

2027 Taiwan Global Pathfinders Initiative - iYouth Talent Program

Opportunity Development Guidelines

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- I. In accordance with: Taiwan Global Pathfinders Initiative - iYouth Talent Program (Approved by the official note No. 1131023182 of the Executive Yuan on November 4, 2024).

- II. Eligible Cooperating (Proposing) Units:
 1. Central government ministries and their affiliated agencies/organizations.
 2. County and City Governments.
 3. Public and private universities, colleges, and high schools/vocational high schools.
 4. Registered legal entities, institutions, or non-governmental organizations.
 5. Civil society or companies in specialized professional fields.




III. Target Audience, Quota, and Eligibility:

1. Youth or high school/vocational high school students 15 to under 18 years old must participate as a group (departing and returning together). Each project may accept up to 20 participants (excluding accompanying mentors).
2. For youth from 18 to 30 years old should be carried out in an "individual" or "group" way, and the group is limited to the maximum of 20 people (excluding accompanying mentors).
3. Eligibility Criteria:
 - (1) The opportunities provided by cooperating (proposing) units must adhere to principles of fairness and impartiality, open to all youth who meet the age limits. They should not be restricted to specific schools, departments, or organization members, and priority should be given to youth from disadvantaged backgrounds.
 - (2) If language proficiency or professional background is required for project execution



(e.g., English proficiency at CEFR B2 level preferred, Japanese JLPT N2, over 5 years of music performance experience preferred), these must be clearly indicated in the prospectus as "preferred" qualifications rather than the sole admission criteria, to retain flexibility in selection.

- (3) Other professional requirements specified by the internship units.
 - (4) The final list of admitted participants will be determined through proposal evaluations and interviews conducted by experts and scholars in corresponding fields appointed by the Youth Development Administration (YDA), Ministry of Education, selecting youth based on their suitability.
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IV. **Program Content and Themes:** When planning overseas dream projects, the cooperating (proposing) units shall focus on broadening youth's international perspectives and accumulating professional practical experience. It is expected that upon returning, the

youth will apply their learnings to give back to society and contribute to the development of related fields in the nation.


1. The primary mode of execution should be in-depth on-site internships, include training, service, learning, practical training and exchange, etc. Aimed at strengthening communication with international youth and organizations. Superficial sightseeing itineraries must be avoided.

2. Itinerary and Location Planning:


- (1) Priority for internship locations and on-site institutions should be given to international organizations, agencies, professional hubs, or specific workplaces that do not open for public visit or tourism in general.
- (2) Project locations should generally be fixed areas or specific institutions, adhering strictly to the principle of one country(one city). Frequent cross-regional movements should be avoided unless necessitated by special project themes that require attending essential conferences or exhibitions.
- (3) Weekday itineraries should concentrate on professional

learning and practical engagement, while sightseeing and cultural experiences should be scheduled during weekends or holidays.

(4) Destination countries must be designated as Level Yellow or below on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Travel Advisory scale.



3. Domestic Pre-departure Training: To equip youth with necessary prerequisite knowledge and skills before departure, cooperating (proposing) units may organize pre-departure training. The content must be rigorous and directly aligned with the project's overseas goals. Units must outline the number of sessions, tentative schedule, content, and format; the total duration should ideally not exceed 2 days (16 hours).



4. Project Categories: The content includes, but is not limited to, 19 thematic areas: History and Culture, Arts Exchange (Music, Fine Arts, Performing Arts), Electrical/Electronic and Mechanical Engineering, Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action, Health Promotion and Social Care, Educational

Cooperation and Learning, Social Engagement and Volunteer Service, Startup Incubation and Industry Exchange, Community Revitalization and Tourism Development, Fashion Design and Aesthetics, Diplomacy and Public Policy, Sports Exchange, Animal Conservation and Ecological Care, Culinary Arts, Digital Applications and Media, Finance and Economics, Disaster Prevention and Management, Biomedical Sciences, and Others.



5. Excluded Categories: To avoid resource duplication, projects already offering grants or subsidies under other ministries, such as sports and arts competitions, academic research, study abroad programs, and working holidays, cannot be submitted as proposals under this program.

V. Implementation Period:

1. Program Execution Period: April 1, 2027, to February 29, 2028. The itinerary must be a minimum of 15 days (excluding travel time) and generally a maximum of six months.
2. Phase I Departure Time: Depart after April 1, 2027.

