

# 2014 FRANCO – THAI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

## Guidelines for application

### 1. Program overview & Eligibility requirements

The Franco – Thai Scholarship Program aims to support Thai students under the age of 35 who intend to study in French universities or Higher Education Institutions for their Master's or PhD degree. This program is based on a selective call for candidates in order to emphasize high level exchanges between France and Thailand.

### 2. Selection process

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

#### In order to identify grant recipients, the selection committee will consider:

- ✓ 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;

### 3. Scholarship terms

#### 3.1. Duration

The scholarship is granted for the period necessary to obtain the degree.

- ✓ For Master's degrees, the scholarship will usually be granted for 10 months (2nd year of Master's degree). Due to the difference between French and Thai academic rules regarding the getting of the Bachelor's degree (3 years in France / 4 years in Thailand), Thai candidates, holding a Bachelor's degree may consider applying directly to M2 (second-year of Master Program).
- ✓ Scholarships can also be granted for students enrolled in a two year Master's degree. In this case, candidates are required to provide a justification for choosing a two-year program.
- ✓ For PhDs, the scholarship will be granted for a maximum of 3 years depending on their ability to justify the progress of his/her project. In case of co-supervision, periods of stay in France should be specified, as funding cannot be provided for periods of study outside France.

#### 3.2. Conditions & Important information regarding the scholarship

- ✓ Candidate should be less than 35 years old on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014;
- ✓ Scholarship will definitely be granted after the selected candidates provide an enrolment attestation from the chosen university;
- ✓ In case the studies are interrupted, the scholarship will automatically be suspended;
- ✓ The visa granted for the student does not lead automatically to visas for members of his/her family;
- ✓ The scholar benefits from priority access to student housing via Campus France. However, this is not systematic as the demand for this type of accommodation is considerable;

- ✓ The social protection is only provided for the duration of the scholarship and includes risk of infection and diseases, risk of accidents and liability insurance, with the exception of diseases contracted before arrival in France;
- ✓ Plane tickets will be granted by the scholarship program, but will not be available for family members.

### 3.3. Commitments of the grant holder

The scholarship recipient commits him/herself to:

- ✓ Attending the intensive full-time French course scheduled from **April 29<sup>th</sup> to June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 (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.
- ✓ Introducing him/herself to the French authorities in charge of his/her reception and follow-up (Campus France) when arriving in France;
- ✓ Being in France for the whole period of his/her studies.

## 4. Scholarship

### 4.1. Type of scholarships

Two kinds of scholarships can be granted:

- ✓ 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.**
- ✓ Full scholarship: In addition to the “Bourse de Couverture Sociale”, full scholarship includes a monthly allowance to cope with living expenses in France and a plane ticket for a round trip to France.

Exemption of tuition fees is only valid for public Higher Education Institutions. Private institutions and some programs in public institutions charge some additional fees which are not defrayed by this scholarship program.

### 4.2 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 look for co-funding.

## 5. Selection schedule

- ✓ Deadline for online submission: February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- ✓ Interview of the shortlisted candidates: March 2014
- ✓ Publication of the final list of recipients: Mid-April 2014.
- ✓ Departure to France: Early September 2014

## 6. Publication of the results

Scholarship recipients will be contacted individually. Final results will be published online on the Franco-Thai Scholarship Program website by mid-April 2014. Committee’s deliberations are beyond dispute.

## 7. Application file

**The scholarship application file is to be submitted online only and must include:**

- ✓ A filled-out scholarship 2014 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 of the last two years of studies;

#### **For Master level candidates:**

- ✓ Enrolment attestation copy and/or copies of e-mail exchanges with the host university in France.

#### **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.).

**Only online applications will be accepted.**

**[www.francothai-science.org/scholarships/](http://www.francothai-science.org/scholarships/)**  
**Final submission before: February 19, 2014**

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.

If you need more information on studying and living in France and how to enrol in French Higher Education Institutions, Campus France is here to help. Campus France office can advise you on Higher Education Institutions, programs or opportunities related to your project in France but also on lifestyle in France.

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