



Republic of the Philippines

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: ¹⁴
LEAH J. BUENDIA, Ph.D.
Undersecretary for R&D

SUBJECT: Call for Applications: 2025 MECO-TECO SSP

DATE: 14 January 2025

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 2025 is now open and is accepting applications until **18 April 2025**.

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 2025, there are **ten (10)** available SSP slots. The start of the Sandwich Program in Taiwan must be in **September 2025**.

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 dostssp.mecoteco@gmail.com. All applications must be submitted to the said office **on or before 18 April 2025**.

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

Thank you.

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No. PHP QMS 24 93 0194

2025 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 2025.

The SSP is open to Master's and PhD students who are interested in conducting their research at a university or research institution in Taiwan. The priority research areas include (1) Natural Sciences, (2) Life Sciences, (3) Engineering and (4) Chemistry. Interested applicants are 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. The applicants may also reach out to Principal Investigators who are already involved in the MECO-TECO Joint Research Program. This is to facilitate the release of funding and assurance of financial support for the duration of the conduct of the research.

All applicants are required to submit the hard copies (with wet signature) of the following documents compiled into a long brown envelope, labeled with your full name and the subject '2025 MECO-TECO SSP Application', and addressed to the International Technology Cooperation Unit (ITCU):

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\$25,000 for MS student and NT\$35,000 for PhD student per month while DOST will grant relocation assistance of Php30,000.00, one roundtrip economy airfare, and health and accident insurance.

All letters should be addressed to:

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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.

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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