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# Taiwan International Graduate Program

Thank you for considering the **Taiwan International Graduate Program to pursue your Ph.D. degree**. Please mail the completed application and all required materials to the TIGP Admissions Office at:

TIGP Admissions Office  
128 Academia Road, Section 2,  
Nankang District,  
Taipei 11529, Taiwan

**The application deadline for all programs is March 31 (GMT+8) every year.** Please be reminded that some programs have specific admission requirements. Please make sure you have read the [application criteria](#) and [requirements of application](#) before you begin working on your application.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all application materials are received by TIGP on or prior to the application deadline. All documents should bear the applicant's full name. Once submitted, no materials will be returned to the applicant. **If you wish to submit your application online, please proceed to <https://tigp.apps.sinica.edu.tw/index.php>.**

## **About the Taiwan International Graduate Program**

The Taiwan International Graduate Program is a Ph.D. program, started in 2002, established by Academia Sinica, the foremost research institution of Taiwan. In cooperation with top universities in Taiwan, Academia Sinica offers advanced, interdisciplinary Ph.D. Programs in ten fields that span the natural and physical sciences, as well as computational linguistics. TIGP students will learn in all-English teaching and research environments, and enjoy access to world-class faculty and state-of-the-art research facilities at Academia Sinica and partner universities. All applicants who are admitted to TIGP will receive a fellowship from Academia Sinica. Fellowship will be granted for applicants who receive admission. The stipend levels are about US\$ 12,720 per year. Additionally, the support will be extended to two more years for those students who perform well academically.

For more details, please visit the TIGP website at:

<http://tigp.sinica.edu.tw/>

TIGP currently offers 12 Ph.D. programs:

1. Chemical Biology and Molecular Biophysics in Drug Discovery and Biotechnology <http://proj1.sinica.edu.tw/~tigpcbmb/index.htm>
2. Molecular Science and Technology <http://tigp.iams.sinica.edu.tw/>
3. Molecular and Biological Agricultural Sciences <http://abrc.sinica.edu.tw/mbas/>
4. Molecular and Cell Biology <http://www.imb.sinica.edu.tw/mcb/>
5. Bioinformatics <http://tigpbp.iis.sinica.edu.tw/>
6. Nano Science and Technology <http://www.phys.sinica.edu.tw/TIGP-NANO/>
7. Molecular Medicine <http://www.ibms.sinica.edu.tw/mmp/>
8. Earth System Science <http://www.rcec.sinica.edu.tw/tigp-ess/>
9. Biodiversity <http://biodiv.sinica.edu.tw/TIGP-BP>
10. Interdisciplinary Neuroscience <http://npas.programs.sinica.edu.tw/ins/>
11. Social Networks and Human-Centered Computing <http://tigpsnhcc.iis.sinica.edu.tw>
12. Sustainable Chemical Science and Technology <http://tigp-scst.chem.sinica.edu.tw>

***No application fee is required.***

For more information, please contact TIGP Admissions Office:

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Fax: +886-2-2785-8944

E-mail Address: [tigp@gate.sinica.edu.tw](mailto:tigp@gate.sinica.edu.tw)

TIGP website: <http://tigp.sinica.edu.tw/applying.html>

# **Application Instructions**

**Before you start, please read the following statements carefully.**

Transcripts, GRE score, TOEFL, IELTS or Taiwan's GEPT score, letters of recommendation, the applicant's statement of purpose and professional experiences (if any) are carefully weighed during the evaluation process. The Admissions Committee may also evaluate research papers, publications and other original work.

## **A. Application Requirements**

### **1. Bachelor and/or Master degree**

In general, applicants must have earned a Bachelor's degree and/or a Master's degree by the time they apply for admission to the Taiwan International Graduate Program (TIGP). Applicants who have only completed the Bachelor's degree are normally admitted into the Master's Program and then advanced to the Ph.D. program upon completion of Master's courses. Please note that Molecular and Cell Biology only accept students with a master degree.

### **2. Academic transcript and Course content information**

Formal transcripts from all enrolled colleges or universities should be sent to the TIGP Admissions Office. Transcripts may be sent directly by the Registrar of each institution or submitted with the application in sealed envelopes. Please provide an explanation for any non-standard grading system. Transcripts or records of all courses, seminars and examinations, including grades, scores, grading scales, and conferrals of degrees, **must be in English**. All translations must be complete versions of the original records.

