



FULBRIGHT THAI GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (TGS) FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021

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 2021 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 2021. 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 \$35,500) 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 Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 23:00 hrs. (Thailand 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, 2020), 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.

- 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 English Proficiency Requirements				
	Apply With	Graduated From	Minimum GPAX	Minimum English Score (see No. 5)	
				TOEFL iBT	IELTS
• Master's Degree Program	Bachelor's Degree	Thai Universities *	3.00+	80+	6.5+
• Doctoral Degree Program	Master's Degree & Bachelor's Degree	Any Universities ** Thai Universities *	3.50+ Any	100+	7.5+

* 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** English proficiency score from one of the following tests indicated below. Test must be taken within two years from the date of the application deadline (i.e., taken after April 22, 2018).
 - a. a 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**. **Only official TOEFL iBT® Test Taker Score Reports (PDF file) downloaded from ETS's website will be accepted;** OR
 - b. an IELTS score of at least 6.5 for master's degree applicants and at least 7.5 for doctoral degree applicants as indicated in **Table 1**. **Only the scanned copy of the official IELTS Test Report Form (TRF) will be accepted.**

It is important that applicants check if their universities and programs of interest accept IELTS scores. Please also note that even though Fulbright accepts scores for IELTS, it does not fund any associated costs for this particular exam.

- 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 2021 academic year; and
- 8) not have been previously awarded a Fulbright Open Competition Scholarship (OC).

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

Important:

- Applicants who have received undergraduate degrees from non-Thai universities are **NOT** eligible to apply for the scholarship.
- According the FFBSB 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 complete and application and submit all of the following documents online by the deadline. Application system is accessible at <http://application.fulbrightthai.org>.

- 1) Complete the online application form, including essays as required. Kindly see detailed instructions in the online application system.
 - i. Statement of purpose, 400 words (master's and doctoral applicants)
 - ii. Personal statement or biographical essays, 400 words (master's and doctoral applicants)
 - iii. Research idea, 400 words (doctoral applicants only)
- 2) Upload your recent professional photo, taken within the past 6 months and have at least 4.5cm width and 6cm height (width 540px, height 720px). The file must not exceed 2MB.
- 3) Upload a scanned copy of each of your post-high school original transcript(s), including transcript from exchange program, if applicable. Doctoral applicants must submit both bachelor's and master's transcripts. Please upload file(s) in PDF format.
- 4) Upload one of the following English score reports:
 - i. a 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. We only accept official TOEFL iBT® Test Taker Score Reports (PDF file) downloaded from ETS's website;** OR
 - ii. an IELTS score of at least 6.5 for master's degree applicants and at least 7.5 for doctoral degree applicants as indicated in **Table 1. 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.**
- 5) Upload your concise resume in PDF format (not exceeding 2 pages).
- 6) Register 3 recommenders with their emails on the online application system. There are two options for submitting letters of recommendations:
 - i. Through online application system – Once applicants register recommenders, the system will automatically send request to them. They can type and submit recommendations online.
 - ii. Through Fulbright Thailand email – If recommenders prefer to submit paper recommendations, kindly use the recommendation form provided. Recommenders then send the scan this document in PDF format and send this file to Fulbright Thailand directly at tusef@fulbrightthai.org.

Recommenders must submit their recommendations through system or email before the deadline.

Note:

- For applicants in arts and architectural fields, a portfolio is not required at the time of application. If you wish to submit one, kindly limit the portfolio to 10 pages, A4, and send the PDF file to tusef@fulbrightthai.org.
- All materials are to be submitted online only. There is no need to submit a hardcopy to Fulbright Thailand.
- **File names must not include special characters or symbols. Otherwise, they will not be properly uploaded.**

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COMPETITION SCHEDULE

January 6 – April 22, 2020	Announcement of the Fulbright Thai Graduate Scholarship Program (Website: http://www.fulbrightthai.org ; Application: http://application.fulbrightthai.org)
APRIL 22, 2020 at 23:00 hrs.	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF COMPLETE <u>ONLINE</u> APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
Late April – May 2020	Preliminary application screening by the bi-national review committee
Mid-June 2020	Announcement of shortlisted candidates
July 9-10, 2020 (TBC)	Final interview by the bi-national selection committee
Late July 2020	Approval of successful candidates by TUSEF Board of Directors
End of July 2020	Announcement of successful candidates
August 6, 2020	Preliminary orientation for successful candidates
August 2020 – April 2021	University application and placements
June 3-5, 2021 (TBC)	Pre-departure orientation
July – August 2021	Departure of grantees

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions beyond this announcement, you may email **Ms. Supawaree Patavanich** at tusef@fulbrightthai.org or call 0-2285-0581-2, ext. 106 during office hours, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ทุนฟูลไบรท์ เรียนต่อ ป.โท/ป.เอก

2021 TGS

Fulbright Thai Graduate Scholarship Program (TGS)



ทุนเรียนต่อ
ในอเมริกา 1-2 ปี
สมัครทุนต้นปี 2020
เริ่มเรียนสิงหาคม 2021

เรียนสาขาใดก็ได้

ยกเว้น แพทยศาสตร์
ทันตแพทยศาสตร์
พยาบาลศาสตร์
สัตวแพทยศาสตร์
หรือสาขาที่ต้องมีการ
ปฏิบัติการทางคลินิก

รับทุนสูงสุด 2 ปี ไม่มีข้อผูกมัด

ปีแรก \$35,500
ปีที่สอง \$17,500
พร้อมค่าตั๋วเครื่องบิน
ประกันอุบัติเหตุ ค่าขนของ
กลับประเทศไทย และอื่น ๆ

ได้รับวีซ่า J-1 Exchange Visitor

สามารถฝึกงาน/ทำงานต่อได้
9-18 เดือน หลังเรียนจบ
และสามารถขอวีซ่าทำงานได้
หลังกลับมาประเทศไทยแล้ว
เป็นเวลาอย่างน้อย 2 ปี

คุณสมบัติ:

ถือสัญชาติไทย

ไม่ต้องสองสัญชาติ
ไทยคู่กับอเมริกัน

จบ/กำลังจะจบ ป.ตรี
จากสถาบันอุดมศึกษา
ไทยภายใต้การรับรอง
ของ สกอ. (เดิม)

หากสมัครทุนระดับ ป.เอก
จบ ป.โท จากต่างประเทศได้
ทำงานก่อนได้ ไม่จำกัดอายุ

สมัคร ป.โท GPAX
ป.ตรี 3.00 ขึ้นไป
สมัคร ป.เอก GPAX
ป.โท 3.50 ขึ้นไป

หากกำลังเรียนเทอมสุดท้าย
ให้ใช้เกรดเฉลี่ยสะสมล่าสุด
ที่แสดงใน transcript

คะแนนภาษาอังกฤษ ที่ยังไม่หมดอายุ

ระดับ	TOEFL	
	iBT	IELTS
ป.โท	80+	6.5+
ป.เอก	100+	7.5+

ยังไม่ต้องยื่นคะแนน
GRE/GMAT ขณะสมัครทุน

**เปิดรับสมัคร 6 ม.ค. - 22 เม.ย. 2563:
ปิดระบบเวลา 23:00 น. (ประเทศไทย)**

ดูรายละเอียด/สอบถามข้อมูลได้ที่...

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