institutions on the MOE priority list.
- Do not promise an award to the student. Faculty recommendations support the university’s nomination process; final scholarship allocation is determined by the MOE.