



Educational Seminars

Program Description

2011-2012 Thailand Teacher and
Administrator Exchange Program

Sponsored by: the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA),
U.S. Department of State

Administered by: American Councils for International Education, the
Thailand-United States Educational Foundation and the Thai Ministry of
Education

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2011 THAILAND TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

A program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), U.S. Department of State, administered by American Councils for International Education, the Thailand-United States Educational Foundation and the Thai Ministry of Education

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

The Thailand Teacher and Administrator Exchange Program is a short-term, mutual exchange opportunity for U.S. and Thailand principals and teachers that is fully funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), U.S. Department of State. The program provides a professional development opportunity for U.S. and Thailand educators to work together on issues of mutual interest to their communities, schools and students. Thai administrators spend three weeks with their U.S. partner during the fall and the U.S. administrators travel to Thailand the following summer. The programs are individualized through collaboration between partners and may focus on educational leadership, strategic planning, professional development for teachers, school and community relations, curriculum development and pedagogy, classroom management, teaching English as a Second Language, volunteerism, and civic responsibility.

Program implementation is provided by American Councils for International Education, in partnership with the Thailand-United States Educational Foundation and the Thai Ministry of Education.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be a full-time employee in the U.S. with at least three years of experience as a department head of English or Mathematics; a school principal, or assistant principal at the elementary, middle or secondary level.
- Host administrative partner in home community and school (home stay) for two weeks
- Host a Thai language facilitator (interpreter) in home community and school (hotel) for two weeks
- Travel to Thailand, participate in pre-program orientation and complete full two-week program in Thailand

Applicants should be creative, self-reliant, flexible and able to maintain excellent relationships with faculty, staff, and students in Thailand. Applicants should have a sincere interest in learning from the experience of others and sharing best practices. Applicants should also be prepared to make presentations about the United States before diverse audiences in Thailand.

COST AND GRANT PROVISIONS:

This program is fully funded through the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), U.S. Department of State. For U.S. educators, this grant includes international and domestic airfare; meals and/or per diem; accommodations for program in Thailand; a hosting stipend for the U.S. partner school; a shipping stipend; and housing and per diem for a Thai language facilitator.

Upon completion of the program, participants become eligible to participate in the alumni small grant program for activities that foster communication between American and Thai schools.

TENTATIVE CALENDAR FOR THE EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR:

APPLICATION DEADLINE	MARCH 28, 2011
Selection Process*	April 2011
Final Award Notification	May 2011
Pre-Program Orientation in Washington, DC (Thai Administrators)	October 12 – 15, 2011
Exchange Program in the U.S.	October 15 – November 3, 2011**
U.S. Educators travel to Thailand	July 11, 2012
Program in Thailand	July 13 – 25, 2012**

* Applicants may be contacted for a phone interview before final selection.

** Dates are tentative

APPLYING FOR THE URUGUAY ADMINISTRATOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM:

To be considered for this Educational Seminar, please submit a complete application package to American Councils by the deadline established above. **Teachers please complete the Thailand and Uruguay Teacher Educator Exchange Application. Administrators, please complete the Administrator Exchange Application.** The applications are available on the American Councils for International Education website at www.americancouncils.org/es.

A complete application package includes:

- **A COMPLETE ORIGINAL APPLICATION FORM**
- **THE ESSAY**
- **THE DRAFT AGENDA FOR HOSTING THE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATOR**
- **ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL FORM**
- **A MAXIMUM TWO PAGE RESUME**

PLEASE MAIL THE ORIGINAL AND 2 ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO:

American Councils for International Education
Attn: Educational Seminars Program
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Washington, DC 20036

Should you have any questions, please contact:

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EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS ORGANIZATIONS

THE BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the U.S. Department of State fosters mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries to promote friendly, and peaceful relations, as mandated by the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961.

ECA accomplishes its mission through a range of programs based on the benefits of mutual understanding, international educational and cultural exchange, and leadership development. We engage youth, students, educators, artists, athletes, and rising leaders in many fields in the United States and more than 160 countries through academic, cultural, sports, and professional exchanges. Striving to reflect the diversity of the United States and global society, ECA programs, funding, and other activities encourage the involvement of American and international participants from traditionally underrepresented groups, including women, racial and ethnic minorities, and people with disabilities.

ECA exchange program alumni encompass over 1 million people around the world, including more than 40 Nobel Laureates and more than 300 current and former heads of state and government.

AMERICAN COUNCILS FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION: ACTR/ACCELS

American Councils for International Education advances scholarly research and cross-border learning through the design and implementation of educational programs that are well grounded in key world languages, cultures and regions. American Councils contributes to the creation of new knowledge, broader professional perspectives, and personal and intellectual growth through international training, academic exchanges, collaboration in educational development, and public diplomacy. With a presence in the U.S., Russia and Eurasia for nearly four decades, in addition to representation in over thirty countries across Asia, the Middle East and Southeastern Europe, American Councils strives to expand dialog among students, scholars, educators and professionals for the advancement of learning and mutual respect in the diverse communities and societies in which we work.

Founded in 1974 as an association for area and language professionals, American Councils has focused its expertise on academic exchange, professional training, distance learning, curriculum and test development, delivery of technical assistance, research, evaluation, and institution building.

THAILAND – UNITED STATES EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (TUSEF)

The Fulbright Program was initiated in Thailand in 1950, when an Executive Agreement between the Government of Thailand and the Government of the United States established the "United States Educational Foundation in Thailand". In June, 1970, the name of the Foundation was changed to the "Thailand-United States Educational Foundation (TUSEF)" to reflect more accurately its bi-national character and the mutuality of interest in its activities. Despite the formal name change, the Foundation continued to be popularly referred to as the "Fulbright Foundation", a name which has remained to this day. The mandate of the Foundation is to promote further mutual understanding between the people of the United States of America and Thailand by a wider exchange of knowledge and professional talents through educational contacts.

Funding for TUSEF is provided by the Congress of the United States of America under annual appropriations to the Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and, beginning in 1990, by the Government of Thailand through the Department of Technical and Economic Cooperation (DTEC). Additional support comes from co-operating Thai institutions through their annual government appropriations and/or in-kind support, and contributions from private foundations, from Fulbright alumni, from Thai and American business concerns, and others who support the goals of this mutual educational exchange program. TUSEF has given grants to over a thousand Thai and more than four hundred American citizens. Fulbright alumni can be found in the ranks of professionals from nearly every area of Thai society, and a wide range of academic and other fields in the United States.