



THAILAND - UNITED STATES
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

FULBRIGHT THAI GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (TGS) FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020

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 PROGRAM (TGS)**, formerly known as the Open Competition Scholarship Program) to qualified Thai individuals for graduate study in the United States of America beginning **in the 2020 academic year**.

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 2020. 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.

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. 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.**

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.

Fulbright scholarship recipients will receive J-1 visa (Exchange Visitor) and are subject to two-year home residency requirement at the end of the study program.

**The deadline for application submission is Monday, April 22, 2019 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 U.S.) are not eligible for the TGS program);
- 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 22, 2019), can submit an official transcript with records up to the first semester of their last 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. Applicants who received their bachelor's degrees from 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 and TOEFL Requirement			
	Apply With	Graduated From	Minimum GPA	Minimum TOEFL iBT
• Master's Degree Program	Bachelor's Degree	Thai Universities *	3.00	80+ (see No. 5)
• Doctoral Degree Program	Master's Degree &	Any Universities **	3.50	100+ (see No. 5)
	Bachelor's Degree	Thai Universities *	Any	

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

** Doctoral degree applicants may receive their master's degrees from Thai universities or overseas.

- 5) have a **VALID and OFFICIAL** TOEFL iBT® score of at least 80 for master's degree applicants and at least 100 for doctoral degree applicants as indicated in **Table 1**. Test must be taken within two years from the date of the application deadline (i.e., taken after April 22, 2017). **Only official TOEFL iBT® Test Taker Score Reports (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 scholarship in the 2020 academic year; 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 3 sets of hard-copy application to TUSEF by the set deadline.

- 1) **Online Application:** From January 7, 2019, 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 22, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. (Thailand local time, GMT +7:00).**
- 2) **Hard Copies:** The hard copy of application set must be printed/photocopied **ONE-SIDED** and include:
 - a) 3 sets of all pages printed one-sided from the online application, certified with your signature at the bottom of every page;
 - b) 3 one-sided photocopies of each of your original transcript(s), certified with your signature at the bottom of every page;
 - c) 3 one-sided print-outs of **eligible and valid** TOEFL iBT® Test Taker Score Report (first page only), certified with your signature at the bottom of the page. (The test taker score reports are **downloadable** from applicants' TOEFL iBT® account on ETS's website approximately 2 weeks after the test date);
 - d) 3 copies of concise resume (not exceeding 2 pages, printed one-sided); and
 - e) 2 original letters of recommendation – hard copies or online. Send originals only. Do not make copies.
 - i. If applicants choose to submit hard copies, recommenders must use the Fulbright Recommendation Form, which can be downloaded from the online application system. They may also attach the additional letters if they would like to provide further details. The letters must be submitted in **sealed** envelopes along with the application set.
 - ii. If applicants choose to submit online, they must register recommenders with emails, and the system will automatically send request to recommenders.
 - iii. Applicants may choose to have both letters submitted online; both submitted hard copies; or a combination of the two methods (one online and one hard copy).

Applicants can submit the above hard-copies to TUSEF by either one of these two options:

- i. **Submit in Person**

The application set must arrive at the Fulbright Thailand office no later than Monday, April 22, 2019 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

- ii. **Submit by Trackable Express Postal Services (e.g., EMS, Kerry Express, FedEx, DHL, UPS, etc.)**

The application set must be postmarked on or before April 22, 2019 and delivered to the Foundation via the trackable express postal services only. Please indicate "2020 TGS" in front of the envelope.

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 3 sets of hard-copy via trackable postal services or in person. **Please do not staple any documents, but use paperclips instead.**

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions beyond this announcement, you may email **Ms. Supawaree Patravánich** at tusef@fulbrightthai.org or call 0-2285-0581-2, ext. 106 during office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Documents are to be submitted to:

