



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY IN THE UNITED STATES

The Ministry of Education and Sports, 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 2015 – 2017 academic years (July 2015 – June 2017). Individuals from both the public and the private sectors may apply. Women, minorities and candidates from outside Vientiane are encouraged to apply.

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 2015-2016 academic year (August 2015 – June 2016). 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 programs arranged for Humphrey Fellows are related to one of the following fields: Agricultural and Rural Development, Communications/Journalism, Substance Abuse Education, Prevention, and Treatment, Economic Development/Finance and Banking, Educational Administration, Planning and Policy, Higher Education Administration, HIV/AIDS Policy and Prevention, Human Resource Management, Law and Human Rights, Natural Resources Management/Environmental, Policy/Climate Change, Public Health Policy and Management, Public Policy Analysis and Public Administration, Teaching of English as a Foreign Language (Teacher Training or Curriculum Development), Technology Policy and Management, Trafficking in Persons Policy and Prevention, Urban and Regional Planning.

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 these scholarships, please visit the U.S. Embassy's website at <http://laos.usembassy.gov/scholarships2.html>

Eligibility for Fulbright Scholarship and Humphrey Fellowship Programs:

- 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; 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 June 7-8, 2014 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 "How will the experience of studying in the U.S. help you to develop yourself, your community, and your country once you have returned to Lao PDR?"
- 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: Vientiane_Fulbright-Humphrey@state.gov, Public Diplomacy Section, U.S. Embassy Vientiane.

The closing date for submitting registration forms, essays, CV, and test scores is Thursday, May 29, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. The complete application must be submitted in person to the Public Diplomacy Office, U.S. Embassy, Rue Bartholonie, (That Dam), Vientiane capital.