

## **Fulbright U.S.-ASEAN Initiative**

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) is pleased to announce the FY 2013 competition for the Fulbright U.S.-ASEAN Initiative. The Department of State is piloting a small number of regionally competed new awards for Asian Fulbright Scholars and U.S. Fulbright Specialists that will support ASEAN initiatives.

The Fulbright U.S.-ASEAN Initiative is open to university faculty, government officials, and professional staff of think tanks and other NGOs. **There are two parts to this initiative, one for Asians and the other for Americans.**

1. **Asian Fulbright Scholars:** Provides opportunities for travel to the United States for scholarly and professional research on issues central to the U.S.-ASEAN relationship. Award periods are flexible and should be congruent with the needs of the project. The minimum period for an award is three months, the maximum period six months. Awards will provide a monthly stipend for grantees, together with round-trip air travel.
2. **U.S. Fulbright Specialists:** Provides qualified U.S. faculty and professionals, in select disciplines, to engage in short-term collaborative two to six week projects focusing on the U.S.-ASEAN relationship at host institutions in ASEAN countries. Awards will provide a daily stipend for grantees together with round-trip air travel. Participating host institutions must cover grantee in-country expenses or provide in-kind services for food and housing.

Additional details and instructions for applying to the Fulbright U.S.-ASEAN Initiative follow.

### **Guidelines for Fulbright U.S.-ASEAN Visiting Scholar and Specialist Project Applications**

The objective of the U.S.-ASEAN Fulbright Initiative is to deepen people-to-people engagement and strengthen our educational ties, as referred to in Secretary Clinton's recent remarks at the US-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (which can be found here: <http://www.state.gov/secretary/rm/2012/07/194843.htm>)

The Department of State is piloting two new awards: one for Visiting Scholars and one for U.S. Fulbright Specialists that will support ASEAN initiatives.

## **ASIAN VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of the Visiting Scholar initiative is to provide opportunities for travel to the United States for scholarly and professional research on issues central to the U.S.-ASEAN relationship. The program is open to university faculty, foreign ministry and government officials, and professional staff of think tanks and other NGOs in ASEAN member nations.

**PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES:** Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

**ELIGIBILITY:** University faculty, foreign ministry and government officials, and professionals in think tanks and other NGOs whose work focuses on U.S.-ASEAN issues are eligible to apply. Applicants will be expected to have a significant record of scholarly or professional accomplishment; they must be citizens of an ASEAN country; and they must be proficient in English. Preference will be given to qualified applicants who have not had recent and substantial experience in the United States. While no medical certification is required at application time, applicants must be in good health. Individuals holding dual citizenship and/or are presently studying in the U.S. are not eligible.

**FIELDS OF RESEARCH:** ASEAN Visiting Scholars will be recruited to lecture and conduct research in fields that will support ASEAN initiatives including but not limited to: Education, Engineering, Environmental Sciences, Food Technology, Geography, Geology, Information Sciences, Journalism, Law, Life Science, Management Information Systems, Museum Studies, Political Science, Public Administration, Public/Global Health, Religious Studies, Social Work, Sociology, Statistics, and TEFL & Applied Linguistics.

**PROJECTS:** Proposals should be carefully developed projects that will deepen the applicant's, and greater public, understanding of one or more aspects of the U.S.-ASEAN relationship. While it is expected that the majority of time will be spent on research, grantees are also encouraged to expand and develop their network of professional contacts so that professional relationships established during the grantee's time in the U.S. can be sustained after the formal grant period has ended. In addition, grantees will be encouraged to seek opportunities to voice the Southeast Asian perspective during their time in the U.S. through guest lectures, seminars, or participation in academic or professional conferences. All applicants are urged to explore possible affiliations with U.S. institutions, including universities, think tanks and research institutes, in advance of submitting their formal applications. Letters of invitation will enable program administrators to make the most suitable affiliations.

**DURATION OF AWARD:** The ideal award period is four months; however award periods are flexible and should be congruent with the needs of the project. The minimum period for an award is three months, the maximum period six months.