In assessing your academic background, the admissions committee will find it useful to have additional information about the content of courses you have taken. On a separate sheet of paper, briefly describe the advanced courses you have taken in science and mathematics that are most relevant to your field of study. List the major topics covered, the names of the professors who taught these courses, and the authors of the textbooks that were used.

### **3. English proficiency**

Students from non-English-speaking countries are expected to read, write, comprehend, and speak English in order to be admitted for graduate study. Applicants whose first or native language is not English are required to take a test of English proficiency as part of the application procedure. One of the following language test scores must be provided for application. **Please note that test scores submitted must be taken within the past two years.** Applicants should ensure that the test score(s) be sent to the TIGP Admissions Office prior to the **university registration day. These documents will not be returned to you.**

Although the English proficiency requirement for admission may vary in respective programs, the recommended requirements are as follows:

(1) **TOEFL**: A total TOEFL score of 79 on internet-based or 550 on paper-based test is strongly recommended as the minimum admission requirement for all programs. Please note that neither institutional TOEFL nor TOEFL-ITP will be accepted; only ETS International TOEFL (iBT or PBT) will be accepted.

(2) **IELTS**: A minimum overall Band Score of 5.5 on the Academic Test of International English Language Testing System (IELTS) taken within the past two years is required.

\*The minimum IELTS requirement for Bioinformatics Program is 6.0.

(3) **GEPT**: In addition to TOEFL and IELTS, applicants in Taiwan may take the General English Proficiency Test (GEPT), administered by the Language Training and Testing Center. Under this option, applicants must submit their high-intermediate level certificate with the application.

The recommended requirements of TOEFL, IELTS and GEPT are summarized as follows:

<b>TOEFL</b>		<b>IELTS</b>	<b>GEPT</b>
Internet-based (iBT)	79	5.5*	<i>high-intermediate level</i>
Paper-based (PBT)	550		

\*The minimum IELTS requirement for Bioinformatics Program is 6.0.

#### **Exemption from the English proficiency requirement**

The test of English proficiency can be exempted for applicants who graduated from universities where English is the primary language of instruction, if the applicant provides an official certification issued by the university's office of registrar. The eligibility of exemption is subject to each program.

#### **4. Graduate Record Examination (GRE)**

An applicant as a graduate-seeking student must normally submit GRE test scores to be evaluated for admission. Alternatively, an applicant who fails to meet this requirement may submit additional academic records for evaluation, which is determined by the Admissions Committee of the applied program. Please refer to individual program brochures for details.

##### **a. GRE General test** (requirements vary with programs)

Please refer to the specific requirements of the program of your choice. A list of possible GRE substitution options, by program, can be found at the individual program site.

##### **b. GRE Subject test** (requirements vary with programs)

Please refer to the specific requirements of the program of your choice, which can be found at the individual program site.

Although Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are optional for application, favorable consideration will be given to applicants with proof of good performance on GRE test.

#### **5. Statement of purpose**

Please provide on a separate A4-sized sheet of paper a brief statement of your scientific and professional interests and objectives, as well as your career goals. Include a description of your past accomplishments that are not evident from other

documents submitted. Report your results on any research in progress, if applicable. List the memberships in scientific, professional, or honorary societies. This statement **must be written in English** by the applicant. It must not be written in other languages and translated by another person.

#### **6. Three (3) letters of recommendation.**

Each set of the assessment forms should be given to all three of your instructors or individuals familiar with your academic or professional work for assessment propose. The forms should be completely filled out, and returned to the TIGP Admissions Office in a sealed envelope with signature signed across the seal prior to the application deadline.

#### **7. Additional Information**

In assessing your academic background, the Admissions Committee will find it useful to have additional information about your professional experience, publications and other original work. On a separate A4-sized sheet of paper, please briefly describe the professional experiences most relevant to your field of study. Also, please submit copies of any paper, publications, or other materials that may serve to support your application. Make sure that your name and the program to which you are applying are listed in any such documents. **As noted previously, we cannot return these documents to you.**

In addition to the general TIGP application requirements outlined above, please be sure to review the **program-specific requirements** described at the corresponding program website.

