



Department of Education
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DIVISION ADVISORY

TO: Public School District Supervisors
Elementary/ Secondary School Heads

FROM: CHERRY MAE L. LIMBACO, Ph. D., CESO V
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SUBJECT: INVITATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP 2015-2016 IN THE FIELD OF
AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES BY THE FULBRIGHT COMMISSION
IN THE PHILIPPINES

DATE: February 4, 2014

The Fulbright Commission in the Philippines is inviting all qualified individuals to apply and avail of the opportunity of studying in the United States. Scholarship for 2015-2016 will be in the field of Agriculture and Fisheries. Enclosed are the guidelines and other pertinent documents for your information.



January 21, 2014

The Schools Division Superintendents
This Region

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings!

The Fulbright Commission in the Philippines is inviting us again to another scholarship for 2015-2016, this time in Agriculture and Fisheries, to study in the United States.

Please encourage qualified individuals to apply and avail the opportunity of studying abroad. Enclosed are the guidelines and other pertinent documents for perusal.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

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January 15, 2014

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Dear Dr. Benigno:

The Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF, also referred to as the Fulbright Commission in the Philippines) is pleased to announce the start of the competition for the 2015-2016 Fulbright-Philippine Agriculture Scholarship Program (FPASP) for advanced research awards in agriculture and fisheries in the United States. Applications for these grants will be received by PAEF until June 30, 2014.

We very much appreciate the assistance you extended to PAEF in previous Fulbright scholarship competitions. We request that you help us again in this year's competition by encouraging qualified applicants from your department/agency/unit to apply for the FPASP for advanced research in agriculture and fisheries.

The Fulbright-Philippine Agriculture Scholarship Program (FPASP) aims to modernize the agriculture and fisheries sectors of the Philippines by developing their human resource base through bilateral educational exchanges between the U.S. and the Philippines. The objective of the grant is not only to enable recipients to pursue particular fields of study/research but also to develop leaders in agriculture and fisheries who can contribute to promoting better understanding between the Philippines and the United States. Awards are made through open competition based on individual merit without regard to race, color, gender, or creed. Under the 2015-2016 program, awards are given to Filipino professionals, researchers, faculty, or doctoral students specializing in agriculture, fisheries and forestry fields to **conduct advanced research or non-degree doctoral dissertation research in the United States.**

May we request you to share this information to interested qualified applicants. The attached application form can be photocopied. Additional competition materials may be obtained directly from the PAEF office or can be downloaded from the PAEF website www.fulbright.org.ph. We strongly encourage interested applicants to check our website and to download the required form.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


 Esmeralda S. Cunanan
 Executive Director

Enclosures.

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DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE

2015-2016 FULBRIGHT-PHILIPPINE AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (FPASP) FOR ADVANCED RESEARCH AWARDS IN THE UNITED STATES

The goal of the Fulbright-Philippine Agriculture Scholarship Program (FPASP) is to modernize the agriculture and fisheries sectors of the Philippines by developing their human resources base through bilateral educational exchanges between the Philippines and the United States. The objective of the grant is not only to enable the recipient to pursue a particular field of study but to develop leaders in agriculture and fisheries who can contribute to promoting better understanding between the Philippines and the United States. Awards are made through open competition based on individual merit without regard to race, color, or creed.

Types of Awards

Under the program, awards are given to Filipinos from the agriculture and fisheries fields to pursue: (1) non-degree doctoral dissertation research (must be currently enrolled in a doctoral program in a Philippine university; and (2) advanced research in the United States.

Grants for doctoral dissertation research, given to individuals pursuing their Ph.D. degree study in the Philippines, are for a period of 6-9 months. Grants for advanced research are for a period of 3-6 months, which include consultation visits with experts in agriculture and fisheries at universities and research institutions in the United States. Grants are **NOT** for the principal purpose of attending conferences, travel and consultation at multiple institutions, or site observations.

Who are Eligible

Awards are given to eligible Filipinos working at the Department of Agriculture and its affiliate agencies; faculty and staff from accredited state and private colleges and universities offering programs in agriculture and fisheries, and professionals from non-government organizations, government financial institutions, and other government and private agencies whose main work are in agriculture and fisheries.

Fields of Study

Proposals for research will be accepted from the following fields: **Agriculture** and all its subfields including Fruit and Vegetable Production, Horticulture, Plant Breeding/Genetics, Dairy Science, Pest Control/Entomology, and Animal Nutrition; **Agricultural Engineering** and its subfields including Forest Engineering, Handling/Processing/Storage of Agricultural Products, Irrigation and Drainage Systems Engineering, Post-Harvest Technology, Soil and Water Engineering, Agricultural Waste Management, and Food Engineering/Process Control; **Agricultural Economics** and its subfields including Agribusiness, Agricultural Policy, Farm Management, Natural Resource Economics, and Production Economics; **Natural Resources and Forestry** and their subfields including Forestry, Wood Science, Natural Resource Management, Range Management, Fish/Game/Wildlife Management, Marine Resource Management, Coastal Zone Management, and Environmental Science; **Veterinary Medicine** and its subfields including Small-Animal Medicine and Large-Animal Medicine; **Agricultural Extension** and **Fisheries** and its subfields including Inland Water Fisheries, Marine Water Fisheries, and Brackish Water Fisheries.

General Eligibility Requirements

1. **Citizenship** Applicants must be citizens of the Philippines. Filipinos holding dual (Philippine-American) citizenship or permanent U.S. residency are ineligible for grants to the U.S.
2. **English proficiency** English proficiency is required to pursue proposed program in the U.S.
3. **Education**
For *doctoral dissertation research* – must be currently enrolled in a doctoral program in the Philippines, with an approved dissertation topic
For *advanced research* – must have at least a master's degree
4. **Health** While no medical certification is required at the time of application, applicants must be in good health to pursue graduate work in the U.S. Finalists are required to pass a medical examination.
5. **Work experience**
For *doctoral dissertation research* – must have at least 5 years of work experience after college.
For *advanced research* – must have at least 10 years of work experience in the field of specialization
6. **Return to the Philippines.** Applicants must return to the Philippines immediately upon completion of their study or research.

Individuals who are currently studying, working, residing or researching in the United States are not eligible.

Additional Information

Applicants who are former recipients of a Fulbright student award (master's, PhD, non-degree, doctoral enrichments/dissertation) are **ONLY** eligible to apply for advanced research awards if more than four years have elapsed since satisfactory completion of the previous grant. Successful applicants cannot be accompanied by dependents during their research in the U.S.

Grant Benefits

Fully funded awards cover international travel, monthly maintenance allowance, dissertation research/professional development allowance, settling-in and in-transit allowances, and accident and sickness insurance.

Required Documents (Submit one original and two (2) photocopies of the following items below except #3)

1. Official or certified transcript of records from all colleges/universities attended
2. Certified copies of diplomas (NOT ORIGINAL)
3. Three (3) letters of reference (forms will be provided in the application kit)
4. Completed 8-page application form (available at the PAEF website during the application period)
5. Letter of invitation from prospective American host institution (preferred)
6. Copy of biographical page of passport, if available
7. NBI clearance acquired in the past six (6) months

Additional Requirements for Finalists

1. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT) (doctoral dissertation research award finalists only)
2. Medical Examination Report

NOTE: Standardized test score (TOEFL iBT) is not required at the time of application.

Application Period: December 9, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

NOTICE

Applicants interested in the

**2015 - 2016 Fulbright - Philippine Agriculture
Scholarship Program (FPASP) for Advanced
Research in the United States**

can download the application form:

www.fulbright.org.ph

Application forms may also be photocopied.