



THAILAND – UNITED STATES  
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

## FULBRIGHT THAI GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (TGS) FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019

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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 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 2019 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 2019. 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. 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 9, 2018 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 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 9, 2018), 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. 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"><li>• <b>Master's Degree Program</b></li><li>• <b>Doctoral Program</b> (Combined Master's and Doctorate)</li></ul>	Bachelor's Degree	3.0	Thai Universities **
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Doctoral Program</b> (Doctorate only)</li></ul>	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 9, 2016). **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 2019 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 a set of hard-copy application to TUSEF by the set deadline.

- 1) **Online Application:** From January 8, 2018, 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 9, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. (Thailand local time, GMT +7:00).**
- 2) **Hard Copy:** The hard copy of application set must be printed/photocopied **ONE-SIDED** and 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(s), certified with your signature at the bottom of every page;
  - c) 1 one-sided print-out of **official and eligible** 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) 1 copy of concise resume (not exceeding 2 pages, printed one-sided); and
  - e) 2 letters of recommendation – hard copies or online. For 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.

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 9, 2018 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 Express Mail Services** (i.e. EMS, Kerry Express, FedEx, DHL, UPS, etc.)

The application set must be postmarked on or before April 9, 2018 and delivered to the Foundation via the trackable express postal services only. Please indicate "2019 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 a hard copy via EMS or in person.

**Please do not staple any documents, but use paperclips instead.**

- 3) **Contact:** For further questions beyond this announcement, you may email [tusef@fulbrightthai.org](mailto:tusef@fulbrightthai.org) or call Ms. Supawaree Patavanich at 0-2285-0581-2, ext. 106.

## COMPETITION SCHEDULE

January 8 – April 9, 2018	Announcement of the Fulbright Thai Graduate Scholarship Program (Website: <a href="http://www.fulbrightthai.org">http://www.fulbrightthai.org</a> ; Application: <a href="http://application.fulbrightthai.org">http://application.fulbrightthai.org</a> )
<b>APRIL 9, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF COMPLETE <u>ONLINE</u> APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS</b>
<b>APRIL 9, 2018</b>	<b>DEADLINE FOR <u>HARD-COPY</u> APPLICATIONS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sent via EMS: postmarked by this date</li><li>• Submitted in person: by 4:30 p.m. (Thailand local time, GMT +7:00)</li></ul>
Late April – May 2018	Pre-screening applications by the bi-national review committee
Mid June 2018	Announcement of the pre-screening results
<b>July 9-10, 2018</b>	<b>Final interview by the bi-national selection committee</b>
Late July 2018	Approval of successful candidates by TUSEF Board of Directors
End of July 2018	Announcement of successful candidates
August 1, 2018	Preliminary Orientation
August 2018 – April 2019	University Application and Placements
June 3-5, 2019	Pre-departure Orientation
July – August 2019	Departure of grantees

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

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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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## FULBRIGHT THAI GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP (OPEN COMPETITION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM)

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1. ***To which country does the Fulbright Program offer grants?***
  - The United States. The Fulbright Program in Thailand is a bi-national program for academic exchanges between Thailand and the United States.
2. ***Is the Fulbright Thai Graduate Scholarship same as the Open Competition Scholarship Program?***
  - Yes. We recently changed the program name to “Fulbright Thai Graduate Scholarship” to reflect the nature of scholarships which provide funding for both masters and doctoral degrees.
3. ***When is the application period for Thailand?***
  - January – early April of each year.
4. ***Can I apply for the Fulbright Thai Graduate Scholarship (Open Competition Scholarship Program) if I already have a master’s degree?***
  - Yes, but grant consideration will be made on the academic record of your bachelor’s degree though a transcript for your master’s degree is required.
  - You can also apply for a doctoral degree.
5. ***Can I apply for a program with more than a two-year requirement?***
  - Yes, but you are responsible for the additional expenses necessary to complete the program.
6. ***Can I apply for a Ph.D. program that includes a master’s degree?***
  - Yes, but Fulbright only will provide grant for the first 2 years, and you are responsible for the additional expenses necessary to complete a doctoral degree.
7. ***Does the grant cover only the first year of study? How about the second year?***
  - 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 the first academic year; and
    - \$17,500 in the second academic year.
  - The maximum grant period is 2 years for both masters and doctoral degrees.
8. ***What kind of commitment does the Fulbright Program require?***
  - The Fulbright Program provides grants with no string attached. However, Fulbright grantees are holders of J-1 visa and are therefore subjected to a two-year residency requirement. That means they are not allowed to work in the U.S. for 2 years after the visa expires. (Marriage to a U.S. citizen is not exempted.) You are also advised to check with your home institution for any further commitments.