Important note: Concerning the standardized exams listed above (TOEFL; GRE general, GRE subject), our institution CODE and Name are **7142** and **Academia Sinica**, respectively.

### **B. Conditional Admission**

TIGP office may recommend a student for conditional admission if the prospective students meet all other TIGP requirements except for the minimum English proficiency requirement. Conditions placed on admission may include:

1. Submission of a score report of English Proficiency test which meets the admission standard before the University registration day.
2. Admission admitted upon recommendation of the TIGP admission committee.

### **C. Application Deadline**

1. The deadline for all applications is **March 31 (GMT+8)** every year. Applications received after the deadline will not be processed.
2. TIGP offers admissions for the fall semester only.
3. Applications can be submitted through the **on-line application system (recommended)** <https://tigp.apps.sinica.edu.tw/index.php> or by post to TIGP Admissions Office (No. 128, Sec. 2, Academia Road, Nankang, Taipei 115, Taiwan)

## D. Student Status and Degree Conferral Policy

Based on the Regulations of the Ministry of Education in Taiwan, students will officially register with our partner universities. Upon completion of the program, each student will be conferred a Ph.D. degree by the partner university and a certificate jointly signed by the President of Academia Sinica and the Director of TIGP.

## E. Selecting a Ph.D. Program

TIGP currently offers 12 Ph.D. programs in cooperation with key national research universities. Below is a list of our partner universities and the Academia Sinica institutions with which they are associated:

No	Programs	Quota	Academia Sinica institutions	Partner universities / Associated Institution(s)
<b>One applicant can ONLY apply for one program from the following nine programs.</b>				
1.	Chemical Biology and Molecular Biophysics in Drug Discovery and Biotechnology	25	1. Institute of Biological Chemistry 2. Institute of Chemistry 3. Genomics Research Center 4. Institute of Molecular Biology 5. Institute of Biomedical Sciences 6. Institute of Plant and Microbial Biology 7. Institute of Physics 8. Research Center for Applied Sciences	<i>National Taiwan University</i> <a href="http://www.ntu.edu.tw">http://www.ntu.edu.tw</a> 1. Institute of Biochemical Sciences 2. Department of Chemistry 3. Department and Graduate Institute of Pharmacology  <i>National Tsing Hua University</i> <a href="http://www.nthu.edu.tw">http://www.nthu.edu.tw</a> 1. College of Life Sciences 2. Department of Chemistry <i>Only NTHU Chemistry accepts BS applicants.</i>
2.	Molecular and Biological Agricultural Sciences	16	1. Agricultural Biotechnology Research Center 2. Institute of Plant and Microbial Biology 3. Institute of Molecular Biology 4. Institute of Cellular and Organismic Biology 5. Biodiversity Research Center 6. Genomics Research Center 7. Institute of Biological Chemistry	<i>National Chung Hsing University</i> <a href="http://www.nchu.edu.tw">http://www.nchu.edu.tw</a> 1. Graduate Institute of Biotechnology 2. Biotechnology Center
3.	Molecular and Cell Biology	22	Institute of Molecular Biology	<i>National Defense Medical Center</i> <a href="http://www.ndmctsgh.edu.tw">http://www.ndmctsgh.edu.tw</a> Graduate Institute of Life Sciences
4.	Molecular Medicine	20	Institute of Biomedical Sciences	<i>National Yang-Ming University</i> <a href="http://www.ym.edu.tw">http://www.ym.edu.tw</a> Program in Molecular Medicine

