

2025 FULBRIGHT

U.S. – ASEAN VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM (USAS)

The Thailand – United States Educational Foundation (Fulbright Thailand) is pleased to announce the **2025 Fulbright U.S. – ASEAN Visiting Scholar Initiative**. The program is open to **university faculty, foreign ministry and government officials, professionals in the private sector, think tanks, and other NGOs** in the ASEAN member countries whose work focuses on U.S. – ASEAN issues, to pursue research in the United States for 3 – 4 months during the first half of 2026. The program's objective is to deepen people-to-people engagement and strengthen our ties with the 10 member nations of ASEAN, while specifically emphasizing the importance of ASEAN.

Applicants may apply to conduct research that supports broad U.S. – ASEAN relations/initiatives, such as **support for regional economic integration, AI safety and policy, carbon markets, expansion of maritime cooperation, promotion of opportunities for women, and addressing transnational challenges**. **Fields of study could include, but are not limited to: Education, Financial Market Integration, Food Technology, Information Sciences, Journalism, Law, Public Administration, Public/Global Health, and Trade and Investment**. These programs and topics should reflect priority areas of the ASEAN Secretariat and the U.S. Mission to ASEAN, and may also reflect priorities and relevance to the nominating country. Projects that are regional in scope and/or have clear implications for the entire ASEAN region are to be prioritized.

It is anticipated that 20 principals from the 10 member nations of ASEAN will be selected. The Fulbright Thailand commission will nominate **up to four (4) outstanding Thai candidates**. Final selection will be made by U.S. Mission to ASEAN in Jakarta.

The award includes a monthly stipend for 3 – 4 months, round-trip economy-class air tickets, a professional and settling-in allowance, and qualifying university lab and research fees as necessary. No dependent support is available.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Be a Thai citizen in good health, age not exceeding 58 at the time of the application deadline;
2. Hold a master's degree or higher, and be proficient in English;
3. Be highly motivated and experienced university faculty, foreign ministry and government officials, professionals in the private sector, think tanks, and other NGOs whose work focuses on U.S. – ASEAN issues;
4. Be physically present in Thailand at the time of the interview, preferably an in-person interview, and be residing in Thailand throughout the nomination and selection process, and return to Thailand upon completion of the program (J-1 visa's 2-year home residency rule);
5. Obtain an official letter of invitation from a U.S. host affiliation;
6. Be able to take leave from home affiliation to participate in the program, starting not before January 1, 2026, and no later than March 30, 2026. Please note that program timing may be subject to change due to travel restrictions or other considerations. The government officers are required to check their leave regulations and inform the supervisor(s) before applying for the program;
7. Be able to fully participate in **preliminary orientation** (in January 2025) and **pre-departure orientation programs** (in June 2026) organized by Fulbright Thailand.
8. Be willing and able to serve as a resource person and a Thai cultural ambassador in the United States, e.g., as a lecturer, seminar participant, consultant, or in other capacities requested by the host institution or community.

INELIGIBILITY:

1. Have received a Fulbright grant within the past five (5) years;
2. Have received a J-1 visa in the category of Professor/Research Scholar within the past two (2) years;
3. Are currently teaching, studying, or conducting research in the U.S.;
4. Those who work for the U.S. Embassy and related agencies are required to consult with Fulbright Thailand before applying;
5. Hold U.S. immigrant visas or permanent U.S. resident cards/green cards, or dual citizenships (Thai and U.S.)

APPLICATION:

Each applicant must create an online account on the USAS online website at <https://apply.iie.org/fvsp2025>
 The announcement and application instructions can be downloaded at www.fulbrightthai.org under 'Now Open'. Fulbright Thailand accepts only online applications.

Applicants must complete and submit an online application within a deadline with the following required documents in English language and PDF format:

1. **Research Proposal** in any related fields except the clinical practices (3 - 5 pages typed, font no. 10-12 Ariel or Tahoma, preferably)
2. **Biographic essay** (not exceeding 2 pages typed, font no. 10-12 Ariel or Tahoma, preferably)
3. **Bibliography** (up to 3 pages)
4. **Resume/CV** (up to 6 pages)
5. **Copy of official transcripts:** Bachelor's Degree and above
6. **Official letter of invitation** from a U.S. host institution with a specific period of research
7. **Letters of recommendation** (at least 2 are required and submitted online by recommenders once applicants fill in the recommender's name and contact information on the online application)

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

November 28, 2024, at 11:59 pm (Thailand local time)	DEADLINE FOR ONLINE APPLICATION SUBMISSION
December, 2024	Screening and shortlisting of proposals. Finalists to be invited to the interview by the bi-national selection committee
January 2025	Selected candidate(s) to be notified of the interview results and participate in a preliminary orientation
June 2025	Successful candidate(s) to be notified of the final nomination results approved by the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB)
January 2026 – March 2026	Departure of scholar(s) for 3 – 4 months of the research period

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT:

- The grant *period must not start before January 1, 2026, and no later than March 30, 2026.*
- Fulbright grantees will apply for a J-1 visa to participate in the Fulbright Program. The process will be administrated and facilitated by Fulbright Thailand.
- Failure to meet any of the requirements makes an applicant ineligible.
- **Plagiarism is NOT acceptable. Those who are found plagiarized will be automatically disqualified. Use of AI must be declared. The decision made by Fulbright Thailand is considered final.**

It is solely the applicant's responsibility to strictly follow the instructions. Please read the announcement and guidelines carefully before completing an online application.

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