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2nd Call for applications 2026
in the framework of the "Taiwan Studies Programme" agreement 2025-2028
between Ghent University, Groningen University, the University of Tartu
and the Department of International and Cross-Strait Education (DICE), MoE, Taiwan.

Dear colleagues,
Dear partner universities in Taiwan,

Ghent University, as coordinator of the new Taiwan Studies Programme 2025-2028 is happy to announce the **launch of the second Call for Applications in the framework of the new Memorandum of Understanding for the Taiwan Studies Programme 2025-2028.**

The "Taiwan Studies Programme at UGent/RUG//UTartu" has a duration of 3 academic years from the effective date of the signing by the Ministry of Education (MOE), Republic of China (Taiwan).
The goal of this 2nd call for applications is twofold as we aim to find:

1) a candidate (Taiwan Chair holder) for the **first semester of the new academic year 2026-2027 in Ghent University (Belgium).**
2) a candidate (Taiwan Chair holder) for the **second semester of the new academic year 2026-2027 in the University of Groningen (The Netherlands).**

Each of the two professorial fellowships offered by the programme in the framework of this second call for applications should be occupied by one candidate, with a duration of 4 months per stay.

Regarding research and teaching activities and subject to compliance with applicable university laws, the **Professorial Fellow** (academic scholar) shall be treated equally as all the other professors (academic staff) at the partner university university in question.

The parties agree that the Professorial Fellow's activities under and in connection with this MoU shall comply with the rules of good scientific practice under which the university partners to this MoU are operating.

DICE will provide the **Professorial Fellow** with a monthly allowance of 1,500 € and a round-trip international airline ticket (Max. 1,500 € airfare per person).
Additionally, Ghent University, the University of Groningen and the University of Tartu, when acting as the respective hosting institution, will provide the Professorial Fellow with housing. Furthermore, the respective host universities will provide the Professorial Fellow with all necessary facilities such as office space, a computer and secretarial support.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:
The entire duration of the professorial fellowship should be exercised during the academic year 2026-2027 (2nd year of the new Taiwan Studies programme) .

We would like to draw your special attention to the fact that the selected candidate for the 2nd semester in the University of Groningen (The Netherlands) will have to organize a workshop during her/his mobility period there.

Profile:

- PhD in Social Sciences, Political Sciences or History and Culture (preferably with focus on politics, international relations, law, economics, contemporary history, intellectual history, geopolitics).
- Expertise with research and education on Taiwanese and East Asian studies.
- Good command of English (spoken and written).

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- Ability to teach about EU-East Asia relations at MA level; involvement in MA courses on East Asia and EU-East Asia relations
- Ability to organize research seminars for PhD students in their area of expertise

Candidates for the Professorial Fellowship shall be selected from any higher education institution across the world, provided that her/his expertise is on Taiwan. The Professorial Fellow selected shall preferably be an/a (associate) professor on sabbatical leave from either the Republic of China (Taiwan) or any other country, and shall have minimal qualifications as a Ph.D. holder.

Duties:

- The Professorial Fellow will teach classes related to Taiwan Studies on one or more aspects of international relations in an East Asian context. The term 'international relations' broadly encompasses the areas of: foreign policy; global and regional governance; international law; international political economy; IR theory; security studies; geopolitics and global/transregional/regional history.
- The Professorial Fellow who will hold the chair at the University of Groningen will also have to organize a workshop related to her/his area of expertise.
- The Professorial Fellow shall submit a report to DICE and to the Faculty Board of Ghent University, the Centre of East Asian Studies at the University of Groningen and the University of Tartu regarding her or his academic work at the end of each appointment period.
  The Ministry, Ghent University, the University of Groningen. and the University of Tartu may publish the said report.
- Each Professorial Fellows will provide 1 news article along with photos of their Taiwan Studies related activities, such as lectures, workshops, courses, etc., to upload on the Taiwan Studies website per academic year.

Documents that should be submitted:

- Curriculum vitae
- Motivation letter
- Letter of consent and recommendation letter of your home institution signed by the relevant responsible person in your faculty/college/school.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:

For both positions the applications should be submitted the latest by Friday 27 March 2026, 9:00 am CET.

Please send your application to the following address: inge.mangelschots@ugent.be
The selection results will be announced by the end of April 2026.

I would be very grateful if you could disseminate this **Call for applications** in your university.

Best regards,

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