



THAILAND - UNITED STATES
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

FULBRIGHT THAI GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (TGS) FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019

GENERAL INFORMATION/PROVISIONS

To continue its mission of promoting mutual understanding between the people of the United States and Thailand through educational exchange, which has been successfully implemented throughout the past six decades, the Thailand-United States Educational Foundation (TUSEF), also commonly known as “Fulbright Thailand”, announces its annual competition for the **FULBRIGHT THAI GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** (TGS, formerly known as the Open Competition Scholarship Program) to qualified Thai individuals for graduate study in the United States of America beginning **in the 2019 academic year**.

Becoming a “Fulbrighter” confers instant recognition that the individual has been chosen through a rigorous, internationally-recognized competition based on individual merit and a transparent selection process. This has been true since the Program’s inception and its reputation instantly identifies grantees as members of a worldwide community of scholars all selected on the same basis and sharing the same goal of promoting mutual understanding between Thailand and the United States of America.

Up to seven grants will be available for candidates who will commence their graduate level studies in the academic year 2019. This year, Fulbright will provide support for candidates seeking masters and doctoral degrees.

Awards will be offered in a broad variety of fields with the exception of medicine and nursing. Public health and allied subjects with no clinical practices are eligible.

Fulbright will consider awarding up to four of the seven grants on a regional basis to welcome more candidates from the provinces. For these four grants, one grant will be made on the basis of competition among candidates from universities in each of the four regions – the North, the South, the Northeast and the Central regions—yet retaining the Fulbright standards and quality. The remaining three grants will be made on the basis of national competition open to candidates from universities in all four regions. Note that the region of competition will be determined by the location of the campus where the candidate is studying or has received a degree. If, however, no candidates from any of those regions meet Fulbright’s high standards, TUSEF reserves the right to decline the award for that region and to select a candidate from the national pool.

Successful candidates will receive funding from the Foundation for the actual costs of the first year of their selected program (not exceeding \$35,000) in the United States. Grants are normally for one academic year. Grantees who require more than one year to complete their degrees are eligible for further funding of up to \$17,500 for the second year. The second-year grant will normally be provided on a case-by-case basis depending on reasonable progress towards the planned degree.

It is expected that those pursuing doctoral degrees will be able to find their own funding beyond the second year. Fulbright and its partner organizations in the United States may be able to assist in seeking this additional funding, which could include teaching assistantships, tuition waivers, or fellowships.

Grants are intended to cover costs of tuition and fees, books and educational supplies, maintenance allowance, and insurance coverage. Additionally, the Foundation will cover international travel expenses (economy class) for one round-trip between Thailand and the United States.

**The deadline for application submission is Monday, April 9, 2018 at 1 p.m. (Thailand local time).
No extensions of deadline will be granted under any circumstances.**

ELIGIBILITY

An applicant must:

- 1) be a Thai citizen in good health (individuals holding U.S. immigrant visas or permanent U.S. resident cards (green cards), or dual citizenships (Thai and any country) are not eligible for the TGS program);
- 2) have completed all requirements or in the last active term for a bachelor's from a Thai university or a master's degree from any university at the time of application. (Applicants with work experience are encouraged to apply.)

Graduating seniors, who are to complete their bachelor's degree (or master's degree) programs after the application deadline **April 9, 2018**, can submit an official transcript with records up to the first semester of their last year (or 2nd year of their master's). However, if applicants are invited to the final interview, they must also submit an original copy of the final official transcript confirming receipt of the bachelor's and/or master's degree with eligible cumulative GPA. This is in addition to the official transcript initially submitted with the application, and it must be submitted at least one week before the interview date.

- 3) hold a bachelor from a Thai university listed under the Office of the Higher Education Commission, regardless of the degree applying. Foreign universities or non-Thai higher education institutions situated in Thailand are ineligible. Please refer to **Table 1** below;
- 4) have a minimum cumulative GPA as indicated in **Table 1**:

Table 1

Apply For	Degree Requirement		
	Apply With	Minimum GPA	Graduated From
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master's Degree Program • Doctoral Program (Combined Master's and Doctorate) 	Bachelor's Degree	3.0	Thai Universities **
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctoral Program (Doctorate only) 	Master's Degree & Bachelor's Degree	3.5 Any	Any Universities Thai Universities **

** Regardless of the degree applying, all applicants must hold bachelors from Thai universities, listed under the Office of the Higher Education Commission.

