

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RSE SCOTLAND – TAIWAN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION WORKSHOP SCHEME



These are the terms and conditions of the RSE Scotland – Taiwan Research and Innovation Workshop Scheme. Applicants should read these carefully (all RSE Awards are underpinned by the Research Awards Programme general terms and conditions) before completing and submitting their application.

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OVERVIEW OF SCHEME

Scotland – Taiwan Workshop Grants are intended to facilitate Scotland – Taiwan consortia partnerships through a two-day workshop between disciplines and/ or institutions to advance exploration of an important topic. Funding is provided by the RSE and the National Science and Technology Council, Taiwan (NSTC). **All topics are welcome, but particularly projects in the fields of Green Energy, Artificial Intelligence and Robotics, and Advanced Manufacturing.** Any workshops organised must be outwith the RSE's and Young Academy's own programme of meetings. Max £10k for up to 6 months.

PURPOSE OF SCHEME

To provide eligible Scottish applicants and their Taiwanese collaborators opportunity to facilitate a two-day workshop in Taiwan along with relevant institute visits. This award provides funding for two teams (Scottish and Taiwanese) to establish new collaborations or further develop existing collaborations and apply for seed funding opportunities through the RSE and NSTC.

TIMELINE

- Applications open on 19 June 2026 at 12 noon.
- Applications close on 24 July 2026 at 12 noon.
- Applicants can expect to hear of the outcome of their application by mid-September 2026.
- The RSE will make a public announcement of the awards in autumn 2026.
- Successful applicants can have a start date between 1 – 31 October 2026.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

1. The awards are open to applications from Principal Investigators (PI) from **all academic disciplines** and **mid to senior career stages** who are eligible as one of the following:
 - A full or part-time academic in any academic discipline and are tenured and/or salaried staff of a higher education institution (HEI), further education institute (FEI), research institution (RI) or cultural institution (CI) where the main offices and facilities are located in Scotland. Applicants must be on open-ended, continuing, or fixed term contracts which extend three months beyond the end-date of the envisaged award period. The RSE award cannot be used to extend an applicant's contract. **PIs must be mid to senior career academics.**
 - A retired academic in any academic field who retains demonstrable links with a Scottish HEI, FEI, RI or CI with a demonstrable commitment to teaching and research within that institution.
 - A full or part-time practitioner or research active member of staff in any academic field employed by a Scottish Cultural Institution with a demonstrable

commitment to teaching and research within that institution.

2. Applicants on short or fixed-term contracts should ensure their contracts extend for at least three months after the end of the proposed workshop.
3. Joint applications are required to be submitted through both the RSE and the NSTC.
4. The Scotland-based PI (only one Scottish PI permitted) should submit their application to the RSE by the application deadline.
 - Scottish workshop participants can be from all career stages and must be employed by a Scottish HEI, FEI, RI or CI (industry participants are welcomed, however, their costs cannot be covered by the RSE and the NSTC funding).
 - The number of workshop participants per team is unrestricted (minimum 8 per team) and may include up to three PhD students.
5. The Taiwan-based PI should refer directly to the NSTC for their application forms and terms and conditions and submit their corresponding application to the NSTC by the application deadline. NSTC eligible institutions are Taiwanese public/private colleges and universities, public/private research or medical institutions.
6. Applications can only be accepted if both the RSE and NSTC receive corresponding applications by the application deadline.
7. A new application will not be considered from a Scottish-based PI when a report on a previous RSE award is overdue.
9. Workshop grants are funded for up to 6 months (in exceptional circumstances, no-cost extensions for up to 3 months can be considered by the RSE and NSTC).
10. Applications will only be considered for a bilateral (Scotland – Taiwan), not multilateral, workshop. The collaboration should be based on a single two-day workshop (in-person, hybrid attendance possible) including relevant institute visits. Workshops must take place in Taiwan during 2026 to early 2027. The Scotland team is expected to travel to Taiwan.
11. Wider participation from HEIs, practitioners, policy makers, research and cultural institutions and industry is strongly encouraged by the RSE and NSTC. Leveraging of additional funding is welcomed.
12. Any workshop changes must be approved by both the RSE and the NSTC.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

13. **One document** will be required by the RSE **if the application is successful**:

An institutional statement of support from the Scotland-based PI's institution. This should be from the Research Office, stating that they have read the application and agree that the awarded application will be accepted by the applicant and that the institution will be bound by the terms and conditions. They will also agree that they will provide the necessary facilities and administer the award.