3. Phase II Departure Time: Depart after July 1, 2027.

VI. Budgeting Guidelines:

1. The funding for this program functions as the "Youth Practice Incentive", which aims to subsidise the necessary expenses for youth participating in overseas dream projects. **All expenditures shall be verified and reported** (except for meals, local public transportation and miscellaneous expenses, other, and administrative expenses in living expenditures). The cooperating (proposing) units must allocate budgets based on the principle of non-duplication of resources.
2. Budgets must be compiled uniformly in New Taiwan Dollars (NTD), using an exchange rate of USD 1 = NTD 32 for conversions. The total combined amount of all expenses must be evenly divisible by the total number of youth participants (excluding mentors) to facilitate disbursement operations.
3. If the participant fails to execute the project as planned, and their performance is deemed



unsatisfactory and no improvement is made, YDA reserves the right to reduce the amount of the awarded funds based on the proportion of execution of the project, and reclaim the funds which has been disbursed.

4. Eligible Budget Items (For detailed calculation methods, please refer to the sample budget calculation table):

(1) Airfare:

- i. Round-trip economy class fares between Taiwan and the host city (budgeted according to market rates, and transit in China (including Hong Kong and Macau) is prohibited).
- ii. Cross-city travel economy class fares. (Please provide a detailed explanation and budgeted according to market rates.)
- iii. If there are accompanying mentors' airfares, these can be listed in this item. (Please list the airfares for youths and accompanying mentors separately.)



(2) Living Expenses (Includes meals, accommodation, and local transportation.)

- i. This must include a 5% allowance, clearly specified in the expenditure details along with a calculation formula for review.
- ii. Receipts are **not required** for meals, local public transportation, and miscellaneous expenses; however, receipts are still required for accommodation, local car rental / charter fees. (Please refer to the "Table of Daily Living Allowances for Central Government Personnel Dispatched Abroad" for compiling living expenses. The calculation formula is as follows: during the round-trip flight period, the daily living expenses are calculated 30% of the local daily living expenses; from the first day of the internship to the 15th day, the daily living expenses are capped at 100%; from the 16th to the 30th day are capped at 75%; from the 31th to the 90th day are capped at 50%; and from the 91st day onwards are capped at 25%).



- iii. If there are accompanying mentors' living expenses, these can be listed in this item.
(Please list the living expenses for youths and accompanying mentors separately.)




- (3) Cross-city travel transportation fees. (Please budgeted according to market rates and provide the receipt of local car rental / charter fees.)
- (4) Registration and course-related fees for conferences / events / visits: A detailed list of the unit price for each registration and course-related fees must be provided, along with supporting receipts.
- (5) Insurance Fees: Must cover at least NTD 2 million to 3 million in accident insurance and NTD 200,000 to 500,000 in overseas medical insurance, budgeted according to actual market rates, including coverage for accompanying mentors.
- (6) Lecturer Hourly Fees: Fees for "Pre-departure Training" lecturers are budgeted based on internal (NTD 1,000) or external (NTD 2,000) rates; the same applies to local lecturers abroad, but this **cannot duplicate with** the aforementioned Registration and course-related fees for



conferences / events / visits.

(7) Accompanying mentors' Fees:

- i. Each mentor will provide guidance and support to each youth at a rate of NT\$1,000 per session (for projects lasting less than one month, follow-up guidance will be provided weekly; for programs lasting more than one month, follow-up guidance will be provided every two weeks; guidance provided during overseas trips will be verified and recorded on a per-person basis).
- ii. Within one month of returning Taiwan, mentors must assist the youth in submitting their project reports and videos, and may allocate a fee for each participant's one-time mentoring session.



(8) Venue Rental Fees: The venue rental fee required for implementing this project (including overseas and domestic pre-departure training) must be listed with the unit price of each venue usage and verified for reimbursement.

(9) Equipment Rental Fees: Shared costs for computers, instruments, or software (including overseas and

domestic pre-departure training) are strictly limited to rentals (no purchases), and the expenses need to be verified and reimbursed.

- (10) Visa Fees: Specific visa types must be stated, and processing fees must be budgeted upon verification. (Please list the visa fees for youths and accompanying mentors separately.)
- (11) Translation Fees: General translation/interpretation is handled by mentors. If professional translation is strictly necessary in a classroom setting, limit to one translator per day, providing justifications. Budgeted by required hours/days, capped at NT\$ 10,000 per day.
- (12) Printing costs (maximum 3% of total budget): Costs for printing and binding the documents required for this project.
- (13) Miscellaneous Expenses (maximum 3% of total budget): Such as postage or other necessary fees
- (14) Administrative Management Fees (maximum 5% of total budget): Administrative expenses incurred in implementing this project.



Note: The calculation of "total budget" mentioned above does not include printing costs, other and miscellaneous expenses, and administrative management fees.

5. Excluded Budget Items:

(1) Transportation and Accommodation for Pre-departure

Training: Covered under "Miscellaneous Expenses".

(2) Airport Transfer Fees: Covered by the daily living

allowance for the departure and return days.

