

2020 FULBRIGHT THAI VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM (TVS)

GENERAL INFORMATION/PROVISIONS:

Fulbright Thailand (Thailand-United States Educational Foundation) announces its annual competition for Fulbright awards under the **Thai Visiting Scholar Program (TVS)** which offers grants to senior Thai scholars to lecture, pursue research or undertake special academic-related projects in the United States.

Selection will be based on professional qualifications of applicants, and on the quality and significance of their project proposals. **Applicants are expected to explore in advance the most appropriate location for their research or lecturing projects and should be able to indicate that the proposed host institutions - universities, archives, institutes, etc. - are prepared to receive the scholars.** Project proposals will be considered under a condition that the applicant submits an official letter of invitation from a U.S. institution along with his/her application.

Up to three (3) awards will be offered to university faculty lecturers and researchers in a Thai university or research institution during the 2020 academic year for a period of 3-6 months. Funding for this program is through the Thailand-United States Educational Foundation under the Fulbright Program, and includes round-trip international travel, monthly stipend, professional allowance, settling-in allowance, health insurance and excess baggage reimbursement. The monthly stipend ranges from US\$2,500 to \$2,900 based on survey data on the city's relative cost of living. An additional allowance (approximately US\$200-350 per month) is given for qualified dependents who accompany the scholar for at least 80 percent of the grant period. Eligible dependents include the legal spouse and children under 21.

ELIGIBILITY:

At the time of application, an applicant 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. Be physically present in Thailand at the time of interview;
3. **Have a doctorate in academic background with strong knowledge of English;**
4. **Professional experiences:**
 - **for university lecturers:** have at least **10 years (120 months at the time of submission deadline)** of lecturing experience at the university level (*excluding period of study*);
 - **for researchers:** have at least **10 years (120 months at the time of submission deadline)** of research experience at the research institutions (*excluding period of study*);
5. Obtain an official letter of invitation from a U.S. host institution;
6. Be able to take leave from your home institution or post;
7. Preferably not have had extensive experience in the United States *during the previous 3 years*;
8. 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 January and June respectively;

9. 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; and;
10. Be prepared to lecture and participate in academic activities related to the program undertaken upon return to Thailand.
11. Candidates may not have held a Fulbright grant for lecturing or research in the U.S. *within the past 5 years*;
12. Those who work for the U.S. Embassy and related agencies, please consult Fulbright Thailand before applying.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.	DEADLINE FOR ONLINE SUBMISSION OF COMPLETED PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FORMS, PROPOSALS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
Wednesday, October 16, 2019	DEADLINE FOR HARD-COPY APPLICATIONS WITH A POSTMARK BY OCTOBER 16, SENT TO FULBRIGHT THAILAND OFFICE
October 16, 2019 onward	Screening and shortlisting of proposals. Finalists to be invited to the interview.
November 19-20, 2019	Interview by the Bi-national Selection Committee
Late December 2019	Selected candidates to be notified of the interview results
December 24, 2019	Deadline for completed Final Online Applications for the candidates
Mid-January 2020	Preliminary Orientation for Fulbright Visiting Scholars (Programs and Grant Benefits)
Early February 2020	Outreach Activity for Thai grantees
First week of June 2020	Pre-departure Orientation Program and Reception Night
September 2020 – February 2021	Departure of scholars

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT:

- *Grant period must not start before September 1, 2020 and no later than February 28, 2021.*
- *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.*
- *Failure to meet any of the requirements makes an applicant ineligible*
- *Plagiarism is NOT acceptable. You will be automatically disqualified if found plagiarizing.*

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

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 **photocopies** of those in your hard-copy application packet. ***Please do not mail us the original documents.***
4. **Letters of Recommendation:**
 - It is highly recommended that 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: **Letter of Recommendation for TVS Application**. The two recommenders need not choose the same method of submitting their letters. In other words, one may opt to submit by emailing to tusef@fulbrightthai.org while the other in a sealed envelope.
 - The recommenders must use **official/professional email addresses** registered/associated with their institutions/organizations to ensure their credential. ***A personal email address is not accepted.***
5. Applicants must submit **both online application and a set of hard-copy application.**
 - Applications must be submitted online **by the deadline Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. Thailand local date and 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 Wednesday, October 16, 2019.**
 - **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 Office mailing address:**

**APPLICATION FOR 2020 TVS PROGRAM
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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 period is closed.

Should you have any inquiries, please contact Khun Cheewarat, focal point for Fulbright Visiting Scholar Programs at 02-285-0581/2 ext. 107 or tusef@fulbrightthai.org