## ELIGIBILITY

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**1. What are the main eligibility criteria for the Fulbright Thai Graduate Scholarship (Open Competition Scholarship Program)?**

- Must be a Thai citizen, not holding a dual citizenship.
- Must not be employees (and immediate families) who work for the U.S. Department of State or the U.S. Agency for International Development.
- Must have completed all requirements for a bachelor's degree from a Thai university at the time of the interview. Applicants with working experience are encouraged to apply.
- Must have at least a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or equivalent on the bachelor's degree transcript of academic performance. For doctoral degree applicants, at least 3.50 in their master's degree level is required.
- Must have a minimum TOEFL iBT® score of 80, which is valid until the date of the application deadline. IELTS is not accepted.
- Must be in Thailand for the interview.
- Have not previously awarded a Fulbright Open Competition Scholarship (OC).
- **Please refer to each year's program announcement.**
- **If you are unsure, please contact [tusef@fulbrightthai.org](mailto:tusef@fulbrightthai.org) for further clarification.**

**2. If I am not a Thai citizen, but living in Thailand, can I apply for a Fulbright scholarship?**

- No. You need to contact Fulbright Commission or U.S. Embassy in your country of citizenship.

**3. I received my bachelor's degree from overseas, but I completed a master's degree from a Thai university. Am I eligible?**

- No. Regardless of the degree applying, all applicants must hold bachelors from Thai universities, listed under the Office of the Higher Education Commission.

**4. What disciplines are eligible for the Fulbright Thai Graduate Scholarship Program?**

- All disciplines are eligible, except for health science and related areas which involve patient contact and require more than two years to complete.
- Public health and allied subjects with no clinical practices are eligible.
- The J-1 visa does not permit foreign nationals to pursue academic programs that require direct clinical patient contact and/or prescribing or administering of medication.

**5. If I am currently a first-year master's student in the U.S., can I apply for a Fulbright scholarship for my second year of study?**

- No. Fulbright selects candidates as a cohort, and they need to work with Fulbright Thailand from the start.

**6. Is it acceptable if I have a TOEFL score report of 79?**

- No. The minimum requirement for TOEFL iBT® is 80. Applications that do not meet any one of the eligibility requirements will be disqualified and will not be considered.

**7. Can I use my IELTS score?**

- No. At the moment, Fulbright Thailand only accepts TOEFL score reports for TGS program.

**8. If I graduated from a master program abroad/an international program, do I still need to submit a TOEFL score report?**

- Yes. It is a universal requirement for non-American applications.

**9. Do I need GRE and GMAT score reports?**

- GRE and GMAT scores are not required at the time of grant application. However, grantees will need to have these scores for university application.

**10. Is it acceptable if my GPA is in percentage?**

- You need to request a formal document from your home institution to show your grade conversion (from percentage to a 4.0 scale).

**11. My cumulative GPA for bachelor degree is 2.99. Can I apply for the Fulbright TGS Program? Will other qualifications (e.g. extra-curricular activities) help?**

- It depends on the following condition:
  - No. If you are applying for a scholarship for a master's degree program, you must have the cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 from your bachelor's degree. Applications that do not meet the any one of the eligibility requirements will be disqualified and will not be considered.
  - Yes. If you are applying for a doctoral program, and your master's degree cumulative GPA is higher than 3.5, you can apply for a scholarship for a doctoral program, in spite of GPA 2.99 in the undergraduate level.
- Please refer to each year's program announcement.

**12. Do I need to submit an official transcript? Can I download an online transcript from the university's website?**

- Yes. For initial application submission, you can submit a photocopy of your official transcript with completed GPA record and courses taken up to the latest semester. However, an official transcript is needed and must be submitted by if you are invited for an interview.

