



## 2021 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 **2021** 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 orientation. Successful pre-screened applicants are required to have a virtual interview.
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:**
  - 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;**
10. Be able to take leave from your home institution or professional organization;
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:**

<b>Friday, October 9, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>DEADLINE FOR ONLINE SUBMISSION OF COMPLETED PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FORMS, PROPOSALS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS</b>
<b>October 9, 2020 onward</b>	Screening and shortlisting of proposals. Finalists to be invited to the interview.
<b>November 17-18, 2020</b>	Interview by the Bi-national Selection Committee
<b>Late December 2020</b>	Selected candidates to be notified of the interview results
<b>Mid-January, 2021</b>	Deadline for completed Final Online Applications for the candidates
<b>Mid-January 2021</b>	Preliminary Orientation for Fulbright Visiting Scholars (Programs and Grant Benefits)
<b>Early February 2021</b>	Outreach Activity for Thai grantees
<b>First week of June 2021</b>	Pre-departure Orientation Program and Reception Night
<b>September 2021 – February 2022</b>	Departure of scholars

#### **PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT:**

- *Grant period must not start before September 1, 2021 and no later than February 28, 2022. However, the grant period is subject to change in any circumstances such as global pandemics or other global emergency matters. All decision will be made by the U.S. Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA).*
- *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. Applicants are responsible to plagiarism check with a reliable plagiarism checker before submitting their essay and project proposal. Those who are found plagiarized will be automatically disqualified. Decision made by Fulbright Thailand is considered as final. Please refer to our Plagiarism Policy\*.*

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.
4. **Letters of Recommendation:**
  - It is highly recommended that the recommenders are those qualified to evaluate the applicant's qualification.
  - The recommenders must themselves email their letters (*a scanned copy*) directly to [tusef@fulbrightthai.org](mailto:tusef@fulbrightthai.org) with the subject: **Letter of Recommendation for JRS Application**.
  - 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. Applications must be solely submitted online **by the deadline Friday, October 9, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Thailand local date and time.**
6. Applicants will be notified if they are selected. The results can also be viewed on our official website at [www.fulbrightthai.org](http://www.fulbrightthai.org) approximately two weeks after the application period is closed.

Should you have any inquiries, please contact Khun Saithip, focal point for Fulbright Visiting Scholar Programs during the office hours (8:00 am – 4:00 pm) at 02-285-0581/2 ext. 107 or [tusef@fulbrightthai.org](mailto:tusef@fulbrightthai.org).