



THAILAND - UNITED STATES
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

2019 FULBRIGHT U.S. – ASEAN VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM (USAS)

Fulbright Thailand (Thailand-United States Educational Foundation) is pleased to announce the 2019 Fulbright U.S.-ASEAN Visiting Scholar Initiative. The objective of the program is to deepen people-to-people engagement and strengthen U.S. educational ties with the 10 member nations of ASEAN, while emphasizing the importance of ASEAN. This marks the seventh year of the initiative. To date, 60 scholars from all 10 ASEAN Member States have been awarded scholarships to pursue studies focused on a wide range of subjects including innovative teaching methods, maritime security, climate change, food safety, political security, and human trafficking.

The program is open to university faculty, foreign ministry or other government officials, and professional staff of the private sector, think tanks, and other NGOs in the ASEAN Member States to travel to the United States for scholarly and professional research for 3-4 months on priority issues to the U.S.-ASEAN relationship and ASEAN. It is anticipated that one qualified applicant from Thailand will be selected by a U.S. – ASEAN selection committee.

The applicants may apply to conduct research in fields that support ASEAN initiatives including supporting regional economic integration, expanding maritime cooperation, promoting opportunities for women, fostering green growth, and addressing transnational challenges (including regional collaboration on issues such as curbing human trafficking, countering violent extremism, preventing wildlife trafficking or promoting sustainable fishing). Fields of study could include, but are not limited to: Education, Environmental Sciences, Financial Market Integration, Food Technology, Information Sciences, Journalism, Law, Political Science, Public Administration, Public/Global Health, Statistics, Trade and Investment, Trade Facilitation, and TEFL & Applied Linguistics. These programs and topics should also be of interest and relevance to Thailand and the ASEAN community. While projects can have specific focus, projects that are regional in scope and/or have clear implications for the entire ASEAN region are preferred.

Up to three (3) awards will be offered to successful candidates for the 2019 academic year for a period of 3-4 months. It is anticipated that 10 qualified applicants will be selected, preferably presenting each of the 10 ASEAN Member States.

Selection will be based on professional qualifications of applicants, and on the quality and significance of their project proposals. *Only if applicable*, applicants are encouraged to explore in advance the most appropriate location for their research/lecturing projects and should be able to indicate that the proposed host institutions - universities, archives, institutes, etc. - are prepared to receive the scholars. **Applicants are not required to submit an invitation letter from a U.S. host affiliation at this stage. However, if selected, they will be expected to provide the letter by mid-February.**

The Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB) will approve the final slate and Public Affairs Sections and Fulbright Commissions will be notified by April 1, 2019. Congratulatory letters from the Ambassador to the U.S. Mission to ASEAN will be conveyed to selected and non-selected candidates by May 1, 2019.

Please note that all the selected Fulbright U.S.-ASEAN Visiting Scholars will be required to attend a Pre-departure Orientation in Jakarta in August 2019 and depart to the United States during the same timeframe, starting in September and ending in December 2019.

Fulbright U.S.–ASEAN Visiting Scholar awards will provide:

- A monthly stipend for grantees, between US \$2,710 and \$3,145/month, depending on the U.S. city.
- A direct-flight, round-trip economy-class air ticket.
- A \$1,250 Professional and Settling-in allowance.
- Qualifying university lab and research fees up to \$3,000, as necessary.
- No dependent support will be available.

ELIGIBILITY: At the time of application, applicants must:

1. Be a **Thai citizen** in good health, **age not exceeding 58 at the time of application deadline**; (*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*);
2. Hold a Master's Degree or higher and be proficient in English;
3. Be highly-motivated and experienced university faculty, foreign ministry and government officials or professionals in the private sector, think tanks and other NGOs whose work focuses on U.S.-ASEAN issues. Applicants will be expected to have a significant record of scholarly or professional accomplishment;
4. Be physically present in Thailand at the time of interview and be residing in Thailand throughout the nomination and selection process, and return to Thailand upon completion of the U.S. stay;
5. Be able to take leave from your home institution or post to attend **Pre-departure Orientation in Jakarta in August 2019, and participate in the program during September - December 2019**;
6. 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;
7. Be willing and able to serve as a resource person and a cultural ambassador in the United States, e.g. as a lecturer, seminar participant, consultant, or in other capacities requested by the host institution or community.

Applicants are **ineligible** if they:

1. Have received a Fulbright grant within the past 5 years;
2. Have received a J-1 visa in the category of Professor/Research Scholar within the past 2 years; and
3. Are currently teaching, studying, or conducting research in the U.S.
4. Those who work for the U.S. Embassy and related agencies, please consult Fulbright Thailand before applying.

Preference will be given to qualified applicants who have not had recent and substantial experience in the United States. Applicants must be residing in Thailand throughout the nomination and selection process and must return to Thailand upon completion of their U.S. stay.

THE PROGRAM TIMELINE:

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 shortlisting 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 the Embark System
Late January/Early February 2019	Outreach Activity for Thai grantees
Early June 2019	Pre-departure Orientation Program and Reception Night in Bangkok
August 2019	Pre-departure Orientation in Jakarta
September 2019 onward	Departure of scholars
September – December 2019	Grant Period for a duration of 3-4 months

Please be advised that:

- ***Scholars will be required to attend a Pre-departure Orientation in Jakarta in August 2019, and depart to the U.S. during the same timeframe, starting in September and ending in December 2019.***
- ***Fulbright grantees will need to apply for a J-1 VISA to participate in the Fulbright Program.***
- ***No dependent support will be available for this program.***

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, 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 **three 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 USAS 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) Thai Wah Tower 1, 3rd floor 21/5 South Sathorn Road Bangkok 10120

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