


**UNNUMBERED MEMORANDUM**

TO : All Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
Elementary and Secondary School Teacher

FROM :   
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OIC-Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

SUBJECT : **FULBRIGHT-PHILIPPINE AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

DATE : January 12, 2015

The Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF) also referred to as the Fulbright Commission in the Philippines announces its start of the competition for the 2016-2017 Fulbright-Philippine Agriculture Scholarship Program (FPASP) for advance research awards in agriculture and fisheries in the United States.

The objective of this scholarship program is to modernize the agriculture and fisheries sectors of the Philippine by developing their human resource base through bilateral education exchanges between the US and the Philippines.

Application for this grant will be received by PAEF until June 30, 2015.

Relative to the above mentioned program, all qualified applicants among school heads and teachers both in elementary and secondary public schools are encourage to apply.

Schools are advised to disseminate this information to qualified interested applicants.

All FPASP application materials can be downloaded from DepEd Antipolo City Facebook account and additional materials and required forms can be downloaded from PAEF website [www.fulbright.org.ph](http://www.fulbright.org.ph).

For more details and information call or email Dr. Esmeralda S. Cunanan, Executive Director, Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF), FULBRIGHT telephone numbers (632) 812-0919, (632) 812-0945 and email address [fulbright@fulbright.org.ph](mailto:fulbright@fulbright.org.ph).

Wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Dear: Dr. San Antonio:

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 2016-2017 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, 2015.

We very much appreciate the assistance you extended to the Fulbright Program in the past 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.


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 the recipient to pursue a particular field of study/research but to develop leaders in agriculture and fisheries who can contribute to the modernization efforts in agriculture and fisheries of the Philippine Department of Agriculture and to promote mutual understanding between the peoples of the Philippines and the United States. Awards are made through open competition based on individual merit without regard to race, color or creed. Under the 2016-2017 competition, awards are given to Filipino professionals, researchers, faculty, or doctoral students specializing in agriculture, fisheries, forestry (and all sub-fields) to conduct advanced research or non-degree doctoral dissertation research in the United States.

We have enclosed a set of FPASP application materials with the request that you give them to interested qualified applicants. Additional competition materials may be obtained directly from the PAEF office or can be downloaded from the PAEF website [www.fulbright.org.ph](http://www.fulbright.org.ph). We strongly encourage interested applicants to check our website and to download the required form. They can also like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/philippines.fulbrightcommission](http://www.facebook.com/philippines.fulbrightcommission) where announcements and other relevant information are posted regularly. The attached application form may be photocopied.

We look forward to your participation this year. Thank you.

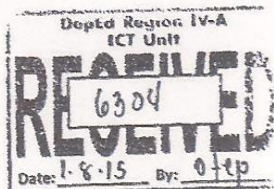
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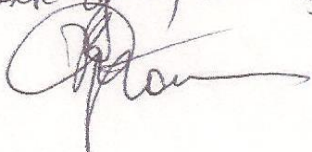
Sincerely,

  
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DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE

## 2016-2017 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 6-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 8, 2014 to June 30, 2015**

**THE FULBRIGHT-PHILIPPINE AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (FPASP)  
APPLICATION FOR RESEARCH IN THE UNITED STATES**

**READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE APPLICATION.**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. All forms in this application, including letters of reference, are to be completed in English and typewritten in **black ink** or printed from a computer. As applications must be photocopied, do not use blue or other colors of ink.
2. All pages and parts of the application must be completed and returned to constitute a full dossier. **DO NOT ATTACH YOUR RESUME.**
3. Each page of the following application carries its own instructions which should be read carefully before proceeding.
4. Every question must be answered completely and carefully. Please make every effort, however, to limit your responses to the space provided.
5. List your choices of university or U.S. geographical area only on the institutional affiliation preferences form. Do not mention such choices or preferences on pages 1 through 5 of this application.
6. Completed applications must be received by the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (not postmarked) by **30 June 2015**. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
7. Applicants must attach complete and certified academic documents (NOT ORIGINAL) covering the entire period of study at universities or other post-secondary institutions. Documents must be accompanied by complete official English translations. **All documents submitted become property of PAEF and will not be returned.**

**APPLICATION**

A complete application consists of the following components:

**1. APPLICATION FORM**

In the first seven pages you will state biographical information, research objectives, curriculum vitae, and other information.