**DEADLINE:** Applications deadlines are determined on a country by country basis. Interested applicants are encouraged to reach out to the respective Embassy or Fulbright Commission for timeline specifics.

**APPLICATIONS:** Applications from Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand should be submitted to the Fulbright Commission in the applicant's home country.

Applicants from Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, Laos, Singapore and Vietnam should submit applications to the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy.

The following materials comprise a complete Visiting Scholar application:

- Application form
- Project statement (three to five pages)

- Bibliography (up to three pages; this is required for research or combined teaching/research awards)
- Curriculum vita (up to six pages)
- Letter of invitation
- Letters of recommendation (three are required)

Candidates will access the on-line application at  
<https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/scholars/30/>.

Final country nominations will be sent for a second review by a panel comprised of U.S. Mission and ASEAN representatives. Final selections will be made by the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board in Washington, DC.

AWARD TERMS: Grants will provide a monthly stipend for grantees, together with round-trip air travel, and a book and incidental allowance. No dependent support is available.

CONTACT: Contact information for each participating country can be found here:

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**U.S. FULBRIGHT SPECIALIST PROGRAM**

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this initiative is to award grants to qualified U.S. faculty and professionals, in select disciplines, to engage in short-term collaborative two to six week projects at host institutions in ASEAN countries. International travel costs and a stipend are funded by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Participating host institutions must cover grantee in-country expenses or provide in-kind services for food and housing.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Applicants must be a U.S. citizen at the time of application. For academics, a Ph.D. or equivalent professional/terminal degree at the time of application plus a minimum of five years of post-doctoral teaching or professional experience in the field in which they are applying. Fulbright Specialists must be residing in the United States at the time they are approved for a grant and intend to return to their U.S. institution after the grant's completion. While no medical certification is required at application time, applicants must be in good health.

**PROJECTS:** Fulbright Specialist awards support activities such as: needs assessment, surveys, curriculum and faculty development; participation in seminars, workshop presentations and conferences; teacher training programs; and lecturing at the undergraduate and graduate level. They may not focus on personal research or study.

Projects should be in the fields that will support ASEAN initiatives including but not limited to: Education, Engineering, Environmental Sciences, Food Technology, Geography, Geology, Information Sciences, Journalism, Law, Life Science, Management Information Systems,

Museum Studies, Political Science, Public Administration, Public/Global Health, Religious Studies, Social Work, Sociology, Statistics, and TEFL & Applied Linguistics. These programs and topics should also be of interest and relevance to the nominating country and commission.

**DURATION OF AWARD:** Award periods are flexible and should be congruent with the needs of the project. The minimum period for an award is two weeks, the maximum period six weeks.

**DEADLINE:** Applications deadlines are determined on a country by country basis. Interested applicants are encouraged to reach out to the respective Embassy or Fulbright Commission for timeline specifics.

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

1. Interested U.S. Scholars should first register with the Fulbright Specialist Roster: [http://www.cies.org/specialists/Joining\\_the\\_Roster/Apply.htm](http://www.cies.org/specialists/Joining_the_Roster/Apply.htm). An independent, academic peer review panel of scholars in the same discipline reviews each scholar application and then recommends whether the specialist should be approved by the Fulbright Scholarship Board.
2. Prospective host institutions should contact the in-country Fulbright Commission or the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy. Contact information for each participating country can be found here:

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**Note:** applications should clearly indicate “U.S.-ASEAN Fulbright initiative” as part of their project description.

3. If a project proposes to use a scholar who is not on the Roster that person must apply and be approved for the Roster before the project can proceed. If a host institution does not have a particular U.S. Scholar in mind, they may select one from the Fulbright Specialist Roster.

The processing of a Fulbright Specialist Project request typically takes two-three months, possibly longer for projects who name scholars not currently on the Fulbright Specialist Roster. Please take this timeline into account when planning your project submission.

**AWARD TERMS:** ECA provides travel and stipend support to the Specialist. The Host Institution is responsible for cost sharing in-country expenses such as housing, meals and in-country transportation during the duration of the project. No dependent support is available.

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