



THAILAND - UNITED STATES
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

2019 FULBRIGHT JUNIOR RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (JRS)

GENERAL INFORMATION/PROVISIONS:

The Thailand-U.S. Educational Foundation (Fulbright Thailand), in cooperation with the Thailand Research Fund (TRF), is pleased to announce the "***Fulbright - Thailand Research Fund Junior Research Scholarship Program***," which is aimed to develop the capabilities of Thai university staff members and interested persons to gain **six months** of research experience in the United States ***as part of their doctoral dissertation requirements.***

Five (5) grants are available for the **2019** academic year. **Two (2)** will be awarded under the Fulbright Program and up to **three (3)** will be under the Fulbright-TRF partnership. For the grant sponsored by Fulbright Thailand, benefits are intended to cover round-trip international airfare, monthly stipend for six months, in-transit allowance and health insurance. For the Fulbright-TRF partnership, funding support will be mainly provided by the Thailand Research Fund (TRF) with additional fund from Fulbright Thailand for not exceeding a period of six months.

Fulbright Thailand will assist the grantees in the visa process, coordinate with the host U.S. institutions and offer non-monetary benefits, including orientations, enrichment seminars, international conferences, etc., which will help grantees to get access to their chosen host universities and create quality international networks.

ELIGIBILITY:

FAILURE TO MEET ANY ONE OF REQUIREMENTS MAKES AN APPLICANT INELIGIBLE.

An applicant must:

1. Be **physically present in Thailand** at the time of the application, interview and orientation
2. 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 U.S.) are not eligible to apply*);
3. **Be a university lecturer OR interested persons who are undertaking graduate work at the Ph.D. level in a Thai university;**
4. Have completed your coursework and passed the qualifying exam;
5. Demonstrate strong academic performance at the graduate level;
6. Have an appropriate background to undertake the proposal you have outlined;
7. Have the concurrence of the university Ph.D. program in which you are enrolled;
8. **Have one of the following valid English official score report:**
 - a. **iBT TOEFL score of 71** or above or;
 - b. **ITP TOEFL score of 525** or;
 - c. **CU-TEP test score of 75.**
9. **Obtain written confirmation (a letter of invitation) from a U.S. professor/scientist at the host institution that s/he will supervise the research;**
10. Be able to take leave from your home institution or post;
11. Preferably not have had extensive experience in the United States **during the previous 5 years;** and

12. Be able to fully participate in every activity organized by Fulbright Thailand, including Preliminary Orientation and Pre-departure Orientation Program, which will be held in February and June respectively.
13. Those who work for the U.S. Embassy and related agencies, please consult Fulbright Thailand before applying.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

Friday, November 2, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.	DEADLINE FOR ONLINE SUBMISSION OF COMPLETED PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FORMS, PROPOSALS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
Friday, November 2, 2018	DEADLINE FOR A POSTMARK FOR A HARD-COPY OF YOUR APPLICATION SENT TO FULBRIGHT OFFICE
November 5, 2018 onward	Screening and shortlists of proposals Finalists to be invited to the interview
Late November 2018	Interview by the Bi-national Selection Committee
Late December 2018	Selected candidates to be notified of the interview results
January 31, 2019	Deadline for completed Final Online Applications for the candidates
Mid-February 2019	Preliminary Orientation for Grant Benefits and Online Application through Embark System
Late January/Early February 2019	Outreach Activity for Thai grantees
Early June 2019	Pre-departure Orientation Program and Reception Night
September 2019 – February 2020	Departure of scholars

Please be advised that:

- *Preliminary Orientation and Pre-departure Orientation are mandatory. The dates will be determined by mid-January 2019.*
- *Grant period must not start before September 1, 2019 and no later than February 29, 2019.*
- *Fulbright grantees will apply for a J-1 VISA to participate in the Fulbright Program. The process will be administered and facilitated by Fulbright Thailand.*

[Please read the announcement and guidelines carefully before completing your online application. It is solely the applicant's responsibilities to strictly follow the instructions.](#)

GUIDELINES FOR ONLINE APPLICATION

Fulbright Thailand Online Application System:

<http://application.fulbrightthai.org>

1. All items must be completed in English and use **American date notation (month, day, year)**
2. All attachment files must be in the format of **PDF only**.
3. For transcripts and TOEFL iBT, TOEFL *ITP* or CU-TEP score, a scanned copy must be of the original documents. However, please include only **photocopied** documents of those in your hard-copy application packet. ***Please do not mail us the original documents.***
4. Letters of Recommendation:
 - It is highly recommended the recommenders are those qualified to evaluate the applicant's qualification.
 - Applicants must include two letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes (sealed by the recommenders) in the application packet or the recommenders themselves email their letters (a scanned copy) directly to tusef@fulbrightthai.org with the subject: **Recommendation letter for JRS Application**. The two recommenders need not choose the same method of submitting their letters. In other words, one may opt to submit by e-mailing to tusef@fulbrightthai.org while the other in a sealed envelope.
 - The recommenders must use official/professional e-mail addresses registered/associated with their institutions/organizations to ensure their credential. Their personal e-mail addresses are not accepted.
5. Applicants must submit **both online application and a set of hard-copy application.**
 - Applications must be submitted online **by the deadline Friday, November 2, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. Thailand local time.**
 - Once completing online application, applicants must print a hard copy from the Online System and send a set of hard-copy application to Fulbright Thailand Office **via EMS with a postmark by Friday, November 2, 2018.**
 - **Please do not staple any of your hard-copy document.**
 - Any incomplete application and any documents mailed to Fulbright Thailand Office later than the date indicated above will not be considered.
 - Fulbright Thailand mailing address:

**Thailand - United States Educational Foundation (Fulbright Thailand)
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21/5 South Sathorn Road
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6. Applicants will be notified, provided they are selected. The results can also be viewed on our official website at www.fulbrightthai.org approximately two weeks after the application is closed.

For more information, please contact Khun Cheewarat at 02-285-0581-2 ext. 107 or tusef@fulbrightthai.org