



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 & Bachelor's Degree	Any Universities ** Thai Universities *	3.50 Any	100+ (see No. 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** 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 Patavanich** 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:

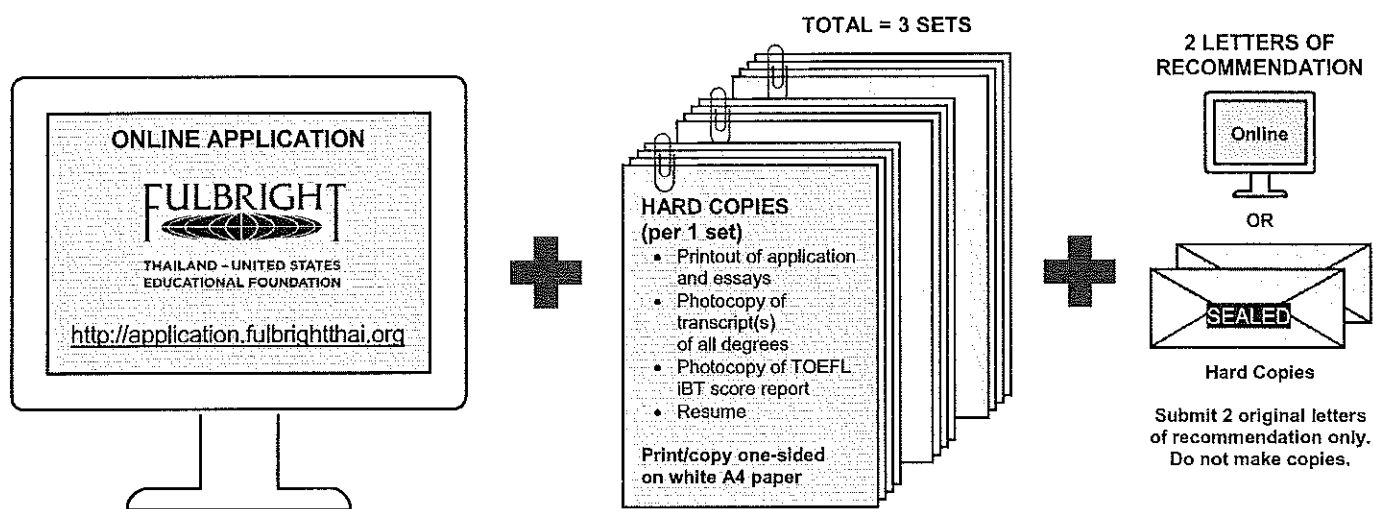
Thailand-United States Educational Foundation
(TUSEF/Fulbright Thailand)
Thai Wah Tower 1, 3rd Floor
21/5 South Sathorn Rd.,
Thungmahamek, Sathorn,
Bangkok 10120 Thailand
(2020 TGS Application)

**** 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 ONLINE APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
APRIL 22, 2019	DEADLINE FOR HARD-COPY 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

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2020 TGS

Fulbright Thai Graduate Scholarship Program (TGS)



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สมัครทุนในปี 2019

เริ่มเรียนสิงหาคม 2020

เรียนสาขาใดก็ได้
ยกเว้น แพทยศาสตร์
ทันตแพทยศาสตร์
พยาบาลศาสตร์
หรือสาขาที่ต้องมีการ
ปฏิบัติการทางคลินิก

รับทุนสูงสุด 2 ปี
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ปีแรก \$35,500
ปีที่สอง \$17,500
พร้อมค่าตั๋วเครื่องบิน
ประกันอุบัติเหตุ และอื่น ๆ

ได้รับวีซ่าประเภท
J-1 Exchange
Visitor

ต้องกลับมาอยู่ประเทศ
ไทยอย่างน้อย 2 ปี
หลังจากเรียนจบ

คุณสมบัติ:

ถือสัญชาติไทย
ไม่ถือสองสัญชาติ
ไทยคู่กับอเมริกัน

จบ/กำลังจะจบ ป.ตรี
จากสถาบันอุดมศึกษา
ภายใต้การรับรองของ
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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
ให้ใช้เกรดเฉลี่ยสะสมล่าสุดที่
แสดงใน transcript

คะแนน TOEFL iBT
ที่ยังไม่หมดอายุ
ป.โท 80 ขึ้นไป
ป.เอก 100 ขึ้นไป
ขณะนี้ยังไม่รับคะแนน IELTS
และยังไม่ต้องยื่นคะแนน
GRE/GMAT ขณะสมัครทุน

รับสมัครวันนี้ - 22 เมษายน 2562
ปิดระบบเวลา 13.00 น. (ประเทศไทย)

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FULBRIGHT THAI GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP (OPEN COMPETITION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM)

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.
 - Applicants who are interested in applying for the scholarship for doctoral degrees must have earned a master’s degree or in their final year of their master’s 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

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 for master's degree or 100 for doctoral degree, 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 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 for master's degree and 100 for doctoral degree. Applications that do not meet any 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?***
 - Yes. If possible, you should 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?

- 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.
- Unofficial transcripts printed from student's account are not acceptable.

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

- 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 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

- 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, physics, mathematics, actuarial science, statistics, architecture, urban design, food science, agricultural, forestry, fisheries, etc.
 - **Health science:** biomedical science, veterinary science, 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.
- 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 doctoral degree, choose “Doctor of”. You must have earned a master's degree or studying in the last year of a master's degree program to be able to apply for a doctoral program degree.
- 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 or 02-285-0581 ext. 106 during office hours for further assistance.

SUBMISSION

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

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?

- Applicants are welcome to re-apply; however, it is not recommended to use the same essays and resume 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://www.fulbrightthai.org/>.