- 5) have a **VALID and OFFICIAL TOEFL iBT®** score of at least 80 on a test taken within two years from the date of the application deadline (i.e., taken after **April 9, 2016**). **Only official TOEFL iBT® Test Taker Score Reports (PDF file) downloaded from ETS's website will be accepted. (We do not accept IELTS scores.)**
- 6) be in Thailand for the final interview and be able to participate in required activities;
- 7) not currently studying in the U.S. and plan to commence their studies in the U.S. on Fulbright scholarship in the 2019 academic year; and
- 8) not have been previously awarded a Fulbright Open Competition Scholarship (OC).

Important:

- Applicants who have received undergraduate degrees from non-Thai universities are NOT eligible to apply for the scholarship.
- According the FFSB policy 525.1, employees (paid or unpaid, including part-time or temporary employees, consultants, externs, fellows, and contract employees) and their immediate families of U.S. missions abroad who work for the U.S. Department of State or the U.S. Agency for International Development are ineligible for grants during and for a period ending one year following the termination of such employment, association, or service. The one-year period of ineligibility is calculated from the date of termination of employment, service, or association until the due date for submission of applications. If you have any questions, please contact Fulbright Thailand at the number and email given below.
- If an applicant is selected as a finalist, any changes to degree sought (master's or doctorate) and field of study are not permitted.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Each applicant must submit **BOTH** online and a set of hard-copy application to TUSEF by the set deadline.

- 1) **Online Application:** From January 8, 2018, applicants can apply by completing the online form and upload required documents (including online recommendation letters) through our online application system at <http://application.fulbrightthai.org>. **The deadline for online application is Monday, April 9, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. (Thailand local time, GMT +7:00).**
- 2) **Hard Copy:** The hard copy of application set must be printed/photocopied ONE-SIDED and include:
 - a) 1 set of all pages printed one-sided from the online application, certified with your signature at the bottom of every page;
 - b) 1 one-sided photocopy of each of your original transcript(s), certified with your signature at the bottom of every page;
 - c) 1 one-sided print-out of **official and eligible** TOEFL iBT® Test Taker Score Report (first page only), certified with your signature at the bottom of the page. (The test taker score reports are **downloadable** from applicants' TOEFL iBT® account on ETS's website approximately 2 weeks after the test date);
 - d) 1 copy of concise resume (not exceeding 2 pages, printed one-sided); and
 - e) 2 letters of recommendation – hard copies or online. For hard copies, recommenders must use the Fulbright Recommendation Form, which can be downloaded from the online application system. They may also attach the additional letters if they would like to provide further details. The letters must be submitted in **sealed** envelopes along with the application set.

Applicants can submit the above hard-copies to TUSEF by either one of these two options:

i. **Submit in Person**

The application set must arrive at the Fulbright Thailand office no later than Monday, April 9, 2018 by 4:30 p.m. (Thailand local time, GMT +7:00). The Foundation office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; or

ii. **Submit by Express Mail Services (i.e. EMS, Kerry Express, FedEx, DHL, UPS, etc.)**

The application set must be postmarked on or before April 9, 2018 and delivered to the Foundation via the trackable express postal services only. Please indicate "2019 TGS" in front of the envelope.

Note: Your application will be considered complete when TUSEF receives your application and required documents in form of both a digital copy through online system and a hard copy via EMS or in person.

Please do not staple any documents, but use paperclips instead.

- 3) For further questions beyond this announcement, you may email tusef@fulbrightthai.org or call 0-2285-0581-2, Ms. Supawaree Patavanich at ext. 106.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

January 8 – April 9, 2018	Announcement of the Fulbright Thai Graduate Scholarship Program (Website: http://www.fulbrightthai.org ; Application: http://application.fulbrightthai.org)
APRIL 9, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF COMPLETE <u>ONLINE</u> APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
APRIL 9, 2018	DEADLINE FOR <u>HARD-COPY</u> APPLICATIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sent via EMS: postmarked by this date• Submitted in person: by 4:30 p.m. (Thailand local time, GMT +7:00)
Late April – May 2018	Pre-screening applications by the bi-national review committee
Mid June 2018	Announcement of the pre-screening results
July 9-10, 2018	Final interview by the bi-national selection committee
Late July 2018	Approval of successful candidates by TUSEF Board of Directors
End of July 2018	Announcement of successful candidates
August 1, 2018	Preliminary Orientation
August 2018 – April 2019	University Application and Placements
June 3-5, 2019	Pre-departure Orientation
July – August 2019	Departure of grantees

**** All requirements are minimum. Only complete applications will be considered. ****