

2020 FULBRIGHT JUNIOR RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (JRS)

GENERAL INFORMATION/PROVISIONS:

Fulbright Thailand (Thailand-U.S. Educational Foundation), in cooperation with the Thailand Research Fund (TRF), is pleased to announce the “**Fulbright - Thailand Research Fund (TRF) Junior Research Scholarship Program (JRS)**,” 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 **2020** 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 a period not exceeding 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:

At the time of application, 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 reports. (Preferably submitted with application before the extended deadline, but also acceptable on the day of interview):**
 - a. **IBT TOEFL score of 71;**
 - b. **ITP TOEFL score of 525;**
 - c. **CU-TEP test score of 75.**
9. **Obtain an official letter of invitation from a U.S. host institution/advisor will supervise the research (Preferably submitted with application before the extended deadline, but also acceptable on the day of interview);**
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 January and June respectively.
13. Those who work for the U.S. Embassy and related agencies, please consult Fulbright Thailand before applying.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (Extended Deadline):

**Friday, December 6, 2019
at 1:00 p.m.**

(EXTENDED) DEADLINE FOR ONLINE SUBMISSION OF COMPLETED PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FORMS, PROPOSALS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Friday, December 6, 2019

(EXTENDED) DEADLINE FOR HARD-COPY APPLICATIONS WITH A POSTMARK BY OCTOBER 31, SENT TO FULBRIGHT THAILAND OFFICE

October 31, 2019 onward

Screening and shortlisting of proposals. Finalists to be invited to the interview.

Mid December 2019

Interview by the Bi-national Selection Committee

Late December 2019

Selected candidates to be notified of the interview results

Late December 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 and official English score report, 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 JRS 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 e-mail 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 extended deadline on Friday, November 15, 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 Friday, November 15, 2019.**
 - **Please do not staple any of your hard-copy document. Use paperclips instead.**
 - 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 JRS PROGRAM
Fulbright Thailand
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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 1-2 weeks after the application is closed.

Should you have any inquiries, please contact Fulbright Thailand at 02-285-0581/2 ext. 107 or tusef@fulbrightthai.org.

JRS APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- 1 original application form (with a photo attached) printed from the online application system
- Detailed research proposal (not exceeding 5 pages typed, font no.10-12 Ariel or Tahoma, preferably)
- Biographic essay (not exceeding 2 pages typed, font no.10-12 Ariel or Tahoma, preferably)
- Resume/CV
- A copy of transcripts (Master's and PhD's)
- A copy of valid English language official score report (TOEFL iBT or ITP or CU-TEP)
(Preferably submitted with application before the extended deadline, but also acceptable on the day of interview)
- An official letter of invitation from the U.S. institution (a copy of a PDF file is acceptable)
(Preferably submitted with application before the extended deadline, but also acceptable on the day of interview)
- Two letters of recommendation (sealed in envelopes or email directly to tusef@fulbrightthai.org)
- Please do not staple any of your applications. Use paperclips instead.
- Your documents must be in or translated into English only.
- Please attach PDF files only, and the size of each file cannot be over 8 MB. Each PDF file can have multiple pages.
- A scanned copy must be of the original documents.