

Taiwan Democracy Internship Program

The Taiwan Democracy Project Internship Program provides one Stanford undergraduate with funding up to \$7,500 for an unpaid summer policy or research internship in Taiwan. Since a majority of internships in the fields of policy and government are unpaid, the program seeks to encourage students to pursue unpaid internships in Taiwan by making these opportunities more accessible.

Proposed internships should relate in some way to the mission of the Taiwan Democracy Project: to examine political and social change and the challenges confronting Taiwan's continued democratic development, including the issue of cross-Strait relations.

All Stanford undergraduate students in any course of study who have independently arranged a summer internship in Taiwan are eligible to apply. We welcome students from a diversity of years, majors, and backgrounds. The internship cannot be used for formal language study; some facility in Mandarin Chinese is recommended but not required. For internships requiring applicants to speak or read some Chinese, applicants should demonstrate that their language skills are adequate for the proposed position.

The successful applicant will spend a summer in Taiwan at a government agency, NGO, academic research center, or other organization whose work relates to some aspect of democracy as it is practiced in Taiwan. Previous interns have found positions at a government-sponsored research foundation, a political party organization, and the headquarters of a major television network.

To qualify for funding, the proposed internship should be full-time (at least 35 hours per week), unpaid, and at least 9 weeks long. Applicants will be responsible for arranging their own travel and lodging.

To apply, submit the following materials via email to kharis@stanford.edu:

- A statement of purpose, including a description of (1) the applicant's relevant background and interest in Taiwanese politics and society, and (2) the host organization and the proposed internship duties and opportunities;
- A tentative budget, including travel and lodging expenses;
- A resume;
- A confirmation of the internship opportunity from the host agency or organization;
- Two letters of recommendation, at least one from a Stanford faculty member.

The deadline to receive all application materials is Friday, April 3.