

# **2016-2017 Fulbright Student Fellowship**

To continue the mission of promoting mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the Lao People's Democratic Republic through educational exchange, the U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce the opportunity to compete for 2016-2017 Fulbright Student Fellowship for graduate study in the United States. Fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis to qualified candidates under the auspices of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Program.

## **Fulbright Scholarships**

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.) Individuals from both the public and the private sectors may apply. Women, minorities, and candidates from outside Vientiane are encouraged to apply.

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

## **Eligibility:**

- Applicants must be a Lao citizen.
- Applicants must be age 40 or under.
- Applicants 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.
- Applicants must enclose a current CV or resume.
- Applicants must be proficient in English. Proficiency in the English language is measured by a minimum TOEFL score of 80 internet-based, or 6.5 IELTS. For applicants without valid TOEFL or IELTS scores, or who do not hold a bachelor degree taught in English, we will hold an English screening test on June 6-7, 2015 at the Lao American College in Vientiane.

## **Application Information:**

- Registration forms may be downloaded at <http://laos.usembassy.gov/fulbrightprogram.html>
- 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?**”
- Applicants without valid TOEFL/IELTS scores or holding a bachelor degree from an English-language bachelor degree program will have to take an initial English screening test. Applicants with the required minimum TOEFL/IELTS scores can submit their scores with their completed registration forms and supporting documents.
- Applicants can submit the application via email to [Vientiane\\_Fulbright-Humphrey@state.gov](mailto:Vientiane_Fulbright-Humphrey@state.gov), or by sending a hard copy to the Public Diplomacy Section, U.S. Embassy Vientiane, Laos, Thadeua Road, Km.9, Ban Somvang Tai.

***The closing date for submitting a registration form, essay, and resume/CV is May 28, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.***