

Q&A for MOFA scholarship Program

1. I wanted to know if PU provides us a health insurance or something like that
 - We strongly recommend that international exchange students purchase the health insurance at home country. PU will only offer accidental health insurance for the international students. The fee for this kind of accidental health insurance is NT\$900/semester.
Exchange students who stay for one year will be eligible to enroll into Taiwan's National Health Insurance (NHI) after continuously stay in Taiwan for more than (included) 6 months. PU will enroll you directly into NHI in the second semester at PU. The fee of the NHI is NT\$826/month.
For more detailed conditions and information, please refer to NHI at: https://www.nhi.gov.tw/english/Content_List.aspx?n=C88B41A4EAB5E692&topn=778856C209BCE527
2. Is it possible to arrive at a later date, for example September? Plus, is the return period known?
 - We don't recommend it, but if the reasons come with very important issues, such the limited flights during the suggested arrival date 8/18-25, then please contact us for further specific arrangement.
The last day of the fall semester is on January 21, 2022. Every exams or assessment will be finished before that date. You can fix your return ticket from January 22, 2022.
3. Would u recommend booking a return flight already? Or does the Government allows enter without return flight
 - You can book the return ticket on January 22 or after it, if you visa expires later than January 22, then you may stay longer the visa got expired.
The Taiwan government doesn't have specific regulation about the return date for the MOFA scholarship students.
4. We must buy the return ticket for at least the 22 of January, right? Or after the 24/25?(one semester students)
 - Please refer to the above QA.
5. How do exams work at PU? Are they DURING the semester or at the end, meaning We will need to stay in Taiwan some extra weeks after 25.01?
 - The last day of the fall semester is January 21, 2022. The final exam falls from January 17-21, 2022, the exams are expected to be finished in this one week.

6. Do we need to leave Taiwan immediately when the semester ends? Or can we stay until the VISA expires.

➤ No, you can stay longer until your visa expires.

7. When does the spring semester ends?

Academic Calendar

2021 Fall(one semester)

Period: 2021.09.20-2022.01.21

- 09.16 Orientation(on-site)
- 09.17 Course selection I (on-site)
- 09.20 Official semester starts
- 10.02 Course selection II (at home)
- 11.15-19 Mid-term exam week
- 01.17-21 Final exam week
- 01.21 official semester ends

2021 Fall-2022 Spring (one year)

Period: 2022.02.21-06.24

- 02.18 Course selection I (onsite/at home-tentative)
- 02.21 Official semester starts
- 03.05 Course selection II (onsite/at home-tentative)
- 04.18-22 Mid-term exam week
- 06.20-24 Final exam week
- 06.24 official semester ends

8. What will be the costs for the quarantine hotel?

It depends on where you stay during semester, below please find the estimated cost of the quarantine expense:

➤ **Stay on-campus:** The cost of the quarantine hotel is NT\$2500/night. Taking 14+2 day quarantine and 7-day self-health management, total for 23 days.

NT\$2,500*23days=NT\$57,500

➤ **Stay off-campus:** The cost of the quarantine hotel is NT\$2500/night. Taking 14+2 day quarantine, total for 16 days.

NT\$2,500*16days= NT\$40,000

**** 14+2 days of quarantine: The extra “2 days” states in the PPT of pre-departure orientation are the duration while awaiting your 2nd PCR report comes out. Please note that the days of waiting for the report might be less or more, this will depend on the situation then.**

9. If the students choose an accommodation in the off-campus residence, is it OK for the 7-days self-isolation after quarantine as it is a shared kitchen?

➤ During the 7-days self-healthy management, it's still required to stay in the quarantine hotel if you plan to live PU on-campus during semester.

However, if you plan to live off-campus with a private bathroom. A suite or an isolated room without the shared kitchen, then it's okay to move and stay in your own room during the 7 self-health management. If you live in a shared apartment with the kitchen, we strongly recommend to avoid using the kitchen until completing the 7-day self-health management. If you really need to use it, please keep at least one meter away from others, wear a medical mask when going out of your room, and keep good hygiene habits.

During the 7 day of self-health management, checking your body temperature twice every day; first time in morning, second time in the afternoon.

10. Is the mandarin class mandatory for MOFA scholars?

- Yes, it's mandatory, and the least you need to choose the Mandarin courses is 6 hours per week.

11. Is there a dress code for university classes?

- No, you can wear whatever you like.

12. As it is said at the MOFA Scholarship information document, are the quarantine hotel fees, PCR, and taxis covered?

- Estimated Fee student needs to afford:

● Live on-campus:

Item	Fee (NT\$)
14+2 day Quarantine hotel & 7 day self-health management & Three meals in a day (23 days)	57,500
One-way Taxi(Airport→hotel)	1,800
Registration fee at the hospital(for 2 nd PCR test)	1,000
One-way Taxi fee (2 nd PCR test to the hospital)	600
One-way Taxi (Hotel→Accommodation) after quarantine period	1,000

● Live off-campus:

Item	Fee (NT\$)
14+2 day Quarantine hotel & Three meals in a day (16 days)	40,000
One-way Taxi(Airport→hotel)	1,800
Registration fee at the hospital(for 2 nd PCR test)	1,000
One-way Taxi fee (2 nd PCR test to the hospital)	600
One-way Taxi (Hotel→Accommodation) after quarantine period	1,000

13. Are there vegan options in the quarantine hotel?

- Yes, there is vegetarian meals to choose for the vegans. Please let the staffs of the hotel and us know in advanced.

14. Is looking for an own flat also fine?

- Yes, except our accommodation options, students can find their own accommodation by themselves.

15. Does the quarantine hotel have internet connection in the rooms?

- Yes, they have free WIFI in the room and around the hotel.

16. Do you still have to quarantine if you are fully vaccinated?

- Yes, according to the current policy of Taiwan government, 14+2-day quarantine and self-health management are still necessary for fully vaccinated people.

17. Is it 100% sure that we will get the visa or is it not sure until the 12th? What happens if we are not allowed to enter

- The current level 3 epidemic alert extends until July 26. We will need to wait until further announcement from the government.

18. If the level 3 pandemic continues in Taiwan after 12 July, does it mean we are not allowed to come?

- Not exactly, we will need to wait until further announcement from the government.

19. Where can we get the sim card? like in amazon or something like that?

- You can buy it at the Taoyuan International Airport, there are various data plans you can choose, and meanwhile, you will get a local mobile number.

20. Do we need to pay the 2 PCR tests on our own?

- According to the updated policy on July 14, 2021 about the 1st PCR test(at the airport), 2nd PCR test(at the hospital), and the home test kit (test it by yourself). These tests are all free of charge for the MOFA scholarship students.

21. Is it recommendable to open a Taiwan bank account?

- You can open a Taiwan bank account if you need it.