

# National Science and Technology Council

## Stanford-Taiwan Social Science Fellowship Program

### 2025-26

#### I. Program Overview

The National Science and Technology Council's "Stanford-Taiwan Social Science Fellowship Program" (STSS) aims to enhance research excellence in the humanities and social sciences within Taiwan. This initiative collaborates with the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS) at Stanford University to select distinguished talents in the social sciences for research exchanges. The program seeks to elevate the academic research capabilities of high-level scholars in Taiwan's humanities and social sciences, fostering interdisciplinary exchanges and cooperation with the CASBS research community.

#### II. Fellow Selection

The STSS program conducts an annual selection process, choosing one researcher with a background in the humanities and social sciences for a nine-month academic exchange at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS) at Stanford University. CASBS offers a premier environment and opportunities for interdisciplinary dialogue with internationally renowned scholars, fostering a stimulating community for scholarly breakthroughs and innovation. This initiative aims to nurture high-level talents enriched with the essence of humanities and social sciences.

#### III. Implementing Agency

1. This academic research exchange program is implemented by the Science & Technology Policy Research and Information Center (STPI) STSS Program Office of the National Applied Research Laboratories.
2. To ensure the selection process is transparent and open, the program invites esteemed academics from the humanities and social sciences, known for their scholarly achievements, fairness, and judgment, to form a "Selection Committee" for the evaluation process.

#### IV. Application Eligibility

1. Applicants must be nationals who have obtained a Ph.D. from either a public or registered private university, independent college, or a foreign university or independent college recognized by the Ministry of Education, with 3-4 years of post-Ph.D. experience, excluding postdoctoral research positions, according to CASBS guidelines (<https://casbs.stanford.edu/apply-casbs-fellowship/fellowship-application-guidelines-and-selection-process>) .
2. Must have demonstrated outstanding academic performance in humanities or social sciences research.
3. Possess excellent English language skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing.
4. Have a strong interest in participating in regular interdisciplinary exchanges.
5. Be willing to commit to residing locally during the fellowship program.

#### V. Application Method

Applicants must visit the STSS Program website hosted by the Science & Technology Policy Research and Information Center (STPI) to download the guidelines and fill out the application form online. The deadline for submission is October 2, 2024 at 12:00 PM. Late submissions or documents not meeting the program requirements will not be considered. STSS official website: <https://exp.stpi.narl.org.tw/project/STSS/index>.

#### VI. Selection Process

1. First Stage - Document Review: Applications are initially reviewed by the program's selection committee to identify candidates meeting the eligibility criteria for the next stage.
2. Second Stage - Interview: Candidates passing the document review are interviewed, leading to recommendations for academic exchange at CASBS.
3. Third Stage - Confirmation: The recommended list is reviewed by CASBS for final selection.
4. Exit Mechanism During Exchange: If participants are found unsuitable or violate regulations, a committee at Stanford may terminate the exchange early.

#### VII. Announcement of Results

1. Preliminary results will be announced on the official website in November 2024, with details on interviews for selected candidates.
2. Final selections will be announced in 2025 Spring. Selected participants will sign a contract with STPI, and Stanford CASBS will assist with registration and visa procedures.

#### VIII. Funding Method

1. Program Costs: The program covers all academic year fees as planned by CASBS at Stanford.
2. Living Expenses in the US: The program provides an estimated total of \$70,000 (~NT\$2.17 million) for necessary expenses, living allowance, medical insurance, round-trip airfare, etc. Payments are made according to the contract signed with STPI.
3. Adaptations for Emergencies: In case of events like natural disasters or pandemics affecting the program, and adherence to CASBS policies might necessitate online participation, adjustments to living expense support or alternative compensations will be specified in the actual contract.

#### IX. Rights and Obligations

1. Applicants who pass the initial review and interview stage but cannot participate or voluntarily give up will be deemed to have waived their right to partake in this academic research exchange program.
2. Selected participants must sign a contract with the Science and Technology Policy Research and Information Center (STPI) before going to the US. The rights and obligations of both the participants and the program office will be based on the terms stipulated in the contract.
3. During the program, selected participants are not allowed to receive any other overseas subsidies funded by our government simultaneously. This includes, but is not limited to, study grants, scholarships, or the Recruitment of Visiting Science and Technology Personnel with Subsidies from the National Science and Technology Council for Teaching & Research Payments.
4. Participants must follow the regulations of STPI and Stanford University's CASBS, participating in weekly seminars, lunch gatherings, and interactions with CASBS researchers. Participants must be present on campus from September 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026, staying on campus three to four days a week without being absent for

long periods or frequently due to teaching or other activities. Online participation must comply with the regulations issued by Stanford University CASBS for that year.

5. Within two months after the end of the program, participants are required to submit a final research report, ensuring the content has not been submitted to any other institution.
6. Participants are obligated to assist with two public lectures or sharing sessions after the program to disseminate new knowledge and exchange experiences, thus generating knowledge diffusion benefits.
7. While in the US, participants should cooperate with the program office's requests to keep track of and understand the progress of their academic research exchange activities, including planning, itinerary arrangements, and research progress.
8. If the research outputs funded by the program are presented at international conferences or published in academic journals, the acknowledgment section of these outputs should mention the support received from the program, in either Chinese or English.
9. Participants will lose their subsidy eligibility and must return any received living expenses if they:
  - Submit fraudulent or non-compliant documents.
  - Fail to provide original documents for verification upon request by the program office.
  - Are investigated or prosecuted by judicial authorities in our country or abroad from the application to the end of the program.
  - Do not cooperate with the program office's requests to monitor their status during the program, including academic exchange activities, itinerary arrangements, and research progress.
  - Engage in activities unrelated to the program's objectives without prior written consent.
  - Terminate or withdraw from the program without written consent from the program office and Stanford University CASBS.
  - Are deemed unsuitable to continue in the program due to serious non-compliance with Stanford's regulations or local laws, as verified by the program office.
  - Violate national laws or severely damage the national reputation or interests, or are sentenced to prison and deported by judicial authorities in our country or abroad.

## X. Other Considerations

1. Intellectual property rights generated under Stanford University's guidance or using its facilities belong to Stanford. Rights for independent developments not utilizing Stanford's facilities do not belong to Stanford. Ownership of intellectual property developed through original innovation during this exchange will be determined based on contributions and agreements made with Stanford.
2. For detailed information and announcements regarding the program, please closely follow the STPI STSS program website (<https://exp.stpi.narl.org.tw/project/STSS/index>) and contact details provided.
3. The program office reserves the right to amend this prospectus at any time.