



Republic of the Philippines

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



MEMORANDUM

FOR: STATE UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES, AND PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

FROM: LEAH J. BUENDIA, Ph.D.
Undersecretary for R&D

SUBJECT: Call for Applications: 2024 MECO-TECO SSP

DATE: 16 January 2024

We are pleased to announce that the call for applications for the Manila Economic and Cultural Office – Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (MECO-TECO) Sandwich Scholarship Program (SSP) for the year 2024 is now open and is accepting applications until **15 March 2024**.

The SSP aims to provide opportunity to Filipino MS and PhD students to conduct their research in a reputable university or research institution in Taiwan. The SSP is a MECO-TECO collaborative undertaking being implemented by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) of Taiwan.

The SSP is open to MS and PhD students who wish to perform their thesis/dissertation in Taiwan in the fields of Natural Sciences, Life Sciences, Engineering and Chemistry. For SY 2024, there are **ten (10)** available SSP slots. The start of the Sandwich Program in Taiwan must be in **September 2024**.

For further information, please refer to the attached documents. Interested applicants may communicate directly with the International Technology Cooperation Unit (ITCU) located at 3rd Floor, DOST Main Bldg., DOST Compound, General Santos Avenue, Bicutan, Taguig City or through email at itcu-mail@dost.gov.ph / dostssp.mecoteco@gmail.com. All applications must be submitted to the said office **on or before 15 March 2024**.

For ASTHRDP and ERDT scholars, applications must be duly endorsed by the respective ASTHRDP/ERDT Project Leader.

Thank you.

2024 MECO-TECO SANDWICH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CALL FOR APPLICATION

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) of Taiwan, through a joint cooperation is pleased to announce the Call for Application to the MECO-TECO Sandwich Scholarship Program (SSP) for SY 2024.

The SSP is open to master's and doctoral students who would like to conduct their researches in a university or research institution in Taiwan. The priority research areas include (1) Natural Sciences, (2) Life Sciences, (3) Engineering and (4) Chemistry. An applicant is required to look for a Taiwanese professor who will serve as his/her host/adviser, preferably one with an existing project being funded by the NSTC. This is to facilitate the release of funding and assurance of financial support for the duration of the conduct of the research.

The applicant is required to submit the following documents:

1. Accomplished MECO-TECO SSP Application (form attached);
2. Proposed Host Institution and Adviser (Acceptance Letter);
3. CV of Filipino and Taiwanese Host Professors;
4. Certified Copy of Transcript of Records;
5. Endorsement from two (2) Former Professors;
6. Endorsement from Project Leader (for ASTHRDP/ERDT scholars);
7. If employed, recommendation from President of the Agency; and
8. Two (2) recent 2x2 ID picture.

NSTC will grant a stipend of NT\$20,000 for MS student and NT\$30,000 for PhD student per month while DOST will grant relocation assistance of Php30,000.00, one roundtrip economy airfare, and health and accident insurance.

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For ASTHRDP and ERDT scholars, the period of SSP should be within the approved duration of scholarship. Their applications must be duly endorsed by the respective ASTHRDP/ERDT Project Leader.

**MECO-TECO SANDWICH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
APPLICATION FORM
2024**

I. Personal Information

Name	First		Middle		Last	
Date of Birth	DD	MM	YY		Sex	
					Male	Female
Nationality					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Institutional Address					Civil Status	
Home Address					<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed	
Present Occupation			Home/Work Phone			
E-mail			Mobile phone			
Passport Details	Passport Number	Date of Issue		Place of Issue	Validity Period	
Contact Person In Case of Emergency	Name	Relationship		Address		
	Contact Details			Email Address		
	Landline					
	Mobile No.					

II. List of Universities/Colleges Attended *(Current institution to bachelor's)*

Institution	Actual Name of Degree/Diploma	Major Field of Study	Inclusive Dates	
			From	To

III. Seminars/Trainings Attended

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IV. Publications *(Give title, date and place of publication)*

V. Scholarships

Name of Scholarship	Inclusive Dates (DD/MM/YY)	
	From	To

VI. Honors/Awards Received

VII. Research Interests: Briefly describe what areas you would like to research on.

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VIII. Motivation to Participate in the Program

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IX. Personal Experience: Write an autobiographical essay. Is there anything in your background that you think would be relevant to your application for admission? Describe your life up to now: family, friends, home, school, work, and particularly those experiences most relevant to your interests in your field of study. What is your approach to life?

X. Capsule Research Proposal

1) Research Title									
2) Local Institution					3) Local Adviser Name: E-mail: Phone:				
4) Host Institution					5) Host Adviser Name: E-mail: Phone:				
5) Field of Study <i>(Please check one and indicate specialization in the box below)</i>									
Natural Science			Life Science			Engineering			
<input type="checkbox"/> Atmospheric Science <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry <input type="checkbox"/> Earth Science <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science <input type="checkbox"/> Physics <input type="checkbox"/> Others _____ _____			<input type="checkbox"/> Biology <input type="checkbox"/> Food Science <input type="checkbox"/> Genomics <input type="checkbox"/> Health Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacology <input type="checkbox"/> Others _____ _____			<input type="checkbox"/> Civil <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical <input type="checkbox"/> Computer <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical <input type="checkbox"/> Others _____ _____			
6) Duration of Research									
Start Date:	DD	MM	YY		End Date:	DD	MM	YY	
7) Brief Background of Research									
8) Significance of Research									
9) Objectives of Research									
10) Methodology									
11) Expected Output									
12) Timetable of Activities									
Endorsed by:									
 _____ Printed Name and Signature of Research Adviser					 _____ Printed Name and Signature of Department Chair				

Printed Name and Signature of Applicant_____
Date Accomplished

MECO-TECO Sandwich Scholarship Program (SSP) <i>Checklist of Requirements</i>	
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Course:	
School:	
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