



2013 FULBRIGHT U.S. – ASEAN VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM (USAS)

The U.S. Embassy Rangoon is pleased to announce a new Fulbright pilot initiative for ASEAN under the **2013 U.S. – ASEAN Visiting Scholar Program (USAS)** in support of U.S. efforts at regional and multilateral engagement in East Asia and Pacific.

The Fulbright U.S.-ASEAN Visiting Scholar Initiative is open to university faculty, foreign ministry and government officials, and professional staff of think tanks and other NGOs in ASEAN member nations to travel to the U.S. for scholarly and professional research for 3-4 months on issues that are relevant and useful to member nations, and central to the U.S - ASEAN relationship.

Fulbright Visiting Scholars may apply 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.

2013 Fulbright U.S. – ASEAN Visiting Scholar awards will provide:

- A monthly stipend for grantees, between US \$2,500 and \$2,900/month, depending on city;
- A round-trip economy-class air ticket;
- A \$900 Professional and Settling-in allowance;
- Qualifying university lab and research fees up to \$3000, as necessary;
- No dependent support will be available.

ELIGIBILITY:

An applicant must:

- be a **Burmese citizen** in good health, **age not exceeding 55 at the time of application deadline**; (individuals holding U.S. immigrant visas or permanent U.S. resident cards “green cards” are not eligible to apply) ;
- hold a Bachelor’s Degree or higher;
- should be university faculty, foreign ministry and government officials, or professionals in think tanks and other NGOs whose work focuses on U.S.-ASEAN issues;
- be proficient in English;
- should have little or no previous experience studying or working in the U.S.;
- should have relevant degrees or professional experience in their proposed field of study;
- be able to take leave from his/her home institution or post; and
- must not have held a Fulbright grant within the past 5 years

Important: All grantees are expected to return to their home countries for at least two years at the conclusion of their grant in compliance with the J-visa requirements.

Applicants are INELIGIBLE who:

- are currently teaching, studying, or conducting research in the U.S., or who have received a Fulbright grant within the past five years;
- have received a J-1 visa in the category of Professor/Research Scholar within the past two years (which would prevent them from being issued another J-1 visa in the category of Professor or Research Scholar.)

A complete application set includes:

- 1. Original completed application form (with a photo attached)**
- 2. Project Statement** (3 - 5 pages typed, number 18)
- 3. Resume/CV**
- 4. Bibliography** (up to 3 pages)
- 5. A copy of your academic transcripts**
- 6. Three letters of recommendation (one from your home institution)**

The deadline for applications is November 16, 2012

On-line applications must be submitted to RangoonUSECA@State.gov.

Hard copies must be sent to Public Affairs Section, The American Center, 14 Tawwin St., Dagon Township, Rangoon.

The application and detailed instructions are available at: <http://burma.usembassy.gov/scholarships.html> or the Cultural Affairs Unit, Public Affairs Section, American Embassy, 110 University Avenue, Kamayut Township, Rangoon, Ph: 536509/ 534173 Ext: 4369, email: RangoonUSECA@state.gov.