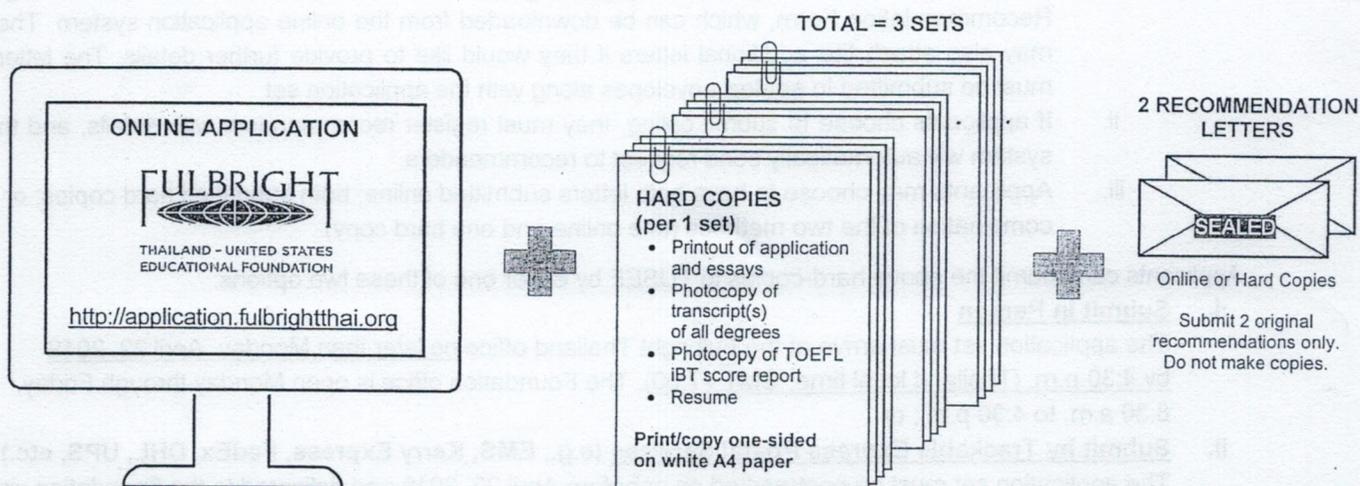
Thailand-United States Educational Foundation
(TUSEF/Fulbright Thailand)
Thai Wah Tower 1, 3rd Floor
21/5 South Sathorn Rd.,
Thungmahamek, Sathorn,
Bangkok 10120 Thailand
(2020 TGS Application)

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

SUMMARY:

Each applicant must submit **both** online and 3 sets of hard-copy application to TUSEF by the deadline.

Documents	Complete Online	Submit Hard Copies
Application and essays	Complete online	3 copies of completed online application (one-sided)
Transcript(s) of all degrees	Scan from original(s) and upload file(s) (PDF format)	3 photocopies for each degree (one-sided)
TOEFL iBT® Test Taker Score Report	Upload original file from ETS (PDF format)	3 photocopies (one-sided)
Resume	Upload original file (PDF format)	3 photocopies (one-sided)
Letters of recommendation (2 recommenders)	Register recommender(s) online and have them complete the forms online by the deadline	Use provided recommendation form(s) and submit original letter(s) in sealed envelopes along with other documents
Deadline	Complete in system by Monday, April 22, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. (Thailand local time, GMT +7:00).	Submit in person or postal services Monday, April 22, 2019 by 4:30 p.m. (Thailand local time, GMT +7:00).



COMPETITION SCHEDULE

January 7 – April 22, 2019	Announcement of the Fulbright Thai Graduate Scholarship Program (Website: http://www.fulbrightthai.org ; Application: http://application.fulbrightthai.org)
APRIL 22, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF COMPLETE <u>ONLINE</u> APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
APRIL 22, 2019	DEADLINE FOR <u>HARD-COPY</u> APPLICATIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sent via trackable express postal services: postmarked by this date • Submitted in person: by 4:30 p.m. (Thailand local time, GMT +7:00)
Late April – May 2019	Preliminary application screening by the bi-national review committee
Mid June 2019	Announcement of shortlisted candidates
July 11-12, 2019	Final interview by the bi-national selection committee
Late July 2019	Approval of successful candidates by TUSEF Board of Directors
End of July 2019	Announcement of successful candidates
August 6, 2019	Preliminary orientation for successful candidates
August 2019 – April 2020	University application and placements
June 3-5, 2020	Pre-departure orientation (TBC)
July – August 2020	Departure of grantees