Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Taiwan IC Design Training Program 2027 for Filipino Participants

A. Eligibility and Qualifications

1. Who can apply for the program?

The program is intended for Filipino citizens who are currently enrolled in or have completed a degree program in Electrical Engineering, Electronics Engineering, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Information Technology, or a related technical field. Applicants from other disciplines may also apply if they can demonstrate relevant technical coursework, training, knowledge, or professional experience.

Applicants are not required to be students or graduates of Taiwan Tech's partner universities. Applicants from partner and non-partner institutions are evaluated under the same eligibility requirements and selection criteria.

Final eligibility and selection are determined through review of the complete application. Applicants must be available for the full six-month training program in Taiwan.

2. Can undergraduate students, employed professionals, or overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) apply?

Yes. Undergraduate and postgraduate students, graduates, employed professionals, and OFWs may apply if they meet the requirements and can participate full-time for six months. Students and employed applicants must make any necessary arrangements with their universities or employers.

3. Is there a minimum GPA, age limit, or professional license requirement?

Applicants are assessed on their academic background, English proficiency, relevant qualifications, and suitability for the training. A professional engineering license is not a required application document. Applicants should consult the published application requirements for applicable criteria.

4. Do applicants need previous IC design experience, or must they have graduated recently?

Prior IC design or semiconductor industry experience is not required, and there is no restriction based on graduation year or recent employment field. However, applicants are expected to have foundational knowledge of electronics, basic circuit analysis, digital logic, semiconductor fundamentals, and computing or programming. The program builds on existing technical knowledge rather than teaching these fundamentals from the beginning. Applicants with extensive IC design experience should consider whether the training level aligns with their learning objectives, as it is not intended to be an advanced specialization.

B. Training and Participation

5. What will participants learn during the six-month program?

The program focuses on IC design and semiconductor-related technologies through technical instruction and practical learning. Planned activities include specialized coursework, hands-on laboratory training, company and research institute visits, Mandarin Chinese instruction (approximately four hours weekly), and cultural activities. Activities may be adjusted as the program progresses.

6. Is the program full-time? Can participants work, study, or attend remotely?

The program requires full-time, in-person participation at Taiwan Tech in Taipei from February to July 2027. Remote participation and shortened arrangements are not offered. Outside employment or concurrent study must not interfere with attendance and must comply with applicable regulations.

7. Can participants take leave or travel outside Taiwan?

Participants are expected to attend required training activities. Limited absences may be permitted for valid reasons with prior approval. Personal travel must not interfere with the training schedule.

8. What laptop should participants bring?

Participants are expected to bring their own laptop. As preliminary guidance, a laptop with at least 16 GB RAM, a 512 GB SSD, and an Intel Core i5, AMD Ryzen 5, or equivalent processor is recommended. Final operating system, software, and technical requirements will be communicated before training. Applicants should avoid purchasing a new device solely on the basis of these preliminary recommendations.

9. How will participants be assessed?

Expected activities include homework assignments, group work, and a final project. Details may change as the training progresses. The program is completion-based rather than a traditional pass/fail course; participants are expected to attend, cooperate, and fulfill training requirements. Participants who meet the program completion requirements will receive a Certificate of Completion issued by Taiwan Tech.

C. Financial Support and Accommodation

10. What financial support is provided?

With funding from Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), selected participants receive a monthly living allowance of NT$12,000 for six months, reimbursement of eligible round-trip airfare up to NT$20,000, free designated dormitory accommodation, program-related training, and arranged insurance coverage. Support is subject to approved program and reimbursement procedures.

11. Is the program fully funded? Do participants need their own money?

Participants should prepare funds for initial travel and living expenses. Airfare is generally purchased upfront and eligible expenses reimbursed after arrival, up to NT$20,000. Financial support may not be available immediately upon arrival. Costs exceeding approved support and personal expenses remain the participant's responsibility.

12. What does the accommodation include? Can participants choose their own housing?

Accommodation at Yuan-Tong Dormitory in Zhonghe, New Taipei City is provided free of charge, including the room, Wi-Fi, and water. A free shuttle operates between the dormitory and Taiwan Tech's main campus. Participants pay for electricity, bedding, laundry, toiletries, meals, personal transportation, and other personal purchases. Participants are expected to use designated accommodation; no separate housing allowance is offered for independently arranged housing.

D. Application and Selection

13. Is an Expression of Interest (EOI) the same as applying?

No. An EOI is only a preliminary indication of interest and does not guarantee admission or priority. It is not required to apply. All interested applicants must submit a formal application during the official application period.

14. Does Taiwan Tech work with third-party recruitment agencies or educational consultancies for this program?

The Taiwan IC Design Training Program 2027 is administered exclusively by Taiwan Tech. No third-party recruitment agencies, educational consultancies, universities, or other organizations have been authorized to recruit, screen, select, or process applications on behalf of the program.

