



2010 ERCCT Fellowship

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The Ministry of Education of the Republic of China (Taiwan) grants 1 ERCCT Research Fellowship for a talented and highly qualified postgraduate student (doctoral candidate or postdoc) from Europe who specialises in the fields of Taiwanese politics and law, economics, society or cross-strait relations. The fellowship is initially granted for two years and will be extended by another year after a successful evaluation of the grantee's research progress by the ERCCT's Fellowship Committee. The successful applicant automatically becomes an ERCCT Research Fellow. Her or his project should not have transcended the initial stage yet. She or he is required to stay at the ERCCT for at least one year to take part in its programme and activities, and to spend a substantial time in Taiwan for fieldwork where she or he will be hosted by one of the ERCCT partner institutions. German language skills are *not* mandatory. The fellowship comprises a monthly grant of 1000 Euro and expenses for a roundtrip air ticket to Taiwan (up to 1,200 Euro).

Applicants must be European doctoral students or European postdocs based at European or Taiwanese universities. They must be at the beginning or at an early stage of their research. Applicants who are about to finish their projects are not eligible to apply. In addition to a cover letter, CV and copies of their academic degrees, they should submit a research proposal of no more than 10 pages which describes their project and highlights its academic relevance. A bibliography containing recent publications most relevant to their specific research field (not more than 50 titles) should be added to the proposal.

This year's ERCCT Fellowship is granted starting **January 1st, 2010**. Application deadline is **November 15th, 2009**. After a revision of each application by members of the ERCCT Advisory Board and a final decision by the ERCCT fellowship committee, applicants will be informed about the results no later than the mid of December.

All applications should be directed by e-mail, to:

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