

Taiwan Visiting Designer Opportunities

Six credible routes for Vaani across circular materials, design research, sustainable textiles, craft and illustration.

01 · CIRCULAR GLASS

Spring Pool Glass × W Glass Project

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Taiwan Textile Research Institute

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02 · DESIGN RESEARCH

Taiwan Design Research Institute

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National Taiwan Craft Research & Development Institute

06 · ILLUSTRATION

Treasure Hill Artist Village / AIR Taipei

A credible, honest outreach sequence

Lead with a small, useful professional project and make it easy for the host to say yes to a reduced version: a one-day visit, researcher interview or portfolio review.

- 1 **Prepare four items:** one-page CV, portfolio link with 6–10 relevant projects, proof of the ELISAVA master's degree, and a one-page concept note tailored to the host.
- 2 **Send one focused email.** Use the proposed title from the relevant profile, state 22–30 September, explain why this host, list three outputs, and ask for a 20-minute call.
- 3 **Follow up after two business days.** Reply in the same thread with a three-line reminder. If there is still no response, call once during Taiwan office hours and ask who handles visits or international exchange.
- 4 **Offer a smaller scope.** If a full week is impossible, request a half-day orientation plus one interview, then conduct the remaining research independently in Taipei.
- 5 **Confirm the facts in writing.** Exact dates, location, unpaid/observational status, activities, deliverables, photography rules, a named host contact, and any insurance or visitor requirements.
- 6 **Only after acceptance, request a letter.** It should use the host's letterhead and truthfully state the agreed visit. The host—not Vaani—must write or approve it.

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W Glass Project / Spring Pool	wglassproject@springpoolglass.com cc seg@springpoolglass.com	+886 3 538 9187
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Taiwan Textile Research Institute	yhpan.0276@ttri.org.tw	+886 2 2267 0321 ext. 7028
NTCRI Taipei Branch	ntcri@ntcri.gov.tw	+886 2 2388 7066
Taiwan Comic Base	service@tcb.tw	+886 2 2555 3155
Treasure Hill / AIR Taipei	thav@artistvillage.org air@artistvillage.org	+886 2 2364 5313 ext. 136

Confirmation-letter checklist: host's legal name and address; Vaani's full legal name; agreed role or visitor title; 22–30 September 2026; exact activities and location; unpaid/observational status; named contact and signature; issue date. A host invitation does not itself establish employment rights or immigration permission—verify entry requirements separately.

Taiwan Re:Glass Circular Materials Visiting Designer Practicum

HOST CONFIRMATION REQUIRED



Official Spring Pool Glass factory graphic

PROPOSED HOST

W Glass Project by Spring Pool
Glass Industrial Co., Ltd.

PROPOSED ROLE

Visiting Materials Designer – Circular Glass &
CMF Research

REQUESTED FORMAT

22-30 Sep 2026 · unpaid,
observational professional exchange

THE PLACE

Spring Pool is a long-established Taiwanese glass recycler and manufacturer. Its Hsinchu factory tour documents waste-glass recovery, glass powder, lightweight aggregate/foamed glass, furnace processes and craft. W Glass Project translates that industrial knowledge into contemporary design.

PRACTICE OPPORTUNITY

- Factory safety orientation and a half-day industrial observation, subject to access approval.
- Interview W Glass Project or Spring Pool staff about circular glass and market applications.
- Create a 12-15 page field report, CMF palette and three application concepts for European and South Asian markets.
- Close with a short presentation and hand over the research to the host.

CONTACT

W Glass Project Collaboration Team

Request routing to **T.A. Wu / Wu Ting-An**,
founder of W Glass Project and Spring Pool
vice general manager.

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RESEARCH THEME

"Translating Taiwan's circular glass, ceramic and waste-material systems into CMF and textile applications for European and South Asian markets."

Suggested subject: ELISAVA graduate
proposal – one-week circular glass & CMF
research visit, 22-30 Sep

Taiwan Material Futures Visiting Researcher Exchange

HOST CONFIRMATION REQUIRED



PROPOSED HOST

Taiwan Design Research Institute
· Design R&D Lab

PROPOSED ROLE

Visiting Material-Futures Researcher

REQUESTED FORMAT

22-30 Sep 2026 · short research
attachment

THE PLACE

TDRI is Taiwan's national design research institute. Its Design R&D Lab works across trend research, design tools, cross-industry collaboration, co-creation and future-facing advisory work from Songshan Cultural and Creative Park.

PRACTICE OPPORTUNITY

- Orientation to the lab's research methods and current public design exhibitions.
- One researcher interview or critique session, if staff capacity permits.
- Map Taiwanese circular-material signals against European and South Asian design needs.
- Deliver a concise material-opportunity map, research memo and ten-minute presentation.

CONTACT

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BEST ASK

Request a compact hosted research exchange. If a full week is not possible, ask for one orientation, one interview and permission to develop the remaining work independently.

