

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY IN THE UNITED STATES

The Ministry of Education and the Embassy of the United States of America are pleased to announce that the Government of the United States of America is offering the following scholarships for study in the United States:

Fulbright Scholarships

Fulbright Scholarships will be awarded under the J. William Fulbright Program for study in a two-year Master's Degree program during the 2013 – 2015 academic years (July 2013 – June 2015). Individuals from both the public and the private sectors may apply. Women, minorities and candidates from outside Vientiane are encouraged to apply.

In addition to the two-year Master's Degree program, the U.S. Embassy is accepting applications for the 2013 Fulbright PhD Science and Technology Program. This scholarship, for the 2013-2016 academic year, is for Ph.D. study at top U.S. institutions in science, technology, or engineering. The scholarship is among the most prestigious international scholarships in science and technology.

The Fulbright Program was established by the U.S. Congress in 1946 to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge, and skills. Fulbright grants will be awarded for graduate study at the master's degree level in all fields of study except medicine. (Note: Applications will be accepted in the field of public health.)

Humphrey Fellowships

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program is a Fulbright program that provides mid-level professionals from developing countries an opportunity to enhance their professional capabilities through participation in specialized, 10-month, and non-degree programs at selected American universities. Fellowships will be granted for the 2013-2014 academic year (August 2013 – June 2014). Ideal candidates have a proven track record of leadership, a public service commitment, and the capacity to take full advantage of a self-defined program of independent study at a

leading U.S. university. The program awards a certificate from the U.S. Government; it is not designed to deliver an advanced degree. Professionals from both the public and the private sectors are eligible to apply. Female, minority and candidates from outside Vientiane are encouraged to apply.

For more information on all three scholarships, please visit the U.S. Embassy's website at <http://laos.usembassy.gov>.

Eligibility:

- Applicant must be a Lao citizen.
- Applicant must be age 40 or under.
- Applicant must hold at least a bachelor's degree with at least four years of full-time study, a superior academic record, and qualify for admission to U.S. programs of graduate study.
- Applicant for the Humphrey Fellowship must have at least five years of working experience.
- Applicant for both Fulbright and Humphrey must enclose a current CV or resume.
- Proficiency in the English language is measured by a minimum TOEFL score of 80 internet-based, or 6.5 IELTS for the Fulbright Master study program; 96 internet based or 7.5 IELTS for the Fulbright PhD study program; and a minimum TOEFL score of 71 internet-based, or 5.5 IELTS for Humphrey Fellows. Then first English screening test will be held in March 17-18, 2012 at Lao American Center which is located at Lao American College in Vientiane.

Application Information:

- Registration forms are available at the U.S. Embassy guardhouse or may be downloaded at <http://laos.usembassy.gov>
- Applicants must include a one-page essay, 500 words maximum, on **“Why you want to study in the United States.”**
- The appointment for the English screening tests for selected applicants will be made for eligible applicants with no TOEFL or IELTS scores at the time the completed application is submitted. Eligible applicants with the required minimum TOEFL/IELTS scores can submit their scores with their completed registration forms and supporting documents.

- Applicants from **outside Vientiane only** can submit the application via fax: (+856 21) 267160 or email: vimoldx@state.gov attention to Vimol Dalalay, Cultural Affairs Specialist, Public Diplomacy Section, U.S Embassy Vientiane.

- *The closing date for submitting registration forms, essays, CV, and test scores is Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. The complete application must be submitted in person to the Public Diplomacy Office, U.S. Embassy, Rue Bartholonie, (That Dam), Vientiane capital.*