

2025 FULBRIGHT JUNIOR RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (JRS)

The Thailand - U.S. Educational Foundation (Fulbright Thailand), in cooperation with the **National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT)**, is pleased to announce the **Fulbright Junior Research Scholarship Program (JRS)** for Thai doctoral students to gain research experience in the United States *as part of their doctoral dissertation requirements*. The grant period must not start before September 1, 2025, and no later than mid-February 2026.

The program offers up to **five (5) grants** under two categories; **two (2)** for general Thai doctoral students to conduct research for six (6) months and **three (3)** for Thai doctoral students under the **Royal Golden Jubilee (RGJ)** or the **Research and Researchers for Industries (RRI) Programs** to conduct research six (6) to twelve (12) months.

For **the general doctoral student grants**, the awards are sponsored by Fulbright Thailand, including 1) round-trip international air tickets, 2) monthly stipends, 3) in-transit allowance, and 4) in-kind benefits such as ASPE health insurance, J-1 visa fee exemption, and other enrichment activities in Thailand and the U.S.

For **the RGJ and RRI doctoral student grants**, the awards are sponsored by the Fulbright - NRCT partnership. Funding support will be mainly provided by the National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT) not exceeding twelve (12) months, with additional funds from Fulbright Thailand for a period not exceeding six (6) months, and the in-kind benefits such as ASPE health insurance, J-1 visa fee exemption, and other enrichment activities in Thailand and the U.S.

Grantees under the JRS Program must start the grant under the **DS-2019** issued by **the Institute of International Education (IIE)**.

ELIGIBILITY:

At the time of application, an applicant must:

- 1) Be **physically present in Thailand** at the time of the interview and orientation.
- 2) 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 to apply*).
- 3) **Be a doctoral student in a Thai university or a doctoral student under the RGJ or RRI Programs.**
- 4) Have completed your coursework and passed the qualifying exam.
- 5) Demonstrate strong academic performance at the graduate level.
- 6) Have an appropriate background to undertake the proposal you have outlined.
- 7) Have the concurrence of the university doctoral program in which you enrolled.
- 8) **Have one of the following valid English official score reports:**
 - a. **iBT TOEFL score of 71;**
 - b. **ITP TOEFL score of 525;**
 - c. **CU-TEP test score of 75.**
- 9) **Obtain an official letter of invitation from a U.S. host institution/advisor who will supervise the research.**
- 10) Be able to take leave from the home institution or professional organization.
- 11) Preferably not have had extensive experience in the United States **during the previous five (5) years** and not obtained a U.S. J-1 Visa in the past 2 years (24 months at the time of submission deadline).
- 12) Be able to fully participate in every activity organized by Fulbright Thailand, including the Preliminary Orientation and Pre-departure Orientation Program, held in January and June, respectively.
- 13) Those who work for the U.S. Embassy and related agencies, please consult Fulbright Thailand before applying.

APPLICATION:

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

1. **Research proposal** in any field, except the clinical practices (not exceeding 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. **Resume/CV**
4. **Copy of a valid passport or national identification card**
5. **Copy of official transcripts:** Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral.
6. **Official letter of invitation from the host institution** with a specific period of research*
7. **3 letters of recommendation** (submitted online by recommenders once applicants fill in recommenders' names and contact information on the online application)
8. **Copy of valid and official English proficiency test score report (TOEFL iBT, ITP, or CU-TEP)**

Please note that the JRS online application website and instructions can be found at <https://www.fulbrightthai.org/thai-active-scholarship-program/2025jrs>
Fulbright Thailand accepts only online applications.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

October 15, 2024, at 11:59 pm	Deadline for online submission of completed application form and supporting documents. Shortlisted applicants will be notified of the interview.
November, 2024	Interview by the Binational Selection Committee
Late December 2024	Selected candidates will be notified of the interview results.
Late March 2025	Successful candidates will be notified of the complete recruiting results approved by the ECA and proceed to the next steps.
Early June 2025	Pre-departure Orientation Program and Reception
September 2025 – mid-February 2026	Departure of scholars

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT:

- *The grant period is subject to change in any circumstances, such as global pandemics or other global emergency matters. All decisions will be made by the U.S. Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA).*
- *Fulbright grantees will apply for a J-1 VISA to participate in the Fulbright Program. The process will be administered and facilitated by Fulbright Thailand.*
- *Failure to meet any of the requirements makes an applicant ineligible.*
- *Plagiarism is NOT acceptable. Applicants are responsible for plagiarism checks with a reliable plagiarism checker before submitting their essay and project proposal. Those who are found plagiarized will be automatically disqualified. The decision made by Fulbright Thailand is considered final. Please refer to our Plagiarism Policy*.*

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

For more information, please contact TUSEF@fulbrightthai.org or call 02-2850581 to 2 ext. 104.