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Educational Exchange Between the United States and Burma



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Fulbright Program:

The **U.S.-Burma Fulbright Program** was established in 1947 and is among the very first bilateral Fulbright programs worldwide with over 800 alumni from both countries. Today, the program provides opportunities for Burmese citizens to study or conduct post-graduate academic research in the U.S., and for U.S. scholars and professionals to teach at Burmese institutions or to share policy expertise in the public sector. http://eca.state.gov/fulbright

The **Fulbright Foreign Student Program** provides scholarships to Burmese citizens for U.S. graduate study and research in virtually all academic fields for one year or more. The **Fulbright U.S.-ASEAN Visiting Scholar Initiative** is open to university faculty, foreign ministry and government officials, and professional staff of think tanks and other NGOs in ASEAN member nations – including Burma – to travel to the U.S. for scholarly and professional research for three to four months on issues that are relevant and useful to member nations, and central to the U.S - ASEAN relationship. Burmese participants for Fulbright awards are chosen through a competitive merit-based selection process managed at the U.S. Embassy in Rangoon.

In 2013, the Fulbright Program is expanding opportunities for American scholars and young professionals to share their expertise with Burmese counterparts in the higher education and public sectors. In cooperation with the host government, the Fulbright Program will place a small number of American young professionals under the **Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship Program** in Burmese government ministries where they will gain hands-on public sector experience as special assistants to ministers in Burma, providing support and assisting in building capacity within the Government of Burma while promoting long-term ties and strengthening mutual understanding between U.S. and Burmese citizens. Burmese language proficiency is not required. Applications are being accepted through February 1, 2013.



Semester or academic year lecturing opportunities at higher education institutions in Burma will be announced in February 2013 through the **Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program**. The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program provides awards through an annual competition to approximately 1,200 U.S. scholars and professionals to lecture and/or conduct research at institutions in more than 125 countries in a wide variety of academic disciplines. Currently, U.S. faculty and professionals may apply to the **Fulbright Specialist Program**, a short-term component to the traditional Fulbright Scholar Program. Specialists serve as expert consultants on curriculum faculty development, institutional planning and related subjects at overseas academic institutions for a period of 2 to 6 weeks. Fields of interest for U.S. Scholars and Specialists include economics, education (higher education administration, curriculum design), journalism, law, international relations and American foreign policy, business, agriculture and STEM fields, and American literature.



Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program provides a year of academic study and professional development experiences in the United States designed to build long-term professional capacity in fields that are key to Burma's political, social, and

economic development. This program is for young and midcareer professionals in fields that include public health and public administration.

http://www.exchanges.state.go v/non-us/program/hubert-hhumphrey-fellowship-program

Study of the U.S. Institutes

Study of the U.S. Institutes are five- to six-week academic programs focusing on topics in U.S. studies for groups of foreign undergraduates or

foreign scholars. Hosted by universities and colleges throughout the United States, the Institutes include an intensive academic residency, an educational study tour to another region of the United States, and opportunities for participants to engage with American peers.

http://exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/studyus-institutes

EducationUSA Advising

EducationUSA educational advising provides Burmese students and their families with accurate and comprehensive information about opportunities to study in the United States. Educational advisors counsel students in individual and group sessions in Rangoon, conduct outreach events in outlying cities, and host

presentations by U.S.-based higher education institutions interested in reaching students in Burma. The EducationUSA program also manages the Opportunity Fund, which pays for up-front costs for

financially disadvantaged Burmese students seeking to study in the United States. According to Open Doors, 807 Burmese students studied in the United States in 2011-2012; with 29 U.S. students studying in Burma in 2010-2011. http://educationusa.state.gov/

E-Teacher Program

E-Teacher online courses improve the teaching skills of teachers of English in Burma by focusing on different skills sets, such as teaching critical thinking or working with young learners and

http://exchanges.state.gov/nonus/program/e-teacher-scholarshipprogram

Global Undergraduate Exchange Program

The Global Undergraduate

Exchange program provides one-semester and oneacademic year scholarships to outstanding undergraduate students from non-elite, underrepresented sectors in society in Burma for non-degree undergraduate study at accredited U.S. two- and four-year institutions. http://www.exchanges.state.gov/nonus/program/global-undergraduate-exchange-



The English Access Microscholarship Program provides two years of highquality after-school English language classes plus other enrichment activities for youth from underserved communities in Burma. In Spring 2012, a group of outstanding Access alumni and Access teachers

traveled to the United States for a three-week-long Burma Youth Leadership Program. http://exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/englishaccess-microscholarship-program



Educational and Cultural Programs

Participants in these student, scholar, and faculty exchanges are among the more than 40,000 academic and professional exchange program participants supported annually by the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