5.	Bioinformatics	10	1. Institute of Information Science	<i>National Yang-Ming University</i> <a href="http://www.ym.edu.tw">http://www.ym.edu.tw</a> Institute of Biomedical Informatics
			2. Institute of Biomedical Sciences	<i>National Tsing Hua University</i> <a href="http://www.nthu.edu.tw">http://www.nthu.edu.tw</a> Institute of <i>Bioinformatics</i> and Structural Biology
			3. Institute of Statistical Science	<i>National Chiao Tung University</i> <a href="http://www.nctu.edu.tw/">http://www.nctu.edu.tw/</a> Institute of Bioinformatics and Systems Biology
			4. Biodiversity Research Center	<i>National Taiwan University</i> <a href="http://www.ntu.edu.tw">http://www.ntu.edu.tw</a> International Ph.D. program of Bioinformatics
			5. Genomics Research Center	
			6. Agricultural Biotechnology Research Center	
			7. Institute of Chemistry	
			8. Research Center for Applied Sciences	
			9. Research Center for Information Technology Innovation	
6.	Earth System Science	13	1. Research Center for Environmental Changes	<i>National Central University</i> <a href="http://www.ncu.edu.tw">http://www.ncu.edu.tw</a> College of Earth Sciences
			2. Institute of Earth Sciences	
7.	Biodiversity	11	Biodiversity Research Center	<i>National Taiwan Normal University</i> <a href="http://www.ntnu.edu.tw/">http://www.ntnu.edu.tw/</a> Department of Life Science
8.	Interdisciplinary Neuroscience	20	Neuroscience Program of Academia Sinica (NPAS)	<i>National Yang-Ming University</i> <a href="http://www.ym.edu.tw">http://www.ym.edu.tw</a> School of Life Science
				<i>National Cheng Kung University</i> <a href="http://www.ncku.edu.tw/">http://www.ncku.edu.tw/</a> Institute of Clinical Medicine
				<i>National Taiwan University</i> <a href="http://www.ntu.edu.tw">http://www.ntu.edu.tw</a> International Ph.D. program of Interdisciplinary Neuroscience
9.	Sustainable Chemical Science and Technology	22	Institute of Chemistry	<i>National Chiao Tung University</i> <a href="http://www.nctu.edu.tw/">http://www.nctu.edu.tw/</a> International Ph.D Program of Sustainable Chemical Science and Technology
10.	Social Networks and Human-Centered Computing	17	Institute of Information Science	<i>National Tsing Hua University</i> <a href="http://www.nthu.edu.tw">http://www.nthu.edu.tw</a> Institute of Information Systems and Applications
				<i>National Cheng Chi University</i> <a href="http://www.nccu.edu.tw/">http://www.nccu.edu.tw/</a> College of Science
<p><b>One applicant may apply either one or both following programs.</b>  If applying to two programs, please send two separate application materials/documents.  (Note: Regardless of whether you are applying for one or two programs, it is only necessary to send three recommendation letters in total.)</p>				



11.	Molecular Science and Technology	20	1. Institute of Atomic and Molecular Sciences 2. Institute of Chemistry	National Tsing Hua University <a href="http://www.nthu.edu.tw">http://www.nthu.edu.tw</a> Department of Chemistry
				National Central University <a href="http://www.ncu.edu.tw/index.php">http://www.ncu.edu.tw/index.php</a> Department of Physics
				National Taiwan University <a href="http://www.ntu.edu.tw">http://www.ntu.edu.tw</a> International Ph.D. program of Molecular Science and Technology (This department is only applicable to applicants with master degree. For applicants with BS degree, please select other departments.)
12.	Nano Science and Technology	25	1. Institute of Physics 2. Institute of Chemistry 3. Institute of Atomic and Molecular Sciences 4. Research Center for Applied Sciences	National Taiwan University <a href="http://www.ntu.edu.tw">http://www.ntu.edu.tw</a> 1. Department of Chemistry 2. Department of Physics
				National Tsing Hua University <a href="http://www.nthu.edu.tw">http://www.nthu.edu.tw</a> Department of Engineering and System Science

### Any Questions?

If you have any questions about your application, please contact TIGP Admissions Office:

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Fax: +886-2-2785-8944

E-mail Address: [tigp@gate.sinica.edu.tw](mailto:tigp@gate.sinica.edu.tw)

TIGP website: <http://tigp.sinica.edu.tw/applying.html>

## Submission of Application Materials

### **1. Online submission: (recommended)**

If you wish to submit your application online, please proceed to **TIGP**

**Application Portal** at <https://tigrp.apps.sinica.edu.tw/index.php>

(If you apply online, please provide only your transcripts and English proficiency certificate by post mail.)

### **2. Submission by mail:**

When preparing your materials for submission, please arrange materials in the order listed below and secure with a paper clip. For ease of processing, **please do not staple, bind, or laminate application materials**. All materials and attachments should be on sheets of **A4-sized** paper.