14. Referee forms are not required as part of the application process.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

8. The RSE Scotland – Taiwan Research and Innovation Workshop Grants can be held in any discipline or subject area. All topics are welcome, but projects in the fields of Green Energy, Artificial Intelligence and Robotics, and Advanced Manufacturing are encouraged.

SELECTION PROCESS

15. The relevant RSE committee will review the Scottish-based applications.
16. The NSTC will separately and independently review the Taiwan-based applications.
17. Final funding decisions will be jointly agreed between

the RSE and the NSTC. Applicants cannot commence the workshop until they have received official confirmation from the RSE and the NSTC of the success of their application.

FUNDING

18. The RSE awarded funding to the Scottish PI is provided to cover the Scottish team's international travel to Taiwan (economy or equivalent) and further subsistence costs in Taiwan (subsistence includes food, local travel and accommodation costs). Accommodation rates are up to the equivalent of £100 a night per person. Please refer to the RSE's general terms and conditions for any additional conditions.
19. The NSTC awarded funding to the Taiwanese PI is provided to cover all costs associated with hosting a two-day workshop, relevant institute visits, local transport and subsistence costs in Taiwan (subsistence includes food, local travel, and accommodation costs.)
20. Flexibility is allowed for both PIs to agree on how the joint funding should be allocated and managed as per their relevant institute's finance policies.
e.g. part allocation of the Taiwanese PI awarded funds to cover international travel to allow for a larger Scottish team to travel to Taiwan.
21. Industry participants are welcomed, however, their costs cannot be covered by the RSE and the NSTC funding.
22. Funding level:
 - Applications to the RSE may apply for up to a maximum of £10,000.
 - Corresponding applications to the NSTC may apply for up to a maximum of NT\$ 400,000 (£10,000).
 - A joint application (Scottish PI and Taiwan PI) may, therefore, jointly apply for up to a total of £20,000.
23. The RSE award will be paid to the Scottish institution. Funds cannot be paid by the RSE to an overseas institution or an individual applicant. Once the PI has completed their workshop, they will be required to send in an invoice, statement of expenditure and final report within 3 months following the grant

end date. These forms must be submitted together [we cannot accept forms sent in separately].

Payment will be made in arrears on receipt of all three documents. It is the responsibility of the PI and the finance team at the Scotland-based awardee's institution to arrange accordingly. The applicant should abide by their own institute's finance policies in administering these funds.

24. The RSE must be informed of any additional funding which has been requested or secured for the workshop.
25. Accompanying dependents, bench fees, tuition fees, or medical costs will not be covered.
26. It is the PIs responsibility to discuss finance arrangements with their Taiwanese collaborator and institution to ensure both parties are aware of their entitlements and responsibilities.
27. Eligible and ineligible costs are outlined in appendix A.

SPECIFIED REPORTING PERIODS

28. The RSE requires a final report no later than three months after the completion of the workshop.

ACCEPTANCE OF REGULATIONS

29. By signing the application form and accepting the grant offer letter, the applicant and the Scottish institution agree to be bound by the RSE Research Awards general terms and conditions and the specific RSE Scotland – Taiwan Research and Innovation Workshop Scheme terms and conditions. The RSE shall be entitled to enforce these regulations.

CONTACT US

30. Please direct enquiries to:
international@theRSE.org.uk.

Appendix A overleaf

APPENDIX A

Type of Cost	Eligible
Travel	Yes
Visa costs	Yes
Event costs (including accessibility, AV etc)	Yes
Administration assistance	Yes
Equipment hire costs	Yes
Library fees, illustration permissions, copyright fees, photographic services	Yes
Costs associated with disseminating	Yes
Insurance costs such as travel	No
Medical expenses	No
Computer hardware	No
Bench fees	No
Laboratory costs	No
Departmental costs	No
Excess baggage costs	No
Expenses related to accompanying dependents	No
Contributions towards salaries	No
Participation fees, defined as financial or nonmonetary remuneration to groups or individuals for their involvement in the research processes. In general, the RSE encourages applicants to consider forms of recognition, such as acknowledgement and recognition. In exceptional circumstances, such as research involving vulnerable participants, which applicants consider such fees are necessary for the facilitation of their workshop, applicants must obtain prior permission from the RSE International Team before their application is submitted.	No
Alcohol costs	No
Professional copy-editing	No
Subventions for publishing	No
Taxis to/ from all Scottish airports	No
Replacement staff time	No

Please also note:

- Where travel costs are concerned, advantage should be taken of any discount or concessionary fares available.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to consider low carbon options where possible.
- Advantage should be taken of appropriate inexpensive accommodation available.
- Full employment costs cannot be provided.
- Full economic costs are not provided.

