Fulbright U.S.-ASEAN Visiting Scholar Program AY 2020-2021

The U.S. Mission in Vietnam is pleased to call for nominations of outstanding candidates to participate in the 2020 Fulbright U.S.-ASEAN Visiting Scholar Initiative.

1. Program Description: The Fulbright U.S.–ASEAN Visiting Scholar Program is open to university faculty, foreign ministry or other government officials, and professional staff of the private sector, think tanks, and other NGOs in the ASEAN Member States. Selected Fulbright U.S. - ASEAN Visiting Scholars will travel to the United States for three to four months during the spring of 2021, where they will carry out scholarly and professional research on priority issues to the U.S.-ASEAN relationship and ASEAN. Projects should be selected that are regional in scope and/or have clear implications for the entire ASEAN region. Please note the criteria for U.S.-ASEAN scholarships – research on priority issues for the U.S.-ASEAN relationship and ASEAN, clear regional implications – differ substantially from those for other bilateral Fulbright grants. Projects considered for one may not be appropriate for the other.

Fulbright U.S.-ASEAN Visiting Scholar proposals should be carefully developed projects that will deepen the applicant’s understanding of one or more aspects of the U.S.–ASEAN relationship. While it is expected that the majority of time will be spent in research, grantees are also encouraged to expand and develop their network of professional contacts so that professional relationships established during the grantee’s time in the United States can be sustained after the formal grant period has ended. In addition, grantees will be expected to seek opportunities to provide an ASEAN perspective during their time in the United States through guest lectures, seminars, or participation in academic or professional conferences. All applicants are urged to establish a likely affiliation with a U.S. institution, including universities, think tanks, and research institutes, in advance of submitting their formal applications. Letters of invitation will enable program organizers to finalize suitable affiliations. Note: All of the selected Fulbright U.S.-ASEAN Visiting Scholars must be available to come to the United States during the Spring 2021 semester (January-May 2021).

2. Background: Reflecting an enduring commitment to the Asia-Pacific region, the United States has elevated its engagement across Asia as a strategic priority. A central tenet of that strategy is to work closely with multilateral institutions such as ASEAN. The objective of the Fulbright U.S.-ASEAN Visiting Scholar Initiative is to deepen people-to-people engagement and strengthen our ties with the ten member nations of ASEAN, while specifically emphasizing the importance of ASEAN. This marks the eighth year of the Initiative. To date, 75 scholars from all 10 ASEAN Member States have been awarded scholarships to pursue studies focused on a wide range of subjects including public health, the South China Sea, Indo-Pacific focus, ASEAN economic integration, banking governance, human trafficking, STEM education, food safety, and legal education.

3. Fields of study: In FY 2020, Fulbright Visiting Scholars may apply to conduct research that supports broad ASEAN initiatives, such as support for regional economic integration, expansion of maritime cooperation, promotion of opportunities for women, and addressing transnational challenges (including regional collaboration on issues like curbing human trafficking, countering violent extremism, preventing wildlife trafficking or promoting sustainable fishing).

Fields of study could include, but are not limited to:
- Education
- Financial Market Integration
- Food Technology
- Information Sciences
- Journalism
- Law
- Public Administration
- Public/Global Health
- Statistics
- Trade and Investment
- Trade Facilitation
These programs and topics should reflect priority areas of the ASEAN Secretariat, and also be of interest and relevance to Vietnam. Again – note that projects that are regional in scope and/or have clear implications for the entire ASEAN region are strongly preferred.

4. Eligibility: Fulbright U.S.-ASEAN Visiting Scholar applicants should be university faculty, foreign ministry and government officials, or professionals in the private sector, think tanks and other NGOs whose work focuses on U.S.–ASEAN issues. Applicants will be expected to have a significant record of scholarly or professional accomplishment; they must be Vietnamese citizen; and they must be proficient in English. Preference will be given to qualified applicants who have not had recent and substantial experience in the United States. Applicants must be residing in Vietnam throughout the nomination and selection process, and they must return to Vietnam upon completion of their U.S. stay.

Applicants are ineligible if they:
1. Are currently teaching, studying, or conducting research in the U.S., or who have received a Fulbright grant within the past five years.
2. Have been to the U.S. as a J-1 Exchange Visitor in the category of Professor or Research Scholar within the past two years.

5. The following materials comprise a complete application:
- Application
- Project statement (three to five pages)
- Bibliography
- Curriculum vitae (up to six pages)
- Letter of invitation (strongly preferred, but not required)
- Letters of recommendation (three are required)

Candidates will access the on-line application at https://apply.iie.org/fvsp2020

6. Award Terms: Fulbright U.S.–ASEAN Visiting Scholar awards will provide:
- A monthly stipend for grantees, between US $2,710 and $3,145/month, depending on the U.S. city.
- A direct-flight, round-trip economy-class air ticket.
- A $1,250 Professional and Settling-in allowance.
- Qualifying university lab and research fees up to $3,000, as necessary.
- No dependent support will be available.

7. Deadline: Monday, December 2, 2019 at 17:00 by Vietnam time zone

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