

Application Guidelines For the Fulbright Thai Graduate Scholarship Program (Open Competition Scholarship Program)

Overview of the Fulbright Scholarship Program

The mission of the Fulbright Scholar Program is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and people of other countries. It aims to provide educational exchanges to a maximum number of individuals not previously afforded such an opportunity.

Applicants should be representatives and responsible citizens who can contribute to a full and fair picture of the culture of their own countries and thereby contribute to understanding between the people of the United States and their country. They should also demonstrate the cross-cultural sensitivity and flexibility needed to adjust successfully to life in the U.S.

Application Guidelines

Advanced planning will give the applicant as much time as possible to put together thoughtful and complete application.

- Read and complete the application form carefully.
- The online application consists of a form for personal data, educational and professional background, proposed program plan and biographical statement. For doctoral applicants, an additional page is added for an essay question on conceptual research idea. All required documents must be uploaded with the application form.
- All items must be in English or otherwise indicated, and use American date notation (i.e., month day, year).
- Applications must be submitted by the deadline set by the Thailand – United States Educational Foundation (TUSEF) for further consideration. Applications received after the stated deadline will not be considered.
- TUSEF conducts the initial screening and endorsement of all the applications.
- Applicants will be notified by TUSEF if they are selected.
- Applicants are responsible to check the selection results (screening and interview) at TUSEF's website (www.fulbrightthai.org) at the time indicated in the program announcement.

Choosing Major Field of Studies for the Fulbright Thai Graduate Scholarship (Open Competition Scholarship)

Question 1 of the online application form asks about the major field of study that you would like to pursue. Examples of field of studies in each category are as follows. If you are not sure about your field of study, please contact tusef@fulbrightthai.org.

- **Pure and applied science:** chemistry, biology, physics, mathematics, actuarial science, statistics, architecture, urban design, food science, marine science, agricultural, forestry, fisheries etc.
- **Health science:** biomedical science, veterinary science, etc.
- **Engineering and computer science:** electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, petroleum engineering, computer science, computer engineering, data analysis, ocean engineering, aerospace engineering, etc.
- **Arts, humanities, and education:** dance, music, design, fine arts, visual arts, films/TV, cinematography, animation, languages, literature, philosophy, anthropology, education etc.
- **Social science:** public policy, political science, international development, criminal justice, economics, environmental studies, communications, journalism, geography, social work, theology/religious studies, history etc.
- **Law:** all legal concentrations
- **MBA (Finance):** banking, finance, financial engineering, quantitative business analysis, etc.
- **MBA (Non-finance):** general business management, operation management, entrepreneurship, social enterprise, marketing, HR, supply chain management and logistics, etc.

Choosing Degree Sought for the Fulbright Thai Graduate Scholarship (Open Competition Scholarship)

Question 1 of the online application form asks about the degree you would like to pursue. Please see the explanation below. If you are not sure about your degree, please contact tusef@fulbrightthai.org.

- If you are applying for a master's degree, choose "Master of".
- If you are applying for a doctoral degree, choose "Doctor of". You must have earned a master's degree or studying in the last year of a master's degree program to be able to apply for a doctoral program degree.

Essays

Essays may be the most important components of your application. It is an opportunity for the applicants to tell their stories, background, or goals in depth, and enable readers to learn more about the applicants beyond the transcripts and lists of activities provided in their applications/resumes.

- Master's degree applicants are required to write a proposed program plan and a biographical essay.
- In addition to the two essays, doctoral degree applicants are required to write about their research ideas.
- The limit for all essays is 400 words.

Confidential Letters of Recommendation/Reference Letters

Candid and honest letters of recommendation provide an evidence of an application's reputation within his/her discipline. The letter of recommendation form in the application pack suggests qualifications that recommenders should address:

- Applicants must submit 3 references through our online application system or in sealed envelopes. At least one must be from an academic source.
- When registering recommenders, it is highly recommended that you provide us with the recommenders' official/professional email addresses that are registered or associated with their organizations to ensure the credential of the recommenders. Personal email addresses are accepted on a case-by-case basis.
- Recommendation letters should be from people who are qualified to evaluate the applicants' educational background and professional work.
- Do not ask someone for letters of recommendation unless the persons are well acquainted with the applicant's qualifications.
- Choose recommenders carefully and contact them early to ensure that the letters will be completed before the application deadline.
- Three letters of recommendation must be submitted along with the application. Otherwise, the application will be weakened by an insufficient number of references and will not be processed.
- Failure to use the confidential letter of recommendation form provided will delay the application process.
- It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that reference letters are submitted by the deadline.

Supporting Materials

Official Transcripts of Academic Performance for all years of study

- The transcripts of academic record are essential to the evaluation of the applicant's academic ability.
- If the applicants have attended more than one university during their undergraduate degree, transcripts from all universities attended must be submitted along with the application.

TOEFL iBT® Score as a proof of English proficiency

- Applicants are allowed use TOEFL iBT® Test Taker Score Report which are downloaded from applicants' TOEFL iBT® account. ETS will generate this PDF file approximately 2 weeks after the test date. Score reporting schedule are available at <https://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/scores/get/>.
- If applicants opt to submit an IELTS score, please scan the official paper copy of your IELTS test score (Test Report Form, TRF) and upload this scanned file in PDF format to the system. The Test Report Form (TRF) should be sent to test takers via mail approximately 13-16 days after the test dates.
- It is highly recommended that applicants plan ahead to allow sufficient time to re-take the test, in case the first-time score does not meet the minimum requirement.

If you have further questions, please contact tusef@fulbrightthai.org or call 02-285-0581-2 ext. 106