Suggested subject: Visiting material-futures researcher proposal – ELISAVA graduate, 22-30 Sep

Sustainable Textile Materials Testing & Innovation Attachment

HOST CONFIRMATION REQUIRED



PROPOSED HOST

Taiwan Textile Research Institute · Testing & Verification

PROPOSED ROLE

Visiting Sustainable Textile Materials Researcher

REQUESTED FORMAT

22-30 Sep 2026 · supervised observational attachment

THE PLACE

TTRI is a major Taiwanese textile R&D body working on key textile materials, functional apparel and home textiles, technical textiles, environmentally responsible production, testing and certification.

PRACTICE OPPORTUNITY

- Lab and testing-service orientation, strictly subject to safety, confidentiality and visitor approval.
- Observe selected testing/verification workflows and interview one technical specialist.
- Study recycled and functional textiles through a materials-design and CMF lens.
- Deliver a Taiwan-India sustainable textiles brief, CMF palette and three application concepts.

CONTACT

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BEST ASK

Frame this as an educational professional visit with defined research outputs—not access to proprietary projects. Offer to sign visitor and confidentiality forms.

Suggested subject: Request for short sustainable textile testing research attachment – 22-30 Sep

Taiwan Craft Materials Translation Visiting Designer Project

HOST CONFIRMATION REQUIRED



PROPOSED HOST

National Taiwan Craft Research & Development Institute · Taipei Branch

PROPOSED ROLE

Visiting Craft & Materials Designer

REQUESTED FORMAT

22-30 Sep 2026 · research and documentation project

THE PLACE

NTCRI connects Taiwanese craft traditions with contemporary design and technology. Its Taipei Branch supports exhibitions, international exchange and opportunities for younger craft practitioners, making it relevant to ceramics, natural materials, weaving and dyeing.

PRACTICE OPPORTUNITY

- Exhibition and research orientation at the Taipei Branch.
- Discussion with a curator, craft specialist or programme officer, subject to availability.
- Document how Taiwanese craft materials could translate to European and South Asian contexts.
- Produce a short “Taiwan-India Craft Material Dialogues” report and illustrated material map.

CONTACT

Taipei Branch / Director's Office

Ask for international exchange, research exhibitions or young-designer development.

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INSTITUTIONAL LEAD

Chen Tien-Li, Director. Address the first message to the branch team and request internal routing rather than assuming the director will supervise.

Suggested subject: Taiwan-India craft materials visiting designer proposal – 22-30 Sep

Taiwan Visual Narrative & Illustration Practice Attachment

HOST CONFIRMATION REQUIRED



臺灣漫畫基地
TAIWAN COMIC BASE

Taiwan Comic Base · official identity image

PROPOSED HOST

Taiwan Comic Base

PROPOSED ROLE

Visiting Illustrator & Visual Narrative Researcher

REQUESTED FORMAT

22-30 Sep 2026 · creator-space research attachment

THE PLACE

Taiwan Comic Base is a public platform for Taiwanese comics with a specialist bookstore, exhibitions, a multi-purpose hall and a creator space. Its continuing-education courses, creative camps, industry talks and creator consultation make it the strongest illustration-specific contact in this dossier.

PRACTICE OPPORTUNITY

- Orientation to Taiwan's comics ecosystem and current exhibitions.
- Creator-space access or a professional consultation, subject to membership and staff approval.
- Interview a programme officer or local illustrator, if available.
- Create an 8-page Taiwan-India visual-narrative zine or concise illustration-trends dossier.

CONTACT

Taiwan Comic Base Service Team

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No. 38 Huayin St, Datong Dist., Taipei 103015

Tue-Sun 10:00-21:00

Creator space 12:00-21:00

EXISTING OPPORTUNITY

The creator space, courses, camps and consultations are real services. The one-week role is a tailored request and must be confirmed; it is not a currently advertised internship.

Suggested subject: Visiting illustrator proposal – Taiwan-India visual narrative research, 22-30 Sep

Taipei Visual Field Notes — Illustration Research Visit

SHORT VISIT PROPOSAL · NOT A RESIDENCY



PROPOSED HOST

Treasure Hill Artist Village / AIR
Taipei · Taipei Culture
Foundation

PROPOSED ROLE

Visiting Illustrator & Urban Visual Researcher

REQUESTED FORMAT

22-30 Sep 2026 · one-day hosted
visit + independent fieldwork

THE PLACE

Treasure Hill is a preserved hillside settlement where art, residency and community life intersect. AIR Taipei supports international cultural exchange and accepts visual art and craft, giving this route genuine professional relevance for illustration and place-based visual storytelling.

PRACTICE OPPORTUNITY

- Request a half-day orientation to the village, community context and residency programme.
- Ask for one resident-artist or operations-team conversation, if available.
- Conduct independent visual fieldwork on Taipei's settlement patterns, material culture and urban textures.
- Deliver an illustrated field-note series, eight-page zine or short visual essay.

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IMPORTANT FIT NOTE

AIR Taipei's formal residencies are much longer than one week, and the 2027 open call closed on 30 June 2026. Ask only for a short professional studio/community visit; do not claim residency acceptance.

Suggested subject: Short visual-fieldwork visit proposal – ELISAVA graduate illustrator, 22-30 Sep