



**FULBRIGHT THAI GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2018**

GENERAL INFORMATION/PROVISIONS

To continue its mission of promoting mutual understanding between the people of the United States and Thailand through educational exchange, which has been successfully implemented throughout the past six decades, the Thailand-United States Educational Foundation (TUSEF), also commonly known as "Fulbright Thailand", announces its annual competition for the **FULBRIGHT THAI GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP** (Open Competition Scholarship Program) to qualified Thai individuals for graduate study in the United States of America in the academic year 2018-2019.

Becoming a "Fulbrighter" confers instant recognition that the individual has been chosen through a rigorous, internationally-recognized competition based on individual merit and a transparent selection process. This has been true since the Program's inception and its reputation instantly identifies grantees as members of a worldwide community of scholars all selected on the same basis and sharing the same goal of promoting mutual understanding between Thailand and the United States of America.

Up to seven grants will be available for candidates who will commence their graduate level studies in the academic year 2018. This year, Fulbright will provide support for candidates seeking masters and doctoral degrees.

Awards will be offered in a broad variety of fields with the exception of medicine and nursing. Public health and allied subjects with no clinical practices are eligible. In memory of the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej, Fulbright will also give special consideration to fields of study that are relevant to His Majesty's prioritized work, especially those in natural resources development and management.

Fulbright will consider awarding up to four of the seven grants on a regional basis to welcome more candidates from the provinces. For these four grants, one grant will be made on the basis of competition among candidates from universities in each of the four regions – the North, the South, the Northeast and the Central regions—yet retaining the Fulbright standards and quality. The remaining three grants will be made on the basis of national competition open to candidates from universities in all four regions. Note that the region of competition will be determined by the location of the campus where the candidate is studying or has received a degree. If, however, no candidates from any of those regions meet Fulbright's high standards, TUSEF reserves the right to decline the award for that region and to select a candidate from the national pool.

Successful candidates will receive funding from the Foundation for the actual costs of their selected program in the United States for two years, but not exceeding \$35,000 in each academic year.

It is expected that those pursuing doctoral degrees will be able to find their own funding beyond the second year. Fulbright and its partner organizations in the United States may be able to assist in seeking this additional funding, which could include teaching assistantships, tuition waivers, or fellowships.

Grants are intended to cover costs of tuition and fees, books and educational supplies, maintenance allowance, and insurance coverage. Additionally, the Foundation will cover international travel expenses (economy class) for one round-trip between Thailand and the United States.

**The deadline for application submission is Monday, April 3, 2017 at 1 p.m. (Thailand local time).
No extensions of deadline will be granted under any circumstances.**

ELIGIBILITY

An applicant must:

- 1) 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 any country) are not eligible for Fulbright scholarships);
- 2) have completed all requirements or in the last active term for a bachelor's from a Thai university or a master's degree from any university at the time of application. (Applicants with work experience are encouraged to apply.)

Graduating seniors, who are to complete their bachelor's degree (or master's degree) programs after the application deadline (April 3, 2017), can submit an official transcript with records up to the first semester of their 4th year (or 2nd year of their master's). However, if applicants are invited to the final interview, they must also submit an original copy of the final official transcript confirming receipt of the bachelor's and/or master's degree with eligible cumulative GPA. This is in addition to the official transcript initially submitted with the application, and it must be submitted at least one week before the interview date.

- 3) hold a bachelor from a Thai university listed under the Office of the Higher Education Commission, regardless of the degree applying. Foreign universities or non-Thai higher education institutions situated in Thailand are ineligible. Please refer to **Table 1** below;
- 4) have a minimum cumulative GPA as indicated in **Table 1**:

Table 1

Apply For	Degree Requirement		
	Apply With	Minimum GPA	Graduated From
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master's Degree Program • Doctoral Program (Combined Master's and Doctorate) 	Bachelor's Degree	3.0	Thai Universities **
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctoral Program (Doctorate only) 	Master's Degree & Bachelor's Degree	3.5 Any	Any Universities Thai Universities **

** Regardless of the degree applying, all applicants must hold bachelors from Thai universities, listed under the Office of the Higher Education Commission.