#### **Checklist of Application Materials**

- 1. Application Form**
- 2. Academic Records (Transcripts) and Course Content Information**
- 3. Photocopy of Degree Certificates (Diplomas)**
- 4. Statement of Purpose and Research Plan**
- 5. Three Letters of Recommendation**
- 6. English Proficiency Certificates (TOEFL, IELTS, GEPT, etc.)**
- 7. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) (if required by the program applied)**
- 8. Thesis/ Paper or Other Scholarly Evidence (if required by the program applied)**

The submitted application materials will not be returned to applicants under any circumstances. The complete application materials should be received by TIGP before March 31 (GMT+8).

All materials should be mailed to:

#### **TIGP Admissions Office**

**Taiwan International Graduate Program**

**Academia Sinica**

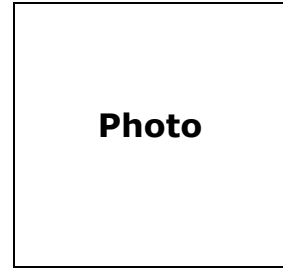
128 Academia Road, Section 2,

Nankang District, Taipei 11529,

Taiwan

## Applicant Information

*(Please type or print in blue or black ink only.  
Please fill in ALL information accurately and completely.)*



### Personal Information

First Name (Given):

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be the same as on your passport)

Middle Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Last Name (Family):

\_\_\_\_\_

Chinese Name:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Required for Taiwanese applicants)

E-mail:

\_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship:

\_\_\_\_\_

ID Number:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Required for Taiwanese applicants)

ARC Number:

\_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(As an international student, you will be responsible for getting a passport and the visa required for studying in Taiwan.)

Date of Birth:

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
( mm / dd / yyyy )

Gender:

Male  Female

Marital Status:

Single  Married  Others

International Telephone:

\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_  
(###) (####-####)

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

Permanent Postal Mailing Address:  
(Please type in Chinese for residents in Taiwan; International applicants should list their home address as the permanent address.)

Street \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Current Postal Mailing Address:  
(For delivering admission results. Please leave valid postal address which TIGP can reach you in the following summer.)

Street \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

The same as permanent address

The above address is valid until \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

**Legal guardian or contact person, in case of Emergency**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**National Defense Service Information (for Taiwanese male students only)**

Are you currently serving National Defense Service?  Yes  No  
(Please provide a letter from your organization.)

**Are you currently applying for other university?**

Yes University name \_\_\_\_\_  No

**Have you ever applied for TIGP International Internship Program (IIP)?**

- Yes, I got admitted in year \_\_\_\_\_.  No, I never apply for IIP.  
 Yes, I applied in year \_\_\_\_\_ but did not get selected.  
 Yes, I have applied for this year's IIP.

Which program did (will) you choose to do the IIP? \_\_\_\_\_

**Program application:**

**Each applicant may apply for only ONE program from the following nine programs (OR you may apply to two programs from 10~12) in the same year.**

**1. Chemical Biology and Molecular Biophysics (CBMB)**

**in Drug Discovery and Biotechnology**

Please also indicate your preferred department to be registered for CBMB by placing 1 for the first choice, and up to 4, in the boxes

- Dept. of Chemistry (NTU)  Dept. of Chemistry (NTHU)  
 Institute of Biochemical Sciences (NTU)  College of Life Sciences (NTHU)

**2. Molecular and Biological Agricultural Sciences (MBAS)**

**3. Molecular and Cell Biology (MCB)**

**4. Bioinformatics (Bio)**

**5. Molecular Medicine (MM)**

**6. Earth System Science (ESS)**

Please also indicate your preferred research strand for ESS program by placing 1 for your first choice, and 2 for your second choice in the boxes.

- Aquatic sciences  Atmospheric Sciences  Solid Earth Sciences

**7. Biodiversity (Biodiv)**

- Evolution and Genetic Diversity  Species Diversity  
 Ecosystem Diversity  Environmental Change and Biodiversity

**8. Interdisciplinary Neuroscience (INS)**

**9. Sustainable Chemical Science and Technology (SCST)**

**10. Social Networks and Human-Centered Computing (SNHCC)**

**Each applicant may apply either one or both following programs. Please indicate your priority by placing 1 (and 2 if you wish to apply for two programs) next to the program(s) of your choice.**

(Please also indicate your preferred department for each program by placing 1 for your first choice, and 2 for second choice in the boxes next to the department names. Please only indicate 2 choices of department for each program.)