Often specific instructions for completing a question or item will be provided in the application. Please read all instructions carefully. In addition, please review the following important information.

**Item 1 – Name:** It is very important that you list your name exactly as it appears (or will appear) on your passport.

**Item 13 – Institutions Attended:** Please list all post-secondary institutions attended in reverse order (putting the most recently attended first). List all post-secondary institutions attended even those from which you did not achieve a degree.

**Item 24 – Research Objective:** The research objective description that you provide is an essential and highly important part of your application. You should take great care to write a clear and very detailed description of the research you want to conduct. Clearly identify the area(s) within your field of study in which you want to specialize or concentrate. An unclear, incomplete, or overly brief statement can diminish your chances for an FPASP award.

- Proposed program length for doctoral dissertation research is for a period of 6 - 9 months and should begin on September 1, 2016.
- Proposed program length for advanced research should not be less than 3 months or more than 6 months. Proposed program dates should not begin earlier than August 15, 2016. The latest a program can commence is January 15, 2017.
- Indicate as precisely as possible the period during which you intend to carry out your proposed program in the United States. It is recommended that you plan your program during the U.S. academic year (September through May), when your U.S. colleagues are more likely to be available to receive visiting scholars.

**Item 25 – Personal Statement:** The personal statement is a narrative statement in which you can include information about your education, practical experience, special interests, career plans, and your purpose in applying for research in the U.S.

**Page 7 – Institutional Affiliation Preferences:** If you have already made arrangements with a U.S. host institution, you must attach a copy of your letter of invitation to your application. Non-academic affiliations, while sometimes possible, require additional review by the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board (FSB), and approval is not always granted.

If you are expecting a letter of invitation that has not yet arrived, note the date you expect it to arrive. Upon receipt, forward the invitation to PAEF immediately.

If arrangements for an appointment or affiliation have not been confirmed, list any preferences you have in order of priority including detailed reasons for your choice (for example, prior acquaintance or correspondence with a U.S. scholar; relevance of the U.S. scholar's work to your own research; reputation of the academic department or research center).

You are encouraged to seek US host affiliation at this early stage of the competition.

**2. PROJECT STATEMENT (Application page 4)**

The project statement is the most important component of the Fulbright application. Scholars with the most compelling, theoretically sound, well-written, feasible proposals are generally recommended for awards. Sometimes those with outstanding professional achievements assume that a brief, general project statement will be sufficient. It is not. To ensure a competitive application, your proposed project, as well as the strategy for completing it, should be thoroughly explained in **three to five single-spaced and single-sided pages (3,500 words)**.

**Format:**

- Do not exceed the character limit of the proposal. Including irrelevant or extraneous material may divert attention from the project statement.
- Begin the project statement with your name and the project title at the top of the first page. At the top of each subsequent page, indicate your name.
- Organize your proposal in order of the following points, which appear in bold print, and use them as headings for sections of text in your statement.

**Guidelines for a Research Project**

**Background:** Introduce the research topic. Place the project in academic or professional context by referring to major works by others on the subject.

**Objectives:** Clearly define the aims of the project.

**Methodology:** Describe the project. Explain the approach, methods and plan you will use (for example, interviews, library or archival research, or laboratory experiments). Indicate whether the proposed research is quantitative or qualitative.

**Significance:** Explain the importance of the project for the field, the country and your own professional development. Indicate what effect you expect the opportunity to have on your teaching or professional work in the country. (For example: new approaches to curriculum planning, student advising or pedagogy; expanding knowledge in the field through collaboration with U.S. colleagues). Describe briefly the expected impact of your participation on your home institution, community or professional field.

**Evaluation and Dissemination:** Describe plans for assessment and distribution of research results in the country and elsewhere.

**Justification for Residence in the United States for the Proposed Project:** Indicate why it is necessary to conduct the research onsite in the United States.