All applications must be submitted directly through the official application system. Applicants are not required to engage or pay any third party to participate in the application process.

Applicants who choose to engage third parties do so at their own discretion and risk. Taiwan Tech assumes no responsibility or liability for any fees, services, representations, promises, or arrangements made by unauthorized third parties.

Official program information, application requirements, and announcements are published on Taiwan Tech's Office of International Affairs website. Applicants should refer to the official website for the most up-to-date information.

15. How many participants will be accepted, and how are they selected?

Approximately 30 participants are expected to be accepted. Selection is competitive and based on academic and technical qualifications, suitability, motivation and relevant preparation, and ability to complete the program. No individual factor guarantees selection, and eligibility cannot be conclusively determined through email.

16. When are applications open, and what are the key dates?

Formal applications open on November 16, 2026. The application and selection schedule is as follows:

Round	Activity	Date
First Round	Applications open	November 16, 2026
	Application deadline	November 20, 2026
	Results announced	November 27, 2026
	Confirmation deadline	December 1, 2026

Second Round	Final application deadline	December 14, 2026
	Results announced	December 21, 2026
	Confirmation deadline	December 25, 2026

* Waitlist notifications, if any, may be issued December 29. The official program webpage will provide the application link and instructions.

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17. What documents are required for application?

Applicants must submit the following documents:

- University academic transcript
- Proof of English language proficiency
- Study plan, statement of interest, or résumé/CV (at least one of these)
- Valid passport or Philippine government-issued photo ID for the initial application

Additional documents, where applicable or available, include:

- University graduation certificate or diploma
- Letter of recommendation
- Other relevant supporting documents

The study plan, statement of interest, or résumé/CV should highlight the applicant's academic background, relevant technical coursework or experience, and motivation for joining the program. Applicants who initially submit a government-issued photo ID must provide a valid passport if selected, in accordance with the confirmation requirements. Please refer to the official program webpage for the complete and current application requirements.

18. What English proficiency evidence is accepted?

All applicants must submit proof of English proficiency. The minimum level is CEFR B1 or equivalent. An official Medium of Instruction (MOI) certificate issued by the applicant's university confirming that their degree program is or was taught in English is accepted as an alternative to standardized test results, including for current undergraduate students. A general letter asserting English ability is not necessarily an MOI certificate. Test results must be valid at submission. Online English proficiency tests are not accepted.

Qualification	Minimum
TOEFL ITP	433
TOEFL iBT	42
IELTS	4.0
TOEIC Listening and Reading	550
TOEIC Speaking and Writing	120 per component
GEPT	Intermediate
Cambridge English	PET (Preliminary English Test)
Linguaskill Business	140
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BULATS	ALTE Level 2
BEST Test of English Proficiency	70
BEST Speaking and Writing	230 per component
PTE Academic	43

19. Can a passport renewal be pending at the time of application?

A valid Philippine government-issued photo ID may be used for the initial application. Selected applicants are expected to provide a valid passport during confirmation. If a passport renewal or application is pending, the program may consider official proof of the ongoing renewal or application for provisional slot confirmation on a case-by-case basis. A valid passport may still be required during final participant confirmation; this is not an automatic waiver. Applicants are encouraged to apply early and complete renewal promptly.

20. Are recommendation letters required to follow a template?

A letter of recommendation is optional. No prescribed template or format is provided. A university professor or dean may prepare and sign the letter.

If submitted, the letter may be addressed to the Taiwan IC Design Training Program 2027 Selection Committee.

21. Is attendance at an information session required? Are recordings available?

Information-session attendance is not required for application. Slides and recordings are not distributed afterward. The official program webpage and FAQs are the primary sources for program information.

E. Travel, Completion, and Further Opportunities

22. Will Taiwan Tech assist with visas and travel?

Taiwan Tech will provide selected participants with relevant supporting documents and information to facilitate visa applications and travel preparation.

Participants are responsible for their visa applications, travel arrangements, applicable entry requirements, and associated expenses not covered by program support. Visa application fees and related expenses are the responsibility of participants and are not covered by the program.

Visa categories and document requirements should be verified through the appropriate authorities.

23. Does the program provide employment or allow participants to remain in Taiwan afterward?

No. This is a university-administered, MOFA-funded technical training program, not an employment agency, recruitment program, or degree program. Industry exposure and professional connections may arise, but recruitment interviews, job offers, employment, and placement are not guaranteed. Participants are expected to return to the Philippines after training. The program does not provide assistance with obtaining employment, extending residence, or changing visa status.

24. Are there mandatory service periods or employment commitments after training?

No mandatory service period or employment commitment is imposed by the program. Participants must fulfill training requirements and are expected to return to the Philippines upon completion. Any future employment or academic opportunities must be pursued independently and in compliance with applicable laws.

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