

2024 FULBRIGHT

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

The Thailand – United States Educational Foundation (Fulbright Thailand) is pleased to announce the 2024 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 2025.

Applicants may apply to conduct research that supports broad U.S. – ASEAN relations/initiatives, such as regional economic integration, expansion of maritime cooperation, promotion of opportunities for women, and addressing transnational challenges. Fields of research 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; two from each of the 10 member nations of ASEAN will be selected. Selection is based on the professional qualifications of applicants and the quality and significance of their project proposals.

The award includes a monthly stipend for 3 – 4 months, a round-trip economy-class air ticket, 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. Individuals holding U.S. immigrant visas or permanent U.S. resident cards/green cards, or dual citizenships (Thai and U.S.) are not eligible to apply;
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 (vary from situation to situation), 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, 2025, and no later than March 30, 2025. 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.