

Implementation Guideline of 2015 DUO-Thailand Fellowship Programme

General description

2015 DUO-Thailand Fellowship Programme aims to enhance a mobility of students between Thailand and ASEM member states in Europe on a balanced basis. In this respect, DUO-Thailand requires that a PAIR (two persons) of students be exchanged in the framework of cooperation between higher education institutions in Thailand and in the European Union Member States.

Details	2015 DUO-Thailand Fellowship Programme
Type of activities	Undertake a study for at least 6 credits at the host university. The subject of study should correspond to the major or minor subjects of the applicant.
	Conduct research as a part of the applicant's study. The research work as the applicant's thesis or dissertation should get approval from the home university.
Areas of exchange	The areas of exchange may include but not limited to the following priority areas:
	Alternative Energy,
	2. Biotechnology/Food Technology,
	3. Health Sciences,
	4. Wood Technology,
	5. Information and Communication Technology,
	6. Logistics and Supply Chain Management,
	7. Engineering,
	8. European Law,
	9. Intellectual Property Law, and
	10. Energy Economics
Duration	1 semester but not longer than 4 months
Eligibility	Eligible universities for the 2015 DUO-Thailand Fellowship Programme should abide by the following obligations:
	The home university must permit its students to participate in an exchange all through the duration of the programme: 1 semester but not more than 4 months.
	 Home and host universities should have an agreement at the institutional leve whereby credits for study undertaken while on exchange are to be accepted by the home university.
	 A home or host university already having an agreement with its partner institution will be given first priority while that aiming to utilize student exchange to pave the way for developing an agreement with its partner institution will be given second priority.
	 The host university should be willing to receive DUO-Thailand exchange students from its partner institution and is expected to waive tuition fees for the exchange students.
	5. One end of exchange is anchored to Thai.
Qualifications of	Thai students
applicants	Being an undergraduate or graduate student in Thai public and private higher education institutions under Office of the Higher Education Commission's jurisdiction,
	2. Having Thai nationality,
	 Obtaining at least 2.75 GPA for undergraduate students and 3.25 GPA for graduate students,

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	 Proficiency in language used as the medium of instruction is required by one of the following tests, TOEFL score at least 213 (computer-based) or 550 (paper-based) or 79 – 80 (internet-based) IELTS score at least 6.0 D.E.L.F. or D.A.L.F at least level B2
	2. European students
	 Being an undergraduate or graduate student in European Union higher education institutions accredited by responsible agencies in their respective countries,
	2. Having EU nationality,
	 Obtaining GPA at satisfactory level in the ECTS system (70% of subjects taken are graded B for graduate students, and 70% of subjects taken are graded C for undergraduate students.),
	4. Not having applied for or being the awardee of other scholarships,
	5. Being able to join the programme throughout the whole period,
	 Submitting a report and a study record showing the learning outcomes gained from the host university to the Office of the Higher Education Commission within 30 days upon completion of the programme.
	Remark
	All students applying this programme should retain "student status" until they complete the exchanges.
	The awardees of DUO-Thailand who have been selected to join the programme will not be eligible to apply for 2015 DUO-Thailand Fellowship Programme.
Payment of	Grant will be provided in lump sum as follows:
scholarships	For Thai students 1,200 Euro per month and for European students 800 Euro per month
	Office of the Higher Education Commission, Ministry of Education, Thailand will pay the scholarships to Thai partner universities. The selected students from European Union universities will receive the fund upon their arrival to Thai partner universities.
	Transfer of the fund will be made upon the receipt of the information on the exact dates of the exchange of the awardees. The home and host institutions are requested to keep all the documents related to the awardees' expenses for future inspection.
Selection procedure	Selection of applicants will be made by the Executive Committee comprising representatives from higher education bodies and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand.
	The duration period of 2015 DUO-Thailand Fellowship Programme should not be beyond September 2015.
Conditions	There are no restrictions in using the scholarships. They can finance the tuition, living, or travel expenses.
	In case that the exchange student fails to take part throughout the whole period of the exchange, the whole amount of the grant must be returned to Office of the Higher Education Commission within 15 days. After the exchange student completes the exchange programme, the student is requested to notify Office of the Higher Education Commission for further arrangement.

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Required documents	The application form should be completed in English and be submitted together with the following documents:
	Official letter from university (signed by the president or authorized body)
	2. A completed application form
	3. A copy of transcript/study record
	As for European students, a copy of transcript/study record should be translated in English and GPA has to be converted to ECTS system (A,B,C,D)
	4. A copy of the TOEFL, IELTS test result (For Thai student applicant)
	5. A copy of the Record of DUO-Thailand Study Programme
	6. A copy of the letter of acceptance from the host university
Application period and procedure	Application period is until 29 August 2014. Applicants for the DUO-Thailand Fellowship Programme should conform to the following regulations;
	Applicants must apply through their respective universities.
	The application must be submitted through the Thai partner institution to Office of the Higher Education Commission.
	Application must be submitted in pair. (A Thai student going to European Union Member States and a European Union student coming to Thailand)
	4. No more than four pairs of applicants from each Thai university can apply. (One pair of candidates and three pairs of alternates listed in priority order.)
	 Each pair of exchange, the exchange periods of Thai and European shall not necessarily coincide, and the areas of exchange of Thai and European shall not necessarily be identical.
	Applications should be submitted in hard copy with the signatures of the responsible persons at host and home institutions. Office of the Higher Education Commission reserves the right to refuse documents submitted via fax and e-mail.
	The completed application form and supporting documents must be submitted to a Thai partner university prior to the time limit. Failure to submit a complete application makes an applicant ineligible.
	Applicants are required to submit their application forms and required documents to
	Bureau of International Cooperation Strategy, 10 th floor, Office of the Higher Education Commission 328 Si Ayutthaya Road, Ratchathewi, Bangkok 10400,THAILAND
	(To be eligible for consideration, the application forms and required documents must arrive and be registered at Office of the Higher Education Commission NO LATER THAN 29 August 2014)
	The late and incomplete applications will not be considered.
Remarks	A call for application and electronic application form for DUO-Thailand Fellowship Programme can be downloaded from the ASEM-DUO Fellowship Programme's website: www.asemduo.org or Office of the Higher Education Commission's website: www.inter.mua.go.th
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