

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### *Program for Learning Chinese and Teaching English*

International and Continuing Education Division

Office of Academic Affairs

National Tsing Hua University

Hsinchu, Taiwan

The *Program for Learning Chinese and Teaching English* is intended to provide highly motivated English-speaking international graduate and undergraduate students with the opportunity to learn Chinese and teach English at the National Tsing Hua University (NTHU). Applicants preferably have fundamental Chinese language background (e.g. having taken some Chinese language courses). Qualified graduate students will be offered a stipend of NT\$10,000 or NT\$20,000 per month for quarter or half time assistantship. Qualified undergraduate students will be supported by a work-study program with a stipend from NT\$4000 to NT\$8000 depending on working hours. The program also pays for tuition and housing at the NTHU student dormitory. At least ten and possibly more positions are available for each fall and spring semester. A few part-time English lecturer positions in Foreign Languages and Literature Department are also available for applicants with master degrees in liberal arts areas; the stipend will depend on ranks. Each visiting student will be assigned an academic advisor in his academic field and also be supported by English-speaking assistants to facilitate his learning and daily work.

Visiting students will devote their time to their own learning and eight or sixteen hours per week at the NTHU writing center for counseling students on English writing. The university offers basic and advanced Chinese language courses specially designed for visiting students. There are also various selective courses in the area of Chinese conversation, Chinese history, literature, linguistics, philosophy, etc. Applicants may also take courses in their field of study. Finally, visiting students will be invited for activities sponsored by the NTHU English club to meet with NTHU faculties and students.

National Tsing Hua University is one of the best institutes for higher education in Taiwan. It has 500 faculty members and 9,000 students in seven colleges: Science, Engineering, Nuclear Science, Humanities & Social Sciences, Life Science, Electrical Engineering & Computer Science, Technology Management. The university is located in Hsinchu, about an hour's commute from Taipei and the CKS International Airport. The campus is one of the most beautiful in East Asia and provides a modern teaching and research environment. Hsinchu is also home to the Science-Based Industrial Park, other universities, and many nearby scenic and historical sites.

Interested and qualified students are invited to apply for either the fall or spring term. Although preference will be given to applications for visits of at least two semesters, applications will be considered for visits as short as one semester. The application deadline for the fall semester is May 31, and the application deadline for the spring semester is October 31.

There are two avenues for application. Applicants may either apply directly on their own initiative, or they may apply after being nominated by a university department, graduate institute, or center. Direct applications should simply follow the directions below. Departments, institutes, or centers that wish to nominate applicants should write a letter of nomination forward relevant information of the applicants to the Dean of Academic Affairs, National Tsing Hua University.

Whether nominated or submitting an application on their own initiative, all applicants must provide the following materials directly to the International and Continuing Education Division, *Program for Learning Chinese and Teaching English* (see below for full address):

- (1) A signed letter of application stating the plan of study, interested teaching responsibility, and proposed length of stay;
- (2) A curriculum vita that lists educational background and teaching experiences;
- (3) One copy of official academic transcripts;
- (4) Two recommendation letters (one for nominated applicants); and
- (5) Contact information (preferably including phone and fax numbers, and mail and email addresses).

Applications are competitive, decided by a review committee appointed by the Dean of Academic Affairs, which includes professors from Departments of Chinese Literature, Foreign Language, and related academic majors of the applicants. Applications sent by email will be accepted, though a signed letter of application must be sent separately.

Applicants and any nominating departments, institutes, and centers will be promptly advised of the review committee's decisions. The review committee will also decide, in close collaboration with interested departments and graduate institutes, about details of the arrangements for visa, dormitory and other needs for individual visiting students.

Address all applications to:

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