



2016 FRANCO – THAI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Guidelines for application

The Franco – Thai Scholarship Program of the French Embassy to Thailand aims to support Thai students who intend to study in French universities or higher education institutions for their Master’s or PhD degree. This program is based on a highly selective call for candidates in order to strengthen high level exchanges between France and Thailand.

1. ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for the Franco-Thai Scholarship Program, applicants must be:

- Under the age of 35 years old;
- A Thai national;
- Intending to pursue a Master’s degree or PhD in France (exchange programs are not eligible);

This call for applications is open to all fields of studies.

2. ONLINE APPLICATION:

The scholarship application file is to be submitted online only (www.francothai-science.com/scholarships) and must include:

- A filled-out scholarship 2016 application form (online);
- A copy of passport / ID;
- An up-to-date résumé stating the entire academic curriculum;
- A cover letter explaining motivations and interests in the planned project;
- Copies of academic diploma (Bachelor, Masters or PhD only) ;
- University transcripts;

For Master level candidates:

- Enrolment attestation copy. If the application process has not started for the considered program, please include copies of email exchanges with the French university to underline the seriousness of the project;

For PhDs:

- An attestation signed by your tutor indicating his/her commitment to supervise your thesis; or in case of co-supervision an attestation signed by the two supervisors (Thai and French) indicating their commitment to supervise in France and in Thailand if need be;
- A detailed description of the research project (2-3 pages) including a detailed work plan;
- In case of co-supervision, a detailed plan of the various periods to spend in France during the research work;

Optional documents:

- Cost-sharing commitment letter from the corresponding organisation;
- Academic and/or professional recommendations;
- Language proficiency certificates: French (TCF, DELF, DALF, academic degree...) and/or English (TOEFL, TOEIC, etc.).

3. SELECTION PROCESS:

Calendar:

- Launch of the 2016 Franco-Thai Scholarship Program: September 2015.
- Preparation workshops by Campus France: October 2015 through February 2016.
- Deadline for online submission: February 19th, 2016
- Interview of the shortlisted candidates: March 2016
- Publication of the final list of recipients: Mid-April 2016
- Departure to France: Early September 2016

Scholarship laureates will be contacted individually. Final results will be published online on the Franco-Thai Scholarship Program website by mid-April 2016. Committee's deliberations are beyond dispute.

Criterion:

- The candidate's skills and merit as borne out by his/her academic record and professional background;
- The quality of the study plan. Contacts with the Master's degree or thesis supervisors and progress of the project submitted will also be taken into account;
- The strong and firm interest of the candidate in pursuing studies with regards to his/her previous studies and professional project;
- The level of proficiency in foreign languages (French or English) and its adequacy with the intended curriculum;
- Other sources of funding to support the project;
- For PhDs applicants, the selection committee will favor PhDs under joint supervision and commitment of Thai and French supervisors will be decisive;

Applicants, who have been preselected based on the quality of their application, will be interviewed by the pre-selection committee.

The scholarship can only be definitely granted once the selected candidate submits a final proof of enrolment in the program chosen.

SCHOLARSHIP MODALITIES:

The Franco-Thai scholarship is granted for the period necessary to obtain the degree: one or two years for a Master's Degree and three years for a PhD.

In case of co-supervision, the scholarship will only be granted for the periods spent in France.

If the curriculum requires the completion of an internship during the course of the studies, the scholarship might be suspended for the duration of the internship depending on the stipend received by the scholar for the internship.

The Franco-Thai scholarship program offers two types of scholarships:

Full scholarship:

The full scholarship benefits include:

- A monthly allowance of 767euros;
- An annual roundtrip ticket;
- Social protection;
- Priority for accessing to student housing.

Social Protection Scholarship/Bourse de Couverture Sociale:

Social Protection Scholarship or “Bourse de Couverture Sociale” gives access to a specific status, enabling candidates to benefit from social protection in France and other specific advantages (priority given on accommodation, exemption of tuition fees for some public higher education institutions’ program,...). **The “Bourse de Couverture Sociale” can only be granted if a cost-sharing agreement insures a monthly allowance to the scholar, since it will not be provided by the Franco-Thai program for this type of scholarship.**

Cost-sharing:

Applicants are highly encouraged to look for other sources of funding from his/her own local or foreign university but also from private sector companies. A specific attention will be given to academic applicants who have found other sources of funding for their project. Some doctoral schools ask for a higher monthly income than the monthly allowance granted by this scholarship program. Students applying to those doctoral schools have to check and coordinate with the French laboratory or doctoral school to secure additional funding.

Tuition fees

Please note that the Franco-Thai Scholarship Program does not cover tuition fees.

For some Master’s taught in French at a public university and for PhD programs, being a scholar of the French Government will entail that the tuition fees will be lifted. It is the candidate’s responsibility to check the amount of the tuition fees for the program he/she is applying to.

COMMITMENTS OF THE LAUREATES:

The scholarship recipient commits him/herself to:

- Attending the intensive full-time French course scheduled **from April 25th to June 24th, 2015** (tentatively) at the Alliance Française in Bangkok;
- Respecting the study plan he/she has been selected for;
- Being in possession of the official attestation of scholarship, the original copy of his/her diploma and all necessary documents, before departure to France.
- Being in France for the whole period of his/her studies.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: FEBRUARY 19th, 2016

Only online applications will be accepted.

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A delivery status notification will be sent by e-mail to the applicants after the online submission of their applications. Incomplete applications or applications failing to meet the deadline will be rejected.

Throughout your whole application process, do not hesitate to contact Campus France should you have any questions. The Campus France team is here to help you figure out which programs might be the more coherent with your study and career plans and can advise you on how to best fill out your 2016 Franco-Thai Scholarship application.

Workshops will be organized by Campus France to offer assistance in writing cover letter and résumé for the scholarship program and to present the different study opportunities France has to offer for success-driven Thai students.

**Visit Campus France at the Alliance Française
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Opening Hours: Monday – Thursday from 8:30 am – 12:30 am and 2 pm – 5:30 pm
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