**11. Molecular Science and Technology (MST)**

- Dept. of Chemistry (NTHU)  Dept. of Physics (NCU)  Program of MST (NTU)

**12. Nano Science and Technology (Nano)**

- Dept. of Chemistry (NTU)  Dept. of Physics (NTU)  
 Dept. of Engineering and System Science (NTHU)

**Research Assistantship**

**If TIGP is unable to grant you admission due to the increasingly intense competition, would you like to be considered for research assistant recruitment by TIGP's faculty members?**

- Yes, TIGP's faculty members may have access to my application and may contact me for research assistant recruitment.
- No

**How Did You Hear About TIGP? (Multiple Choices)**

- Internet     Poster     School     Embassy     TIGP Promotional Visit
- Journal Ad (  Nature     Science     Physics Today)
- TIGP Student     Friend or Colleague     TIGP IIP     Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Educational Background

Applicants must have earned a Bachelor's degree and/or a Master's degree by the time they apply for admission to the Taiwan International Graduate Program (TIGP). Please enter the most recently attended institution/department first, and then enter the remaining in **reverse chronological order**. **Please note that only official diploma will be accepted; certificate of enrollment will not be accepted.**

### Education 1:

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution Location: \_\_\_\_\_ (City, Country)

Attendance: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (mm/yyyy)

Degree:  Bachelor  Master  Doctoral  
 obtained \_\_\_\_\_  will be obtained  
\_\_\_\_\_(mm/yyyy)

Grade Point of Average \_\_\_\_\_

In which language are the courses conducted? \_\_\_\_\_

### Education 2:

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution Location: \_\_\_\_\_ (City, Country)

Attendance: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (mm/yyyy)

Degree:  Bachelor  Master  Doctoral  
 obtained \_\_\_\_\_  will be obtained  
\_\_\_\_\_(mm/yyyy)

Grade Point of Average \_\_\_\_\_

In which language are the courses conducted? \_\_\_\_\_

### Education 3:

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution Location: \_\_\_\_\_ (City, Country)

Attendance: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (mm/yyyy)

Degree:  Bachelor  Master  Doctoral  
 obtained \_\_\_\_\_  will be obtained

\_\_\_\_\_ (mm/yyyy)

Grade Point of Average \_\_\_\_\_

In which language are the courses conducted? \_\_\_\_\_

### Test Score

#### English Proficiency

Applicants whose first or native language is not English are required to take a test of English proficiency as part of the application procedure. One of the following language test scores must be provided for application. Please note that test scores submitted must be taken within the past two years.

#### Exemption from the English proficiency requirement:

The test of English proficiency can be exempted for applicants who graduated from universities where English is the primary language of instruction, if the applicant provides an official certification issued by the university's office of registrar. The eligibility of exemption is subject to each program.

#### TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TOEFL)

Type of test:  Internet-based  Computer-based  Paper-based

Date Taken or expected: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm-yyyy)

Score: Speaking \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_  
Listening \_\_\_\_\_ Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Total score \_\_\_\_\_ TWE \_\_\_\_\_

Important Note: Please confirm whether you have sent or will send these test scores to TIGP, Academia Sinica (code: 7142) by ETS.

Yes, I have / will.  No

#### International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

Date Taken or expected: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm-yyyy)

Score: \_\_\_\_\_

#### General English Proficiency Test(GEPT)-Inter-mediate

Date Taken or expected: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm-yyyy)

Score: Speaking \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_  
Listening \_\_\_\_\_ Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Test Result:  Pass  Fail

#### Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

##### General Test

Date Taken or expected: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm-yyyy)

	Score	Percentile
Verbal:	_____	_____ %
Quantitative:	_____	_____ %
Analytical Writing:	_____	_____ %



Important Note: Please confirm whether you have sent or will send these test scores to TIGP, Academia Sinica (code: 7142) by ETS.

