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

The Thailand – United States Educational Foundation (Fulbright Thailand) is pleased to announce the 2026 Fulbright U.S. – ASEAN Visiting Scholar Program. The program is open to university faculty members and researchers, government officials, professionals in the private sector, think tanks, and NGOs in Thailand and the other ASEAN member countries and Timor-Leste, whose work focuses on U.S. – ASEAN issues, to pursue research in the United States for 3 – 4 months during the first half of 2027. The program's objective is to deepen people-to-people engagement and strengthen our ties with the 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, 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. Projects should be relevant to the nominating country and 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 22 principals from the 10 member nations of ASEAN and Timor-Leste 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 round-trip economy-class airfare, a monthly stipend for 3 – 4 months, 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 55 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 members and researchers, government officials, professionals in the private sector, think tanks, and 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 subject to J-1 visa's 2-year home residency requirements;
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 between January 1, 2027 and March 30, 2027. 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 2026) 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 speaker, 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 at <https://apply.iie.org/fvsp2026>. 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 the deadline with the following required documents in English and PDF format using Arial font sized 11:

1. Research Proposal in any related fields except the clinical practices (3 - 5 pages)
2. Biographic essay or Personal statement (up to 2 pages)
3. Bibliography (up to 3 pages)
4. Resume/CV (up to 6 pages)
5. Copy of passport face page or Thai National ID card
6. Copy of official transcripts: Bachelor's Degree and above
7. Official letter of invitation from a U.S. host institution with a specific period of research
8. Letters of recommendation (at least 2 are required and submitted online by recommenders. Once applicants provide the names and contact information in the online application, recommenders will receive instructions to submit their letters online)

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

November 16, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. (Thailand)	DEADLINE FOR ONLINE APPLICATION SUBMISSION
December, 2025	Shortlisting proposals. Finalists to be invited to the interview by the bi-national selection committee
January 2026	Selected candidate(s) to be notified of the interview results and participate in a preliminary orientation
June 2026	Successful candidate(s) to be notified of the final nomination results approved by the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB)
January 2027 – March 2027	Departure of scholar(s) for 3 – 4 months of the research period

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT:

- The grant *period must start between January 1, 2027 and March 30, 2027.*
- 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.
- Please read application instruction, posted on Fulbright Thailand's website thoroughly. Failure to meet any of the requirements makes an application ineligible for consideration.
- 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.

For more information, please email USAS@fulbrightthai.org