

Exchange of Scientists under Estonian-Taiwanese Agreement of Scientific Cooperation

Procedure for applying the travel grant for the year 2025

The exchange visit programme provides opportunities for researchers from one partner country to visit research institutions in other partner country with aim to facilitate research cooperation between Estonia and Taiwan; promotes mobility, the building of international contacts and knowledge transfer.

Fields of Research

- Health and Medicine
- Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society
- Civil Security for Society
- Digital, AI, Industry Automation and Space
- Climate, Energy and Mobility
- Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

1. Period

- 1.1. The Call announcement starts from 18th of November 2024, and the **deadline is 20th of January 2025.**
- 1.2. The potential travel period set from 1st of June to 31st of December 2025.
- 1.3. The length of one travel can be anywhere up to two (2) weeks in duration.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1. Each candidate must possess the citizenship or be a permanent resident of sending country.
- 2.2. The travel grant can be applied by a scholar who is holding a doctoral degree and has worked in the research institution of the sending country at least for three years prior to the application deadline.
- 2.3. To apply for NSTC international cooperation projects, Taiwanese applicant must conform to principal investigator qualifications (<https://law.nstc.gov.tw/LawContent.aspx?id=FL026713>) of General Research Project funded by NSTC.
- 2.4. The Estonian-Taiwan travel grant is an individual grant for one researcher and it cannot be applied for the several members of one working group for the same travel.

3. Procedure for applying for the grant

- 3.1. Parties will organize a public call for the travel grant. The final decision among the applicants is made by sending country in cooperation with receiving country.
- 3.2. Processing the applications for the travel grant complies with the guidelines on processing the applications laid down in each Partner's organisation.
- 3.3. Estonian applicant must submit the electronically signed application (e-mail: katrin.saar@etag.ee).
- 3.4. To receive an Estonian researcher in Taiwan, the Taiwanese host institution must also submit an application to the Taiwan National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) before the deadline. ETAG can only award the grant if the application has been submitted to NSTC and it has been accepted. To host a Taiwanese researcher in Estonian institution, Estonian applicants must inform the ETAG about the visit by email (katrin.saar@etag.ee) before the call deadline.
- 3.5.

4. 5. Amount of the travel grant

- 4.1. The funding organisations (hereafter Parties) shall contribute to the programme as follows:
- 4.2. Each Party will reimburse the travel expenses of their researcher. The upper limit of the travel expenses reimbursed by ETAG is 1400 EUR; by NSTC is 75,000 TWD. Travel expenses that are eligible are: planetickets in the economy class, local transport to the destination and insurance.
- 4.3. The receiving Party will cover accommodation costs and daily allowances. ETAG will cover daily allowances and accommodation costs total €100/day; NSTC will cover daily allowances and accommodation costs total TWD 3,500/day, the host institution in the receiving country ensures all other costs associated with hosting.

5. Documents to be submitted

- 5.1. The proposal for the travel grant consists of the application and applicant's CV with the references to major publications. The application must be submitted in English.
- 5.2. Proposed projects must directly involve researchers working at a research institution (i.e. university, research laboratory or research institute) of the receiving country. Estonian applicant must hold a position at a positively evaluated research institution in Estonia. List of evaluated institutions is provided in the [Estonian Research Information System \(ETIS\)](#).
- 5.3. Proposals must be based upon a firm potential for research collaboration. The primary objective of the travel will be for the researchers to meet in person and discuss in details the project and determine how to go forward with proposals for funding and research itself. Thus, contact must have already been established with the partner researcher before the application is submitted.

6. Programme reporting

- 6.1. A final report on the project is required, and must be submitted in three weeks after completion of travel grant. The report should provide a review of activities

conducted under the grant and state the future plans for cooperation. The report should not be more than 2 pages (A4 size).