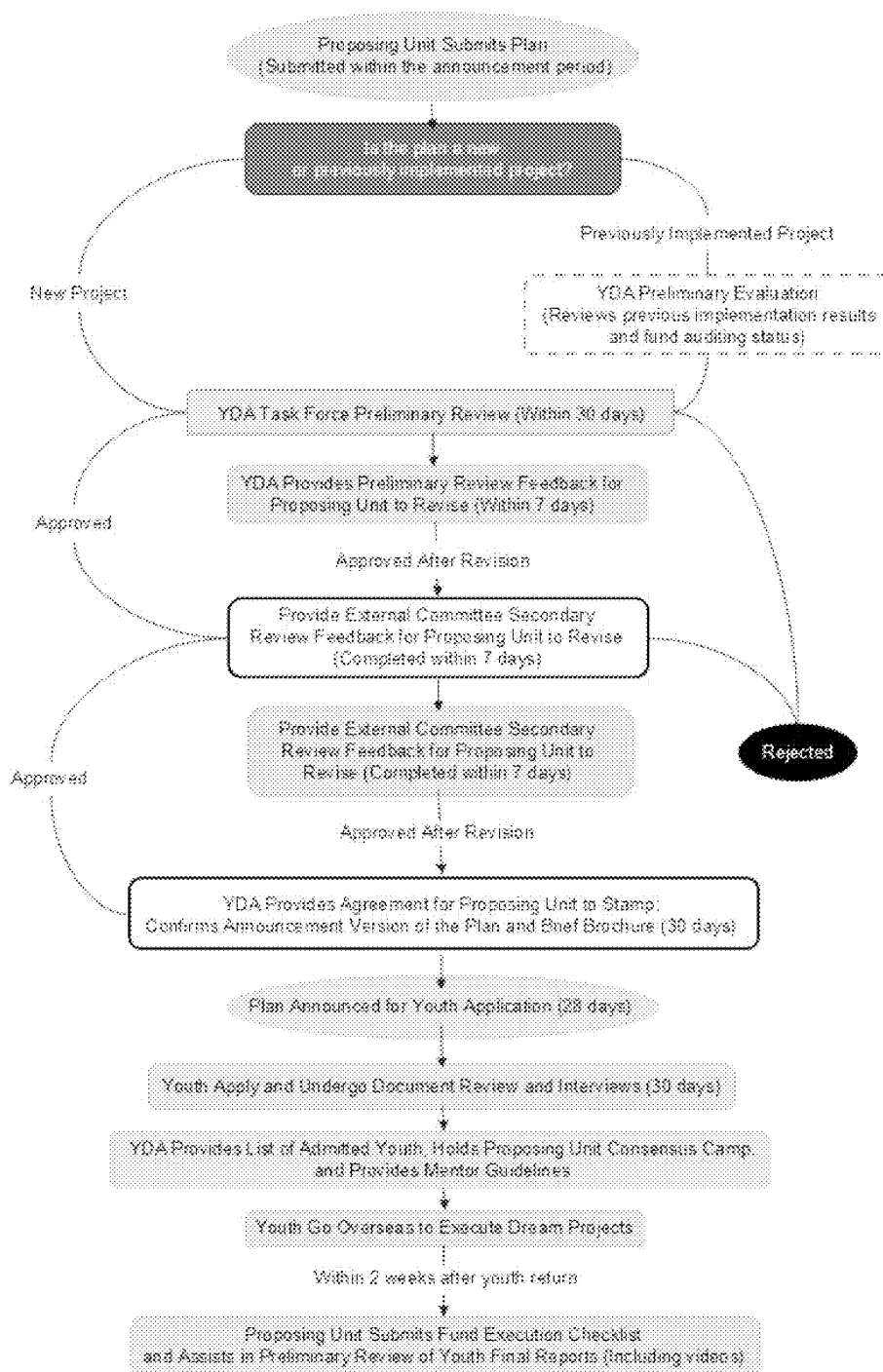
(3) Personnel Costs: Covered under " Administrative

Management Fees ".



VII. Project Review and Approval Notification: The projects submitted by each cooperating (proposing) unit will undergo preliminary review by the Youth Development Administration of the Ministry of Education and a secondary review by external expert committee members. The review process is as follow.





VIII. Schedule (Important timelines for execution by cooperating (proposing) units): (Rolling adjustments will be made based on requirements)

