

2026 MECO-TECO SANDWICH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CALL FOR APPLICATION

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) of Taiwan, through a joint cooperation, is pleased to announce the Call for Application to the 2026 MECO-TECO Sandwich Scholarship Program (SSP).

The MECO-TECO SSP is open to Master's and PhD students who are interested in conducting their research at a university or research institution in Taiwan. The priority research areas include (1) Natural Sciences, (2) Life Sciences, (3) Engineering and (4) Chemistry. Interested applicants are required to look for a Taiwanese professor who will serve as his/her host/adviser, preferably one with an existing project being funded by the NSTC. The applicants may also reach out to Principal Investigators who are already involved in the MECO-TECO Joint Research Program. This is to facilitate the release of funding and assurance of financial support for the duration of the conduct of the research.

All applicants are required to submit the hard copies (with wet signature) of the following documents compiled into a long brown envelope, labeled with your full name and the subject '2026 MECO-TECO SSP Application', and addressed to the International Technology Cooperation Unit (ITCU):

1. Accomplished MECO-TECO SSP Application (form attached);
2. Proposed Host Institution and Adviser (Acceptance Letter);
3. CV of Filipino and Taiwanese Host Professors;
4. Certified Copy of Transcript of Records;
5. Endorsement from two (2) Former Professors;
6. Endorsement from Project Leader (for ASTHRDP/ERDT/STRAND scholars);
7. If employed, recommendation from Head of the Agency; and
8. Two (2) recent 2x2 ID picture

Once all requirements are completed, applicants must fill out the Google Form using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2026MECOTECOSSP>.

NSTC will grant a stipend of NT\$25,000 for MS student and NT\$35,000 for PhD student per month while DOST will grant relocation assistance of Php 30,000.00, one roundtrip economy airfare, and health and accident insurance.

All letters should be addressed to:

LEAH J. BUENDIA, Ph.D.
Undersecretary for Research and Development
DOST Main Building, DOST Complex,
General Santos Avenue, Central Bicutan, Taguig City 1631

Interested applicants may communicate directly with the International Technology Cooperation Unit (ITCU) located at the 3rd Floor, DOST Main Bldg., DOST Complex, General Santos Avenue, Central Bicutan, Taguig City or through email at dostssp.mecoteco@gmail.com. All applications must be submitted to the said office **on or before 13 April 2026**. The Sandwich Program must start in September 2026 with a minimum duration of six (6) months. The notification of award to MECO-TECO SSP qualifiers will be in July 2026.

For ASTHRDP, ERDT, and STRAND scholars, the period of SSP should be within the approved duration of scholarship. Their applications must be duly endorsed by the respective ASTHRDP/ERDT/STRAND Project Leader.

**MECO-TECO SANDWICH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
APPLICATION FORM
2026**

I. Personal Information

Name	First		Middle	Last		
Date of Birth	DD	MM	YY	Sex		
					Male	Female
Nationality				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Institutional Address				Civil Status		
				<input type="checkbox"/> Single	<input type="checkbox"/> Separated	
Home Address				<input type="checkbox"/> Married	<input type="checkbox"/> Widowed	
Present Occupation			Home/Work Phone			
E-mail			Mobile phone			
Passport Details	Passport Number	Date of Issue		Place of Issue	Validity Period	
Contact Person In Case of Emergency	Name	Relationship		Address		
	Contact Details			Email Address		
	Landline					
Mobile No.						

II. List of Universities/Colleges Attended (*Current institution to bachelor's*)

Institution	Actual Name of Degree/Diploma	Major Field of Study	Inclusive Dates	
			From	To

III. Seminars/Trainings Attended

IV. Publications (Give title, date and place of publication)

V. Scholarships

Name of Scholarship	Inclusive Dates (DD/MM/YY)	
	From	To

VI. Honors/Awards Received

VII. Research Interests: Briefly describe what areas you would like to research on.

VIII. Motivation to Participate in the Program

IX. Personal Experience: Write an autobiographical essay. Is there anything in your background that you think would be relevant to your application for admission? Describe your life up to now: family, friends, home, school, work, and particularly those experiences most relevant to your interests in your field of study. What is your approach to life?

X. Capsule Research Proposal**1) Research Title****2) Local Institution****3) Local Adviser**

Name:
E-mail:
Phone:

4) Host Institution**5) Host Adviser**

Name:
E-mail:
Phone:

5) Field of Study (Please check one and indicate specialization in the box below)**Natural Science**

- Atmospheric Science
- Chemistry
- Earth Science
- Environmental Science
- Physics
- Others _____

Life Science

- Biology
- Food Science
- Genomics
- Health Sciences
- Pharmacology
- Others _____

Engineering

- Civil
- Chemical
- Computer
- Electrical
- Mechanical
- Others _____

6) Duration of Research

Start Date:

DD

MM

YY

End Date:

DD

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7) Brief Background of Research**8) Significance of Research****9) Objectives of Research****10) Methodology****11) Expected Output****12) Timetable of Activities****Endorsed by:**

Printed Name and Signature
of Research Adviser

Printed Name and Signature
of Department Chair

Printed Name and Signature of Applicant

Date Accomplished

MECO-TECO Sandwich Scholarship Program (SSP) <i>Checklist of Requirements</i>	
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