

Frequently Asked Questions

Program: Fulbright Malaysian Scholar Program

1. Who is eligible to apply for the Fulbright Malaysian Scholar Program?

Applicants must be Malaysian citizens, hold a doctoral or equivalent professional qualification, and be mid-career professionals or academics with at least 5 years of relevant experience.

2. What is the duration of the award?

The grant typically lasts between 4 to 6 months, depending on the nature of the proposed research or project and the host institution's agreement.

3. What kinds of projects or research are supported?

The program supports academic research, professional development projects, and teaching activities aligned with the applicant's expertise and Malaysia's development priorities.

4. Do I need to have a confirmed host institution in the U.S. before applying?

It is strongly encouraged but not mandatory. Applicants should provide an invitation letter from the host institution. MACEE and the implementing partner may assist with placements if needed.

5. What costs are covered by the Fulbright grant?

The grant typically includes a monthly stipend, settling-in allowance, professional allowance, and health benefit coverage during the grant period.

6. Can I bring my family with me during the grant period?

Yes, grantees may bring dependents, but the Fulbright grant does not cover dependent expenses. Additional funding must be secured independently.

7. How competitive is the selection process?

Highly. Applications are reviewed based on academic/professional merit, potential impact, leadership, feasibility of the proposed project, and alignment with Fulbright's goals.

8. What are the expectations of Fulbright scholars upon return to Malaysia?

Grantees are expected to contribute to their institution or field, share knowledge gained, and foster continued collaboration between the U.S. and Malaysia.

9. Can I apply again if I was not selected previously?

Yes. Previous applicants are welcome to reapply, especially if there are updates or improvements to their proposals or qualifications.

10. When is the application deadline, and how do I apply?

Applications must be submitted online through the official application platform. Please visit MACEE's website for more information.