Yes, I have / will.  No

### Subject Test( if applicable)

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Taken or expected: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm-yyyy)

Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Percentile \_\_\_\_\_ %

## Academic Achievement

**Please list the academic honors, or awards you have won.**

### Award 1

Name of Award: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm-yyyy)

Issued by: \_\_\_\_\_

### Award 2

Name of Award: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm-yyyy)

Issued by: \_\_\_\_\_

### Award 3

Name of Award: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm-yyyy)

Issued by: \_\_\_\_\_

**List titles of any articles, publications, patent, or creative work you have completed.** Please provide on a separate A4-sized sheet of paper if needed. (Please submit copies of any papers, publications, or other materials that may serve to support your application. Make sure that your name and the program to which you are applying is listed on any such documents. As noted earlier, we cannot return these documents to you.)

### Publication

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm-yyyy)

Accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_

### Patent

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm-yyyy)

Patent No.: \_\_\_\_\_

### Research Thesis

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm-yyyy)  
Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

## Work Experience

Please list the work experience you have in **reverse chronological order**.

### Work Experience 1

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Institute /Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Employment Duration: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ (mm/yyyy)  
Description of work content

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### Work Experience 2

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Institute /Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Employment Duration: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ (mm/yyyy)  
Description of work content

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### Work Experience 3

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Institute /Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Employment Duration: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ (mm/yyyy)  
Description of work content

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## Recommendation

Each set of the enclosed assessment forms should be given to all three of your instructors or individuals familiar with your academic or professional work for assessment purposes. The forms should be completely filled out, and returned to the TIGP Admissions Office in a sealed envelope with signature signed across the seal prior to the application deadline.

**Please list three persons from whom you have requested the letters of recommendation. One of the letters is preferably provided by the applicant's thesis advisor.**

## Referee Information

### Please Complete the Following for Each Referee

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Institute/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please Complete the Following for Each Referee

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Institute/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please Complete the Following for Each Referee

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title/ Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Institute/Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Applicant Verification**

I, hereby, certify that the above information and statements/materials submitted for the application to the Taiwan International Graduate Program are correct and complete, to the best of my knowledge. Falsification or omission of requested information will be grounded for terminating consideration of the application, or, if after enrollment, for canceling registration privileges. I also agree to publish my information on the website if admitted to the TIGP program.

Note:

Under the Personal Information Protection Act:

Article 8: The following items should be told precisely to the Party by a government agency or non-government agency, in accordance with Article 15 or Article 19:

1. the name of the government agency or the non government agency: Academia Sinica-Taiwan International Graduate Program (TIGP)
2. purpose of collection: 158 Students Data Management (Please see the following link for details: <http://mojlaw.moj.gov.tw/LawContentE.aspx?id=FL010631>)
3. classification of the personal information: ID, passport number, and etc. (Please see the following link: <http://mojlaw.moj.gov.tw/LawContentE.aspx?id=FL010631>)
4. time period, area, target and way of the use of personal information: The information will be used only from the current year November until next year September. For those admitted to the TIGP program, it will be used until the date of graduation.
5. rights of the Party and ways to exercise them as prescribed in Article 3;  
(The following rights should be exercised by the Party with regard to his personal information and should not be waived in advance or limited by a specific agreement:  
(1). any inquiry and request for a review of the personal information;  
(2). any request to make duplications of the personal information;  
(3). any request to supplement or correct the personal information;  
(4). any request to discontinue collection, processing or use of personal information;  
and  
(5). any request to delete the personal information.)
6. the influence on his rights and interests while the Party chooses not to provide his personal information: If you do not agree to the terms and conditions of using your provide information, you may not be able to process your TIGP application.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Taiwan International Graduate Program

**Letter of Recommendation (1)**

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***To be completed by the applicant:***

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last (Family) First Middle

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Applying for admission to the following program

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***To be completed by the referee:***

The applicant named above has applied for admission to the Taiwan International Graduate Program and has listed you as a referee. We would appreciate it very much if you could complete this evaluation form and return it to The Admissions Office of Taiwan International Graduate Program before March 31 (GMT+8).