Actions to be Taken	Phase I Schedule	Phase II Schedule
Submission of Implementation Plan from the Cooperating (Proposing) Units	Early June to July 15, 2026	Early September to October 15, 2026
Preliminary Review by XDA Task Force; Cooperating (Proposing) Units revise based on the first feedback (return within 7 days)	July 16 to July 31, 2026	October 16 to November 3, 2026
Secondary Review by External Experts	August 3 to August 27, 2026	November 4 to November 30, 2026
Cooperating (Proposing) Units revise based on the secondary feedback (return within 7 days), provide grant account info for the	August 28 to September 7, 2026	December 1 to December 9, 2026

funds and contact person		
The cooperating (proposing) unit shall provide an agreement/certificate of the internship unit, a list of mentors, a confirmed version of the announcement project, a brief announcement brochure, and a stamped agreement.	September 8 to October 29, 2026	December 10, 2026 to February 17, 2027
Open for Application	October 30, 2026	February 18, 2027
Application Deadline	November 30, 2026	March 18, 2027
Document Review for Youth Applications	December 8 to December 24, 2026	March 29 to April 23, 2027
Interviews for Youth Applications	February 16 to February 19, 2027	May 20 to May 23, 2027
Admission	February 16 to February 19, 2027	May 20 to May 23, 2027

Announcement & List Shared with Cooperating (Proposing) Units	2027	
Cooperating (Proposing) Units Consensus Camp Provide a participant agreement signed by the mentor.) (Online)	Early March, 2027	Early June, 2027
Youth Dream Fund Disbursement & Pre-departure Consensus Camp for Youth	After early April 2027 (Please allocate time for visa processing)	After early July 2027 (Please allocate time for visa processing)
iYouth Talent Program Execution	After early April 2027 (Please allocate time for visa processing)	After early July 2027 (Please allocate time for visa processing)
All projects must return by February 29, 2028		
Submit the Fund Execution Checklist, and a preliminary review of the youth's final reports and	Within one month after completion of the program	

videos.	
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IX. Other Important Notes:

1. If the project involves accompanying mentors, 1 mentor may be assigned when youth participants exceed 5, and 2 mentors may be assigned when exceeding 15. During the youth's overseas trip, the mentors will handle the youth's guidance records and scoring matters, and assist in guiding the youth's final

reports and videos after their return. However, the principle is that the selected accompanying mentors must accompany the youth throughout the project period and must sign a participation agreement form (responsibility agreement form).



2. If the plan does not include an industry mentor, in order to following up the situation of the youth during their overseas studies, the cooperating unit is requested to arrange an industry mentor to assist with the work matters described in paragraph 1. above.
3. When submitting proposals, cooperating (proposing) units must determine the appropriate visa type in accordance with the Visa and Entry Information of the Bureau of Consular Affairs (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and the actual requirements of each program. They must specify the visa type, pay close attention to visa regulations, and factor in estimated processing times when determining departure dates and schedules (e.g., German visas may require approximately 2-3 months).
4. When submitting proposals, cooperating (proposing)



units must designate a primary contact person when submitting the project to assist with responding to applicants' inquiries.

5. Following the secondary review approval, cooperating (proposing) units must stamp and return two copies of the agreement provided by the YDA. cooperating (proposing) units must also sign an agreement with the partner organization or provide documentation confirming mutual intent (format not restricted) for joint execution. After reaching a consensus, the cooperating (proposing) unit and the partner organization should provide a list of one or two mentors to facilitate arrangements for follow-up mentoring and for the mentors to complete the follow-up mentoring evaluation form.
6. When confirming the finalized announcement version, cooperating (proposing) unit must verify the complete project content. Once announced, project details (including duration, quota, budget, execution countries/cities) cannot be changed. In case of unforeseen circumstances, units must proactively



contact the project team and obtain YDA approval before adjusting.

7. Disbursement of Youth Dream Fund (Grants): This program provides financial support through the “Youth Practice Incentive.” The disbursement methods are outlined as follows:



(1). Method One: The grant will first be disbursed to the collaborating (proposing) unit (domestic or overseas account is acceptable, only one account number can be provided), and then the collaborating (proposing) unit will reimburse the selected youth for any related expenses they wish to cover.

(2). Method 2: The grant will be disbursed separately to the collaborating (proposing) unit and the selected youth, according to the funding listed and the recipient.

(3). Instructions for Designated Account for Collaborating (Proposing) Organizations: After reaching an agreement with the internship unit, the collaborating (proposing) unit should

provide a set of grant account information and remittance contact information to facilitate the smooth disbursement of the grant.

(4). Note: Transaction and handling fees may vary across intermediary and receiving banks. The actual amount received may be less than the amount disbursed; please cover any shortfall using funds from "Miscellaneous Expenses."

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8. The cooperating (proposing) unit shall collect the project final materials (including the final videos and the reports) from the youth and provide the cooperating (internship) unit's fund execution checklist (all funds directly into the cooperating unit shall be subject to fund audit according to the project, and the unit shall provide the receipts to the youth if the grant are transferred), and the mentor follow-up guidance score sheet. After the materials are compiled and reviewed, they shall be submitted to the Project Team.
 9. If the proposal includes both a general proposal and a Dream-Empowerment Support Plan, the shared funding items such as venue usage fees, registration

fees for meetings/activities/visits to institutions and course-related fees should be allocated and listed according to the proportion of youth participating in each proposal.

