



**OPEN COMPETITION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2017**

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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 **OPEN COMPETITION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** to qualified Thai individuals for graduate study in the United States of America in the academic year 2017-2018.

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.

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.**

Up to seven grants will be available for candidates who will commence their graduate level studies in the academic year 2017. This year, Fulbright will provide support for candidates seeking masters and doctoral degrees.

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 the first year of their selected program (not exceeding \$35,000) in the United States. However, there is a possibility that the Foundation would provide additional funds, depending on the budget of this fiscal year.

Grants are normally for one academic year. Grantees who require more than one year to complete their degrees are eligible for further funding of up to \$17,500 for the second year. The second year grant will normally be provided on a case-by-case basis depending on reasonable progress towards the planned degree. **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 11, 2016 at noon (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 11, 2016), 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 (Master's and Doctoral Combined Program)	Bachelor's Degree	3.0	Thai Universities **
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doctoral Program	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 11, 2014). **Only official TOEFL iBT® score reports from ETS or a PDF file downloaded from ETS's website are acceptable. (We do not accept IELTS scores.)**
- 6) be in Thailand for the final interview;
- 7) plan to commence their studies in the U.S. in the academic year 2017; 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.