**13. Do I need an acceptance from a host university before submitting the grant application? Do I need to apply to a university before submitting the grant application?**

- Not necessary. University applications can be done after you are selected as a Fulbright grantee. Those who are already accepted need to defer their studies for the following academic year. Please consult with your university admission officer if this is the case.

## ACCOUNT REGISTRATION

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- 1. What should I do if I forgot my username and/or password?**
  - You can click on "forgot password" on the sign-in page or contact technical support at [tusef@fulbrightthai.org](mailto:tusef@fulbrightthai.org) for assistance.
- 2. I did not receive an email confirmation for creating an account.**
  - There is no confirmation email for opening an account. Users can sign in with their username and password after creating an account.

## APPLICATION FORM

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- 1. Can I apply to study a discipline different from my undergraduate?**
  - Yes, but with good reasons, provided in the essays.
- 2. How many disciplines can I apply for in the same year?**
  - Only one.
- 3. How do I choose major field of study in question 1 of online application form?**
  - Examples of field of studies in each category:
    - **Pure and applied science:** chemistry, biology, biomedical science, physics, mathematics, actuarial science, statistics, architecture, urban design, food science, marine science, agricultural, forestry, fisheries etc.
    - **Engineering and computer science:** electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, petroleum engineering, computer science, computer engineering, data analysis, ocean engineering, aerospace engineering, etc.
    - **Arts, humanities, and education:** dance, music, design, fine arts, visual arts, films/TV, cinematography, animation, languages, literature, philosophy, anthropology, education etc.
    - **Social science:** public policy, political science, international development, criminal justice, economics, environmental studies, communications, journalism, geography, social work, theology/religious studies, history etc.
    - **Law:** all legal concentrations
    - **MBA (Finance):** banking, finance, financial engineering, quantitative business analysis, etc.
    - **MBA (Non-finance):** general management, operation management, entrepreneurship, social enterprise, marketing, HR, supply chain management and logistics, etc.
  - If you are not sure about your field of study, please contact [tusef@fulbrightthai.org](mailto:tusef@fulbrightthai.org).
- 4. What degree should I choose in question 1 of online application form?**
  - If you are applying for a master's degree, choose "Master of"
  - If you are applying for a combined master's and doctoral degree, choose "Doctor of"
  - If you are applying for a doctoral degree, choose "Doctor of"
- 5. The system would not let me move on to the next page without filling in all information.**
  - You need to fill in your information in the required fields. If the information is not available, please type a hyphen (-) in the fields.
- 6. How can I submit letters of recommendations?**
  - You can submit letters of recommendations by:
    - Sending through online application system; OR
    - Sending in sealed envelopes along with copies of required documents.
  - Both recommendation letters must be submitted before the deadline.
- 7. My recommenders did not receive a request email.**
  - You may have provided an incorrect email address in the system. Please contact [tusef@fulbrightthai.org](mailto:tusef@fulbrightthai.org) for further assistance.

## SUBMISSION

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**1. *How do I know that my application has been successfully submitted?***

- Once you submit your application form online, you will receive a confirmation email.
- You can check your application status by logging in to your Fulbright account at <http://application.fulbrightthai.org>. The summary page shows statuses of your online application form and supporting documents.
- It is your responsibility to make sure that all online and hard-copy documents are submitted within the deadline. Please check your account often.

## OTHER

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**1. *Are there any previous exams available for sale? Any samples for interview questions?***

- No. There are no exams for the Fulbright Program. The interview questions also vary from year to year depending on the committee panel, which also changes on a yearly basis.

**2. *If I want to re-apply for the scholarship, can I submit the same application I submitted for previous year's competition?***

- It is not recommended as there might be some changes of details in your application.

**3. *If I am not selected for the grant, can I have my application back?***

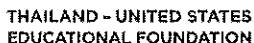
- Yes, but you must make a request within 1 month after the announcement of final grant results. The application can be picked up at Fulbright Thailand's office or mailed at your own cost.

**4. *May I ask for Fulbright alumni contacts?***

- Fulbright Thailand reserves the right to keep alumni contacts confidential.