Name of Referee: \_\_\_\_\_

Last (Family)

First

Middle

Position or Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

\_\_\_\_\_

II. Please complete the chart below and rank the applicant relative to other prospective students you have known by checking the appropriate box:

	Outstanding or above			Good	Average	Below average	Not able to judge
	<1%	<5%	<10%	10~25%	25~40%	>40%	
Background for proposed field of study							
Creativity/Initiative							
Independence/Maturity							
Capacity for analytical thinking							
Research skills							
Ability in presentation							
Ability in writing							
Quality of previous work							

III. If English is not the applicant's native language, please evaluate his/her English proficiency by ticking the following boxes:

	Excellent	Fluent	Fair	Poor	Not able to judge
Speaking					
Reading					
Writing					
Listening					

**IV. Please comment on the applicant's strengths to complete a graduate program as well as his/her weaknesses that need to be improved.**

**If possible, please include your response to the questions below in your assessment of the applicant. These questions are by no means exhaustive, but are a few aspects that the Admissions Committee of TIGP would appreciate hearing your opinions on:**

- 1. If possible, do you think this applicant has the potential to be a PhD student in your lab?**
- 2. Please list some weaknesses that you know of the applicant if there are any.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please place the signed letter of recommendation in an envelope, sign across the seal, and return it to the following address before March 31 (GMT+8).**

**Admissions Office  
Taiwan International Graduate Program, Academia Sinica  
128 Academia Road, Section 2, Nankang, Taipei 11529, Taiwan**

**Your providing of the above information to TIGP is greatly appreciated.**

Taiwan International Graduate Program

**Letter of Recommendation (2)**

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***To be completed by the applicant:***

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last (Family)                      First                      Middle

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Applying for admission to the following program

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***To be completed by the referee:***

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Name of Referee: \_\_\_\_\_

Last (Family)                      First                      Middle

Position or Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

\_\_\_\_\_

II. Please complete the chart below and rank the applicant relative to other prospective students you have known by checking the appropriate box:

	Outstanding or above			Good 10~25%	Average 25~40%	Below average >40%	Not able to judge
	<1%	<5%	<10%				
Background for proposed field of study							
Creativity/Initiative							
Independence/Maturity							
Capacity for analytical thinking							
Research skills							
Ability in presentation							
Ability in writing							
Quality of previous work							

III. If English is not the applicant's native language, please evaluate his/her English proficiency by ticking the following boxes:

	Excellent	Fluent	Fair	Poor	Not able to judge
Speaking					
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Listening					

**IV. Please comment on the applicant's strengths to complete a graduate program as well as his/her weaknesses that need to be improved.**

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Letter of Recommendation (3)**

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***To be completed by the applicant:***

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last (Family)                      First                      Middle

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Applying for admission to the following program

\_\_\_\_\_

***To be completed by the referee:***

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Name of Referee: \_\_\_\_\_

Last (Family)

First

Middle

Position or Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

\_\_\_\_\_

II. Please complete the chart below and rank the applicant relative to other prospective students you have known by checking the appropriate box:

	Outstanding or above			Good	Average	Below average	Not able to judge
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Creativity/Initiative							
Independence/Maturity							
Capacity for analytical thinking							
Research skills							
Ability in presentation							
Ability in writing							
Quality of previous work							

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Reading					
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Listening					

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**If possible, please include your response to the questions below in your assessment of the applicant. These questions are by no means exhaustive, but are a few aspects that the Admissions Committee of TIGP would appreciate hearing your opinions on:**

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- 2. Please list some weaknesses that you know of the applicant if there are any.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please attach this cover to your mailing envelope:**

Sender: _____
Address: _____
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## **TIGP Admissions Office**

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<b>Choice of Program(s):</b>  1. ___ CBMB    2. ___ MST 3. ___ MBAS    4. ___ MCB 5. ___ Bio      6. ___ Nano 7. ___ MM      8. ___ ESS 9. ___ Biodiv    10. ___ INS 11. ___ SCST    12. ___ SNHCC	<b>Checklist of Application Materials</b> 1. ___ Application Form 2. ___ Academic Records (Transcripts) and Course Content Information 3. ___ Photocopy of Degree Certificates (Diplomas) 4. ___ Statement of Purpose and Research Plan 5. ___ Three Letters of Recommendation 6. ___ English Proficiency Certificates (TOEFL, IELTS, GEPT, etc.) 7. ___ Graduate Record Examination (GRE) 8. ___ Thesis/ Paper or Other Scholarly Evidence
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