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## 2011-2012 FULBRIGHT-PHILIPPINE AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (FPASP) FOR 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 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.**
  - 3.1 For **doctoral dissertation research** – must be currently enrolled in a doctoral program in the Philippines, with an approved dissertation topic
  - 3.2 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.**
  - 5.1 For **doctoral dissertation research** – must have at least 5 years of work experience after college
  - 5.2 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**

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 office during the application period)
5. Letter of invitation from prospective American host institution (preferred)
6. NBI clearance acquired in the past six (6) months

## **Additional Requirements for Finalists**

1. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
2. Medical Examination Report

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

**Application Period: December 7, 2009 to April 23, 2010**

***Application Form can be downloaded from [www.paef.org.ph](http://www.paef.org.ph)***