

U.S. Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (UGRAD) 2013 Announcement

The Global Undergraduate Exchange Program offers scholarships for one semester or one academic year of study in the U.S. to undergraduate students from Laos for the 2013-2014 academic year. Scholarships are available in all academic fields of study. The goal of the program is to provide a diverse group of emerging student leaders, from non-elite and under-represented groups in East Asia, with a substantive exchange experience at a U.S. college or university. Students who have studied abroad in other countries are not eligible for this program.

Eligibility:

- Lao citizens, between 18-24 years old (must be at least 18 years old upon arrival in the U.S. and 24 or younger at the time of application);
- Completed the first, second, or third year of an accredited undergraduate degree program;
- Demonstrated English language proficiency with a minimum TOEFL score of 500 (61 TOEFL iBT or 173 TOEFL CBT);
- Demonstrated leadership through academic work, community service or extracurricular activities.

Application Package:

Initial registration: The registration package due on **November 19, 2012. It must include:**

- registration form (available at the Information Resource Center, Public Diplomacy Section, U.S. Embassy, or via download at <http://laos.usembassy.gov/>)
- essay on why the applicant wishes to study in the U.S. (500 words maximum)
- copy of most recent transcripts from university/college
- copy of ID card
- proof of citizenship

Following the registration period, qualified students will be invited to take an English screening test on **November 24, 2012**. Applicants who receive a minimum score of 80/150 will be invited to submit a complete application form and to take the TOEFL (ITP) test on **December 08, 2012**.

Complete UGRAD application: The deadline for submitting the complete application package is **December 17, 2012**. This package must include:

- completed, signed Global Undergraduate Exchange Program application form
- personal statement in English, 350-500 words, typed
- if you have a passport, please submit a copy of the data/photo page
- official university transcripts (with English translations); please provide grade equivalences to U.S. university grading system
- Official results of the national general secondary school exit exam
- three letters of recommendation from teachers/professors, including one from the candidate's secondary level institution (with English translations)
- TOEFL®, ITP®, or other standardized English test score report, minimum 450, 500 or higher preferred
- two photocopies of passport-size photo.

For more information, please contact: Mr. Khammanh Phetkhounphone, U.S. Embassy, Tel: 021 26 7000 x. 7089 or 7263, Fax: 021 26 7160, e-mail: laos_educationusa@state.gov

CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION: **November 19, 2012**