**Duration:** Explain how the project can be completed within the time period proposed.

**Bibliography:** Provide a list of one to three pages of references relevant to the proposed research.

#### **Additional Content Recommendations**

In addition to following the format carefully, the following advice has been passed on from former Fulbright Scholars, review committees and CIES staff that can assist you in preparing a more competitive and ultimately successful Fulbright application.

- Submit a clear and complete project statement that introduces you professionally to your colleagues in the United States. The best applications are those that reflect the applicant's purpose and intent.
- Make sure that your qualifications and expertise match the objectives in your project statement. You should be able to show that you are qualified to accomplish what you are proposing to do.
- Emphasize how your project will benefit the host institution or other scholars in your field both in your country and in the United States. Address in your project statement the ways in which you will use the experience upon your return. What is the likely impact of your experience abroad? How will you use what you learned upon your return, professionally and personally?
- Discuss any preparatory steps you have taken or will take before starting your grant. For example, if you plan to bring samples of plants, chemicals, human tissue, etc., indicate that you have discussed your plans with the U.S. Embassy and your prospective host, if known, in order to determine what clearance and approval processes are needed.
- Connect your past experience to what you are preparing to do if you receive an award. Explain the project's significance and its importance to the field. Focus on what can be reasonably accomplished during the period of the grant.
- Do not assume that your suitability for the project is self-evident. Your standing in your field may not be well known to reviewers. You need to make a case for yourself based on your past experience and current scholarly endeavors. Explain the significance of your project in language that will be understood by reviewers from outside your field.
- Do not stress only how a Fulbright grant will benefit you or your career. Remember that the program is intended to foster mutual understanding between cultures and nations.
- Be specific in describing your previous work and in laying out the nature of your proposed Fulbright activity. A frequent failing in applications is that the proposal is underdeveloped or too imprecise to give reviewers a clear sense of the endeavor.

#### **Style Recommendations**

- Express what you can bring to the program clearly and succinctly. Think of the basic questions that need to be answered: Why should I apply for a Fulbright award to come to the United States? If selected, what will I do and how will I do it? What preparations have I made to complete the project? What can I contribute to the Fulbright Program?

What will the results of my participation be? Include only the most pertinent information in forming your responses so as not to exceed the page restrictions. At the same time, you should avoid writing a proposal so brief that it will be difficult for the reviewer to understand the project.

- Emphasize key points in the first paragraph of the proposal. Reviewers examine many Fulbright applications, and having to search for the main points of the proposed activity is not helpful. You should grab the reviewer's attention quickly and state clearly what you want to do, why it is important and how you will do it. You should use the rest of the proposal to support your statements in the opening paragraphs.
- Pay attention to style in your proposal. You may want to use the first person, but you should avoid flooding your proposal with "I's" or referring to yourself in the third person.
- Keep your proposal simple and straightforward so that an educated reader from another discipline can understand it.
- If an invitation arrives after the application deadline, contact the PAEF office to arrange for its late submission.

#### **3 SUPPLEMENTAL FORM**

**Letters of Reference/Recommendation:** You must have three letters of reference (or recommendation) submitted on your behalf. Letters of reference are extremely important. Letters of reference may be written by teachers under whom you have studied or pursued research or by someone who has supervised you in work related to your proposed field of study. Letters of reference should not be written by persons related to you either by blood or marriage or by personal friends. At least one academic and one professional or work-related letter should be included among the letters. The letters should be written in English. Please be certain to ask that both pages of the form be completed.

#### **4 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**Transcripts:** Applicants must attach official, complete and certified academic documents covering the entire period of study at universities and other post-secondary institutions. Documents must be accompanied by complete official English translations. These documents must consist of:

- One certified, official record (transcript) from each university or post-secondary institution you attended, even those schools from which you did not receive a degree or diploma. These transcripts should list the subjects you studied and the grades you received during each year of your enrollment. Include all post-secondary institutions you have attended, even those from which you did not receive a degree or diploma. Official transcripts must be submitted in sealed envelopes.
- Copy(ies) of original transcript(s) for any course work (graduate or undergraduate) done abroad, including the United States must be requested by you from the U.S. institution(s) and forwarded directly to PAEF in sealed envelopes.

