

TAIWAN FIELD SCHOOL

December 5 to 11, 2010

**Asian Institute
University of Toronto**

WHAT? Given the overwhelming success of the 2009 Taiwan Field School, the University of Toronto has been invited again to select a delegation of ten outstanding students – future leaders – to participate in a one-week visit to Taiwan. Taiwan ranks as one of the world’s largest and most dynamic economies and cosmopolitan cultural innovators. It is one of Asia’s most vibrant democracies. And yet Taiwan is at the centre of an enduring conflict with China, and thus a key strategic area regarding the future of international security. The aim of the field school is to contemplate “Global Taiwan.”

In Taiwan, delegates will meet with and interview government officials, politicians, NGO and social movement leaders, cutting-edge scientific labs and technology parks, industry leaders, academics and university students. Students will be required to write a short paper (8 pages double spaced) in advance of the trip on any topic they wish related to the theme Global Taiwan. They will revise these papers upon their return. While in Taiwan, delegates will present their papers at seminars to be hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Taiwan University and National Chengchi University.

WHEN? Delegates will depart for Taiwan on **Saturday December 5 and return on Saturday December 11, 2010**. Arrangements for missed exams and/or classes must be made through the Office of the Faculty Registrar for Arts and Science courses and the Office of the Registrar for Engineering courses (for engineering students). There will be some pre-departure meetings/sessions which all participants must attend.

COST? The cost of the Taiwan field school (airfare, ground transportation, meals and hotel accommodation) will be covered by Taiwan’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and administrative support will be provided by the University of Toronto’s Asian Institute and Dr. David Chu Program in Asia-Pacific Studies. Aside from personal incidental costs, **there will be no cost to the student delegate**.

ELIGIBILITY? All third and fourth year undergraduate students in the Faculty of Arts and Science (including those in the A&S-Rotman Commerce program), the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering, the University of Toronto at Mississauga, and the University of Toronto at Scarborough with a minimum CGPA of 3.3 are eligible to apply. The application deadline is **Friday, October 29, 4:00 p.m.** Successful applicants will be notified shortly thereafter. Five of the ten delegate spots will be reserved for Majors in Asia-Pacific Studies.

HOW TO APPLY? Applicants will need to provide (i) a vita or resume (maximum 1-2 pages) (ii) a one-page statement of purpose and (iii) an unofficial transcript. These can be submitted in hard copy to Katherine Mitchell in the Munk School of Global Affairs, 1

Devonshire Place, room 228N, or by email to ai.asianstudies@utoronto.ca. Email submissions must be sent as a **single word or pdf document**, with the document title in the following format: "Smith J. TFS Application." The subject line of the email should read "Application for Taiwan Field School." Please read the frequently asked questions below for further information about application procedures.

MORE INFORMATION? There will be an information session for interested applicants on **Monday October 25, 3 pm**, in Room 208 North, Munk School of Global Affairs. Questions can also be emailed to ai.asianstudies@utoronto.ca. Last year's Taiwan Field School Seminar webcast is available for viewing here: <http://mediacast.ic.utoronto.ca/20100202-TFS/index.htm#>

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ELIGIBILITY

Q: I'm in first or second year, but I believe I am a strong candidate for the field school. Can I still apply?

A: You may apply, but the selection process is competitive and priority is given to third and fourth year students. We encourage you to apply in the future, when you are in your third or fourth year.

Q: Are international students eligible to apply?

A: Yes.

Q: Are part-time students eligible to apply?

A: Yes.

Q: I am graduating in November 2010. Can I still apply?

A: Yes.

Q: Do I need to speak Mandarin to attend the field school?

A: No.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Q: What is an unofficial transcript?

A: This is your academic history on ROSI. Copying and pasting it into a word document, or printing it and submitting the hard copy, is fine. If you are including it in an electronic submission, make sure to remove extraneous spaces so that the academic history takes up as few pages as possible (2-3 max).

Q: Should my unofficial transcript include all my courses since first-year, including the ones I'm taking now which don't have any marks yet?

Yes.

Q: Should the statement of interest be one page single-spaced or double-spaced?

A: Single or 1.5 spacing is fine, as long as it is one page only.

Q: What should be included in the statement of interest? A proposal for the research paper, or a more general statement of purpose for participation in the field school?

A: The statement should address why you want to go on the field school, and why you're uniquely qualified, as well as what you intend to take out of it. If you have a particular idea for the paper, that can (and should) be included, but the statement should also talk about your personal motivations and abilities.

Q: I can't come to the information session. What should I do?

A: The information session is completely optional. You can still apply even if you are unable to attend the session.