ASEAN Research Program

Award Autogenerated Code
9940-MC
Region
Global/Multi-country
East Asia and the Pacific
Country
Multi-country
Brunei
Burma
Cambodia
Indonesia
Laos
Malaysia
Philippines
Thailand
Vietnam
Number of Grants
Approximately 4
Stipend
Tracks with research awards from each country.

Estimated Travel and Relocation Allowance
Initial travel tracks with first country of award; additional intraregional travel to second or third country is $500 per trip. Dependent travel: travel for up to two accompanying dependents, based on the country

Estimated Book and Research Allowance
$800 research allowance

Candidate Profile
Academics, all levels including early career
Activity
Research
Application Deadline
Tuesday, September 15, 2020
Grant Activity
Conduct collaborative research in the area of specialization on an issue of priority to ASEAN or to the U.S.-ASEAN relationship in 2-3 ASEAN countries: Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam. Project statement must include a detailed description of proposed research and the relevance of the research to the broader ASEAN region, as well as the justification for each specific country included, duration and dates in each country, host institutions and planned site(s) to be visited.

Applicants are encouraged to contact the East Asia and the Pacific Team [1] to discuss their proposed research before applying.

Grant Length
Three to six months. Award activity must be undertaken in a single period of residence abroad. Applicants may propose travel
Research grants may start any time beginning August 2021 and must be completed by September 30, 2022.

Affiliations with universities, think tanks, nongovernmental organizations and research centers in the selected host countries may be considered.

Disciplines
Area Studies, non-U.S.
Communication
Economics
Education
Environmental Sciences
History, non-U.S.
Law
Political Science
Public Administration
Public Health

Areas of Interest
Applications in the following specializations are particularly sought: ASEAN studies, comparative politics, dispute settlement and negotiation, economic integration and trade policy, educational policy (including technical and vocational education), environmental science/studies, human migration and trafficking, international law, international relations, marine conservation, public health, public policy, regional security, and wildlife trafficking.

Special Features
Fulbright East Asia Pacific Regional Travel Program
Fulbright Scholars in the East Asia and Pacific (EAP) region have the opportunity to apply for funds to support short-term (3-14 days) travel to other countries in the EAP region for activities such as lectures, workshops, graduate or faculty seminars, master classes or recitals, curricular advising or panel presentations. EAP Regional Travel Program funding covers transportation only. Regional Travel Program activities/host sites should not be included in the initial Fulbright application. Scholars may pursue invitations for short-term activities in other EAP countries once notified that they have been selected for a Fulbright grant, and may only apply for travel program funds once they have actively started their Fulbright grant in their host country. Scholars on Flex grants are not eligible for the regional travel grant.

Degree Requirements
Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) not required

Additional Qualification Information
These awards are for individuals who seek to establish a focus on U.S.-ASEAN relations in their work or to undertake research on a comparative project that has implications for the ASEAN region or the U.S.-ASEAN relationship.

Ph.D. is preferred, but applicants with master's degrees will be considered. Applications from established scholars as well as from candidates who are early in their careers are encouraged. Ph.D. candidates must attain a doctoral degree by the start of the grant (indicate expected date of conferral in application and project statement).

Additional Language Requirement
English is the official language of ASEAN. Applicants are not required to submit a language proficiency evaluation. However, proficiency in the local language may be recommended for some research topics, depending on the country. If applicants do not have local language skills, they should explicitly address the issue when discussing the feasibility of the project in their project statement.
Invitation Requirement
A letter of invitation is preferred

Additional Comments
Short-listed applicants may be invited to telephone or Skype interviews.

Helpful Links

ASEAN Secretariat [2]

ASEAN University Network [3]

Fulbright Commissions:
- Philippine-American Educational Foundation [6] (PAEF)
- Thailand-U.S. Educational Foundation [7] (TUSEF)

U.S. Department of State, Public Affairs Sections
- Brunei [8]
- Burma [9]
- Cambodia [10]
- Singapore [12]
- Vietnam [13]

U.S. Department of State country profiles [14]

Email the East Asia and the Pacific Team [1] with questions about applying.

Multi-Country/Area Award
Yes

Grant Length Filter
Three to five months
Six to 10 months

Invitation Requirement Additional Information

Applicants are encouraged to have identified potential host institutions. Applicants should inquire with the East Asia and the Pacific Team [1] with questions about invitation requirements for specific countries.

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11468-MC

Countries Overview

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is a regional intergovernmental organization comprising ten countries in Southeast Asia: Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam. The United States was the first country to recognize ASEAN with an official U.S. Mission to ASEAN, and supports the organizational efforts to create a unified region with one vision, one identity and one community. Key areas of focus for ASEAN (and U.S. engagement with ASEAN) include promoting inclusivity, improving the quality of basic education, addressing the development gaps across the region, aligning ASEAN goals with the Sustainable Development Goals, enhancing ASEAN awareness, and furthering the development of ASEAN studies programs. American Scholars selected for this regional program should pursue collaborative research projects which support priority issue areas for the ASEAN region and to the U.S.-ASEAN relationship, with activities taking place in two or three ASEAN countries. Scholars will be encouraged to include a trip during their grant period to the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia to present on their research and meet with staff at the Secretariat and the U.S. Mission to ASEAN.
Multiple country program staff

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Language Proficiency Requirements
None, English is sufficient. However, feasibility of conducting the project must be demonstrated in the project statement

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[1] mailto:eastasiapacific@iie.org
[8] https://www.usembassy.gov/brunei/
[10] https://www.usembassy.gov/cambodia/
[12] https://www.usembassy.gov/singapore/