

文藻外語大學公共關係室剪報表格

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Forming bridges

SIU's connection to Taiwan goes back decades and SIU officials have conducted recruiting visits at Wenzao for the past few years.

“Our partnership with Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages represents the latest effort of SIU's College of Liberal Arts and the Center for International Education working to bridge two cultures through language training and academic exchange,” said Andrew Carver, executive director for international affairs. “If the pandemic has taught us anything, it's that the world is more connected than ever before. By working more closely with our global partners, SIU better positions itself to solve the world's most pressing challenges.”

The \$59,215 grant from the Taiwan Ministry of Education was announced in early 2021. Last fall, details were finalized and the formal document signing ceremony was held at the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago. Chancellor Austin A. Lane and SIU President Daniel Mahony were among the speakers at the ceremony, and representatives from Wenzao, five other participating Midwest universities and American dignitaries and elected officials attended as well.

A small portion of the grant funding goes toward other programs and activities such as helping support World Languages Day activities on campus, celebrated Nov. 16, along with other university-affiliated Chinese artistic, language and cultural activities.

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SIU recently learned the grant has been renewed through July 31, 2023. According to Shu-Ling Wu the \$54,500 grant will cover a visiting instructor from Taiwan to SIU for another year. In addition, the money will fund study abroad scholarships allowing as many as 10 SIU students to study the Chinese language and culture and teach English in Taiwan for terms from 3-12 months during the summer or fall 2022 or spring 2023 semesters. Students can apply online for the program.

“I encourage students who have studied Chinese previously to seize the opportunity to put your language skills to real use, and those who haven't to start your language journey in an immersive environment,” Shu-Ling Wu said.

Many opportunities offered

In addition to the Taiwan Huayu BEST Program, SIU's Study Abroad Programs Office can connect students with a vast array of opportunities throughout the world. Scholarships are available through colleges, the State Department, host countries and other organizations. Learn more by visiting the website, emailing studyabr@siu.edu or calling 618-453-7670.

“Due to the pandemic, many students missed study abroad experiences the last couple of years so they are enjoying finding ways to participate in various programs this year,” said Ramesh Neupane, associate director of Study Abroad Programs in the Center for International Education. “We took a group to Egypt in December and the experience was a big success and two faculty-led programs will be going to Costa Rica during Spring Break. I encourage students to come check out the wonderful, diverse, living-learning academic and cultural experiences available to them through study abroad programs.”