**5. *Where can I get more information about the Fulbright Thai Graduate Scholarship Program?***

- Please visit Fulbright Thailand's website at <http://fulbrightthai.org/>.



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Specific Area of Field of Study:

Signature (sign or type name): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

Tel./Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please type or write legibly in English.
- If you prefer, you may type the entire statement on your stationary. Should you opt to do so, please cover all topics shown on this form and complete the rating in item #2. This form must also be returned to the applicant in a sealed envelope along with the recommendation letters.
- This recommendation form must be printed one-sided.
- Please do not staple any items, but use paperclips instead.

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2. Please rate the applicant on the qualities listed below in comparison with other students/colleagues whom you have known during your professional career.

Qualities	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	No Basis for Judgments
Intellectual ability					
Knowledge of field					
Work habits					
Ability to analyze problems and formulate solutions					
Motivation to pursue study program in the U.S.					
Seriousness of purpose					
Potential for significant future contribution					
Resourcefulness and initiative					
Emotional maturity					
Enthusiasm					
Adaptability to new situations					
Leadership qualities					

3. In our efforts to select candidates whose qualities of mind and character give promise of outstanding achievements, we rely heavily on evaluations from recommenders such as yourself. We would appreciate your opinion to the following items concerning the applicant's personality and potential, her/her credentials, record of academic and/or professional accomplishments, and ability to undertake and successfully complete and appropriate program in the proposed field

- a. What are the applicant's outstanding abilities and talents? (100-200 word)

- b. What are the applicant's weaknesses or development needs? (100-200 word)

- c. Please comment on the applicant's abilities in his/her area of professional and/or academic specialization (technical knowledge, analytical ability, attention to detail, creativity, imaginative problem-solving, etc.). (100-200 words)

- d. What do you think motivates the applicant to apply to the Fulbright program? Do you feel that the applicant is realistic in his/her professional ambitions? (100-200 words)

- e. Make additional comments about the applicant's potential or personal qualities which you feel would be helpful to the Fulbright Selection Committee in evaluating this applicant. We are especially interested in anything you might add that would not be otherwise be apparent in the applicant's record, i.e., evidence of character, values, a point of interest or concern about which the applicant is particularly enthusiastic, and any special quality he or she possesses. (optional, 100-200 words)

4. Please indicate your overall recommendation for the applicant.

☐ Excellent      ☐ Good      ☐ Average      ☐ Below Average

Recommender's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM IN A SEALED ENVELOPE TO THE APPLICANT NO LATER THAN APRIL 9, 2018. EACH APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THIS FORM ALONG WITH THE COMPLETED APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS WITHIN THE DEADLINE. APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.



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## **Application Guidelines For the Fulbright Thai Graduate Scholarship Program (Open Competition Scholarship Program)**

### **Overview of the Fulbright Scholarship Program**

The mission of the Fulbright Scholar Program is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and people of other countries. It aims to provide educational exchanges to a maximum number of individuals not previously afforded such an opportunity.

Applicants should be representatives and responsible citizens who can contribute to a full and fair picture of the culture of their own countries and thereby contribute to understanding between the people of the United States and their country. They should also demonstrate the cross-cultural sensitivity and flexibility needed to adjust successfully to life in the U.S.

### **Application Guidelines**

**Advanced planning will give the applicant as much time as possible to put together thoughtful and complete application.**

- Read and complete the application form carefully.
- The online application consists of a six-page form for personal data, educational and professional background, proposed program plan and biographical statement. For doctoral applicants, an additional page is added for an essay question on conceptual research idea. All required documents must be uploaded with the application form.
- All items must be in English or otherwise indicated, and use American date notation (i.e., month day, year).
- Applications must be submitted by the deadline set by the Thailand – United States Educational Foundation (TUSEF) for further consideration. Applications received after the stated deadline will not be considered.
- TUSEF conducts the initial screening and endorsement of all the applications.
- Applicants will be notified by TUSEF if they are selected.
- Applicants are responsible to check the selection results (screening and interview) at TUSEF's website ([www.fulbrightthai.org](http://www.fulbrightthai.org)) at the time indicated in the program announcement.