- 5) have a **VALID and OFFICIAL** TOEFL iBT® score of at least 80 on a test taken within two years from the date of the application deadline (i.e., taken after April 3, 2015). **Only official TOEFL iBT® score reports from ETS or a PDF file downloaded from ETS's website will be accepted. (We do not accept IELTS scores.)**
- 6) be in Thailand for the final interview and be able to participate in required activities;
- 7) not currently studying in the U.S. and plan to commence their studies in the U.S. on Fulbright program in the academic year 2018; and
- 8) not have been previously awarded a Fulbright Open Competition Scholarship (OC).

Important:

- Applicants who have received undergraduate degrees from non-Thai universities are NOT eligible to apply for the scholarship.
- According the FFSB policy 525.1, employees (paid or unpaid, including part-time or temporary employees, consultants, externs, fellows and contract employees) and their immediate families of U.S. missions abroad who work for the U.S. Department of State or the U.S. Agency for International Development are ineligible for grants during and for a period ending one year following the termination of such employment, association, or service. The one-year period of ineligibility is calculated from the date of termination of employment, service, or association until the due date for submission of applications. If you have any questions, please contact Fulbright Thailand at the number and email given below.
- If an applicant is selected as a finalist, any changes to degree sought (master's or doctorate) and field of study are not permitted.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Each applicant must submit **BOTH** online and a set of hard-copy application to TUSEF by the set deadline.

- 1) **Online Application:** From January 6, 2017, applicants can apply by completing the online form and upload required documents (including online recommendation letters) through our online application system at <http://application.fulbrightthai.org>. **The deadline for online application is Monday, April 3, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. (Thailand local time, GMT +7:00).**
- 2) **Hard Copy:** The hard copy of application set must include:
 - a) 1 set of all pages printed one-sided from the online application, certified with your signature at the bottom of every page;
 - b) 1 one-sided photocopy of each of your original transcript, certified with your signature at the bottom of every page
 - c) 1 one-sided photocopy of **official and eligible** TOEFL iBT® score report , certified with your signature at the bottom of every page (If applicants have TOEFL iBT® scores available online, but have not yet received the reports in the mail, they are allowed use score reports which are **downloaded** from applicants' TOEFL iBT® account on ETS's website, and show the original report on the interview day);
 - d) 1 copy of concise curriculum vitae (not exceeding 2 pages, printed one-sided); and
 - e) 2 letters of recommendation – hard copies or online. For hard copies, the original letters must be submitted in **sealed** envelopes, using **only** the **Fulbright Recommendation Form**, which can be downloaded from the online application system.

Applicants must submit the above hard-copies to TUSEF by two options:

a) **Submit in Person**

The application set must arrive at the Fulbright Thailand office **no later than Monday, April 3, 2017 by 4:30 p.m. (Thailand local time, GMT +7:00)**. The Foundation office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; or

b) **Submit by Express Mail Services (i.e. EMS)**

The application set must be **postmarked on or before April 3, 2017** and delivered to the Foundation via the official postal services only. Please use the mailing label provided in the online application system.

Note: Your application will be considered complete when TUSEF receives your application and required documents in form of **both** a digital copy through online system and a hard copy via EMS or in person.

- 3) For further questions beyond this announcement you may email tusef@fulbrightthai.org or call 0-2285-0581-2, Ms. Supawaree Patravanch at ext. 106 or Ms. Talisa Sarah Likanonsakul at ext. 107.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

January 6 – April 3, 2017	Announcement of the Fulbright Thai Graduate Scholarship Program (Website: http://www.fulbrightthai.org ; Application: http://application.fulbrightthai.org)
APRIL 3, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF COMPLETE <u>ONLINE</u> APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
APRIL 3, 2017	DEADLINE FOR <u>HARD-COPY</u> APPLICATIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sent via EMS: postmarked by this date• Submitted in person: by 4:30 p.m. (Thailand local time, GMT +7:00)
Late April – May 2017	Pre-screening applications by the bi-national review committee
Mid June 2017	Announcement of the pre-screening results
July 6-7, 2017	Final interview by the bi-national selection committee
Late July 2017	Approval of successful candidates by TUSEF Board of Directors
End of July 2017	Announcement of successful candidates
August 5, 2017	Preliminary Orientation
August 2017 – April 2018	University Application and Placements
June 8-10, 2018	Pre-departure Orientation
July – August 2018	Departure of grantees

**** All requirements are minimum. Only complete applications will be processed. ****