**Letter(s) of Invitation:** Applicants must submit letter(s) of invitation from prospective US host institution/s.

#### **5 NBI CLEARANCE**

Applicants should be able to submit an NBI clearance secured not earlier than six months prior to application.

**YOU SHOULD PROMPTLY INFORM PAEF OF ANY CHANGE IN YOUR STATUS, CONTACT INFORMATION, OR FUTURE PLANS AFTER THIS APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED.**



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**THE FULBRIGHT-PHILIPPINE AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (FPASP)**

AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT TO CONDUCT ADVANCED RESEARCH IN THE UNITED STATES THROUGH THE PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Read instructions carefully. All blanks should be completed in English and typewritten in black ink or printed from a computer.

<p>ATTACH HERE A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN WITHIN THE PAST 6 MONTHS. (Make sure your full name is written on the back for identification should the photograph become accidentally detached.)</p>	<b>GENERAL INFORMATION</b>				
	1. NAME OF APPLICANT: (As it appears or will appear on your passport.)				
	<i>Family</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>		
	Dr. Mr. Ms./Mrs.				
2. NAME ON PREVIOUS ACADEMIC RECORDS: (if different from above)					
3. PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH (city or town/province)			<u>Month</u>	<u>Day</u>	
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6. CIVIL STATUS (single, married, separated, or widowed)		OFFICE ADDRESS:			
		OFFICE PHONE:			E-MAIL:
7. LIST AGES OF CHILDREN, IF ANY		8. DO YOU NOW HAVE, OR HAVE YOU EVER HAD: U.S. Citizenship?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		U.S. Dual Citizenship?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		U.S. Permanent Residency?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**RESEARCH PLANS**

9. RESEARCH OBJECTIVE: Please indicate your desired research objective for this program of study.
- Doctoral dissertation research (must be currently enrolled in a doctoral program in a Philippine university, with an approved dissertation topic)
- Visiting Researcher

10. WHAT IS YOUR PROPOSED MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY (refer to the fields of study listed on page ii)? BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE SPECIFIC AREA OF YOUR FIELD IN WHICH YOU PLAN TO RESEARCH.

11. PROJECT TITLE:

12. FUTURE PLANS: (Describe the career plan to pursue after completion of research in the U.S. (e.g., teaching, government, business, industry or any plans you might have for continued study or research in the Philippines). Also indicate if you will be returning to former employment, or if you have been promised a position in the Philippines after completing your U.S. training.)

NAME OF APPLICANT:

**EDUCATION**

13. LIST UNIVERSITIES/COLLEGES ATTENDED IN REVERSE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER (putting the most recently attended as first in the list), INCLUDING ANY IN WHICH YOU MAY BE PRESENTLY ENROLLED. DO NOT INCLUDE SECONDARY EDUCATION.

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION <i>(list in reverse order and write name in full, do not abbreviate)</i>	MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY	INCLUSIVE DATES <i>(month and year)</i>		ACTUAL NAME OF DEGREE OR DIPLOMA <i>(Do not translate)</i>	DATE RECEIVED OR EXPECTED
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14. LIST SCHOLARSHIPS OR FELLOWSHIPS HELD AT PRESENT, OR IN THE PAST. *(Give source or sponsor, amount, where held, and duration dates.)*

15. INDICATE ANY ACADEMIC HONORS OR PRIZES WHICH YOU HAVE RECEIVED. *(Indicate TITLES and DATES)*

16. LIST BELOW ANY BOOKS, ARTICLES, OR THESES PUBLISHED BY YOU, ESPECIALLY IN YOUR PROPOSED FIELD OF STUDY. IF POSTED ONLINE, PLEASE PROVIDE THE URL / WEBSITE ADDRESS.

*(Give title, place, and date of publication. Use another sheet, if necessary.)*

17. LIST PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES, FRATERNITIES, OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH YOU NOW HOLD MEMBERSHIP OR IN WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN THE PAST. *(Indicate if you have held an elective office. Please limit your response to the space provided.)*

18. RESEARCH: *(Describe any research you have completed or in which you are currently involved. Indicate whether you are the principal proponent, lead researcher, or a team member. Please limit your response to the space provided.)*