### **Choosing Major Field of Studies for the Fulbright Thai Graduate Scholarship (Open Competition Scholarship)**

Question 1 of the online application form asks about the major field of study that you would like to pursue. Examples of field of studies in each category are as follows. If you are not sure about your field of study, please contact [tusef@fulbrightthai.org](mailto:tusef@fulbrightthai.org).

- **Pure and applied science:** chemistry, biology, biomedical science, physics, mathematics, actuarial science, statistics, architecture, urban design, food science, marine science, agricultural, forestry, fisheries etc.
- **Engineering and computer science:** electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, petroleum engineering, computer science, computer engineering, data analysis, ocean engineering, aerospace engineering, etc.
- **Arts, humanities, and education:** dance, music, design, fine arts, visual arts, films/TV, cinematography, animation, languages, literature, philosophy, anthropology, education etc.
- **Social science:** public policy, political science, international development, criminal justice, economics, environmental studies, communications, journalism, geography, social work, theology/religious studies, history etc.
- **Law:** all legal concentrations
- **MBA (Finance):** banking, finance, financial engineering, quantitative business analysis, etc.
- **MBA (Non-finance):** general business management, operation management, entrepreneurship, social enterprise, marketing, HR, supply chain management and logistics, etc.

## **Choosing Degree Sought for the Fulbright Thai Graduate Scholarship (Open Competition Scholarship)**

Question 1 of the online application form asks about the degree you would like to pursue. Please see the explanation below. If you are not sure about your degree, please contact [tusef@fulbrightthai.org](mailto:tusef@fulbrightthai.org).

- If you are applying for a master's degree, choose "Master of"
- If you are applying for a combined master's and doctoral degree, choose "Doctor of"
- If you are applying for a doctoral degree, choose "Doctor of"

## **Essays**

Essays may be the most important components of your application. It is an opportunity for the applicants to tell their stories, background, or goals in depth, and enable readers to learn more about the applicants beyond the transcripts and lists of activities provided in their applications/resumes.

- Master's degree applicants are required to write a proposed program plan and a biographical essay.
- In addition to the two essays, doctoral degree applicants are required to write about their research ideas.
- The limit for both essays are 400 words.

## **Confidential Letters of Recommendation/Reference Letters**

Candid and honest letters of recommendation provide an evidence of an application's reputation within his/her discipline. The letter of recommendation form in the application pack suggests qualifications that recommenders should address:

- Applicants must submit 2 references through our online application system or in sealed envelopes. At least one must be from an academic source.
- If submitting online, it is highly recommended that you provide us with the recommenders' official/professional email addresses that are registered or associated with their organizations to ensure the credential of the recommenders. Personal email addresses are not accepted.
- Recommendation letters should be from people who are qualified to evaluate the applicants' educational background and professional work.
- Do not ask someone for letters of recommendation unless the persons are well acquainted with the applicant's qualifications.
- Choose recommenders carefully and contact them early to ensure that the letters will be completed before the application deadline.
- Two letters of recommendation must be submitted along with the application. Otherwise, the application will be weakened by an insufficient number of references and will not be processed.
- Failure to use the confidential letter of recommendation form provided will delay the application process.
- It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that reference letters are submitted by the deadline.

## **Supporting Materials**

Official Transcripts of Academic Performance for all years of study

- The transcripts of academic record are essential to the evaluation of the applicant's academic ability.
- If the applicants have attended more than one university during their undergraduate degree, transcripts from all universities attended must be submitted along with the application.

TOEFL iBT® Score as a proof of English proficiency (We do not accept IELTS scores.)

- Applicants are allowed use TOEFL iBT® Test Taker Score Report which are downloaded from applicants' TOEFL iBT® account. (ETS will generate this PDF file approximately 2 weeks after the test date).
- Because of the length of time required to receive official results in the mail (generally six weeks after the examination), the application should register for the TOEFL exam at least two to three months prior to applying to Fulbright Scholarship.
- For more information, please visit <https://www.ets.org/toefl>.

If you have further questions, please contact [tusef@fulbrightthai.org](mailto:tusef@fulbrightthai.org) or call 02-285-0581-2 ext. 106