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Competition for Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program (FLTA) For the academic year 2014

GENERAL INFORMATION/ PROVISION

The Thailand – U.S. Educational Foundation (Fulbright) announces competition for the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program (FLTA), a non-degree program sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State (ECA). *The FLTA Program invites applications from young Thai teachers of English or in training to become teachers of English to refine their teaching skills, increase their English language proficiency and extend their knowledge of the cultures and customs of the United States while strengthening the instruction of foreign language at U.S. colleges and universities for nine months.*

FLTA Program has a tremendous multiplier effect in the U.S. and in the home countries of the FLTA fellows. U.S. universities benefit from the presence of a native foreign language speaker on their campuses. FLTA fellows provide teaching assistance, by serving in various capacities, which may include teaching up to two courses per semester, and typically facilitate cultural events and language clubs.

Fellows and U.S. students have the unique opportunity to learn about each other's culture and to build mutual understanding between the U.S. and other countries. FLTA fellows also take courses in U.S. studies and in the teaching of English as a foreign language. Upon completion of the program, the fellows return home and teach English at university level. As a result of the program, FLTA alumni return to their home countries with a high proficiency in English and are able to speak with authenticity and authority about the United States, its values and its people.

FLTA fellows may teach up to two classes and are required to enroll in at least two courses per semester, one of which must be in U.S. studies. The remaining coursework must relate to their careers in English language teaching. FLTA fellows will also be expected to facilitate cultural events, language clubs and language tables.

Selection will be based on the candidates' leadership skills, ability to motivate students to learn, and interest in teaching their native language and culture to U.S. students. Ideal candidates for the FLTA Program have a desire to meet people and become a part of their host community by participating in community events and campus activities. FLTA fellows should also be creative and self-reliant team players, who are able to maintain excellent relationships with faculty, staff and students. FLTA Program is demand-driven and **final selection is dependent on the ability to match the requests of U.S. host institutions with the language skills of the applicant pool.**

Final selection and placement of Fulbright FLTA fellows will be organized by the Institute of International Education (IIE) in the U.S.

Funding: All FLTA fellows receive a monthly stipend, health insurance and travel support. U.S. host institutions provide tuition waivers to support the required coursework.

IMPORTANT: This is a **non-degree** program. Any applicant who is seeking a U.S. degree should not apply for this Program.

Eligibility :

1. be a Thai citizen in good health;
2. be teachers of English at **Thai universities or secondary schools.**
3. possess the equivalence of a U.S. Bachelor's degree.
4. be between **at least 21 and no more than 35 years old by October 1, 2013;**

5. be physically present in Thailand at the time of interview;
6. have a TOEFL score of no less than 213 (CBT) or 550 (paper-based) or 79-80 (IBT) or 6.0 (IELTS) on a test taken within two years prior to the date of application;
(For TOEFL examination, please directly visit website www.toefl.org for more information)
7. must return to Thailand upon completion of the **nine-month program**. The Program will **NOT** support any extension requests for applicants; and
8. demonstrate maturity, dependability, integrity and professionalism.
9. be disqualified if plagiarism is found in application

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. **From May 1 to July 12, 2013**, a preliminary application form will be available on website at www.fulbrightthai.org

2. The application set must be accompanied by:

- a) The completed application form and 5 photocopies of the original application
- b) 6 photocopies of university transcript(s)
- c) 6 photocopies of eligible TOEFL score report
- d) 3 letters of recommendations in a sealed envelope using the form attached in the application

3. The completed application and required documents can be sent by mail or hand delivered to the Foundation at "THAILAND-U.S. EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, 21/5 THAI WAH TOWER 1, 3rd FLOOR, 21/5 SOUTH SATHORN ROAD, BANGKOK 10120", but must arrive **NO LATER THAN July 12, 2013**, to be eligible for consideration. The Foundation is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

4. Further information can be obtained from the Foundation, Tel. 0-2285-0581-2 ext. 104

**PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE
FAILURE TO SUBMIT A COMPLETE APPLICATION MAKES AN APPLICANT INELIGIBLE**

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

May 1 – July 12, 2013	Preliminary application forms available on the Foundation's website
June 12, 2013	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF COMPLETED APPLICATION AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS
July, 2013	Screening and shortlisting of applications from qualified applicants Recommended applicants notified of interview place, date and time Interview by Binational Selection Committee
August, 2013	Candidates notified of the interview results
September, 2013	On-line application submission by individual recommended candidate
September, 2013	Deadline for completed final applications submitted to the Institute of International Education and the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of U.S. Department of State (ECA) in Washington, D.C. for final selection
March/April, 2014	Candidates notified of final selection results and U.S. host institution(s) of successful candidate(s)
June, 2014	Pre-departure Orientation