

APPLICATION INFORMATION • AST '09 PROGRAM
Advanced Study of Thai in Chiang Mai
Consortium for the Advancement of the Study of Thai
June 22-August 14, 2009
[Orientation begins June 20 & 21, 2009]

CAST member institutions and the **AST Program** are committed to attracting and enrolling a diverse student body. Qualified women, minorities, and non-traditional students are encouraged to apply.

APPLICATION FORM AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Applicants for the Advanced Study of Thai program must submit the following documents for consideration of the selection committee:

1. The application form accompanied by a payment of \$20 (U.S.).
2. Official transcripts of all college and/or university training undertaken to date.
3. Three letters of reference; two from individuals who can comment on the applicant's academic ability and adaptability to living in Thailand, and one from a current or former teacher of Thai who can comment on the applicant's skill as a student of Thai.
4. Copies of any Thai proficiency assessments that applicant may have completed.
5. A personal statement outlining academic and/or career goals, indicating how participation in the program will help to achieve those goals.
6. A one-page statement *hand written* in Thai concerning reasons for participating in the AST program and the benefits to be derived from it.

In preparing the personal statement, applicants who have lived and/or worked in Thailand should discuss their experience there and should indicate how they plan to incorporate that experience in their future studies. Those with prior study of Thai and/or residence in Thailand should indicate why additional training is now necessary. Applicants should bear in mind that the selection committee gives careful attention to the personal statement. A full discussion of all points is essential for a successful application.

ORAL INTERVIEW

In addition to submitting the application form and the documents discussed above, each finalist will be required to participate in a telephone interview in Thai. The interview will be conducted by telephone. Arrangements for the interview will be made after a preliminary review of all applications has been completed.

OTHER

AST is a US Department of Education program and all admitted participants receive partial funding as a result of that support. The Department of Education grant permits AST to provide round trip economy travel to all students plus a stipend to defray instructional, housing, and field-trip costs. The AST application is simultaneously a request for admission to the program and a request for the program fellowship.

To participate in AST the applicant must be a US citizen or permanent resident or must be planning a career in teaching, and must be enrolled in or admitted to a US institution of higher education as a sophomore, junior, senior, or graduate student. Note that there is an application fee (\$20) and a program fee (\$750) that must be paid by the individual.

Successful applicants will be required to attest to their ability to participate in program activities, to provide evidence of current health insurance prior to departure for Thailand, and to take part in a post-program outreach activity in the schools of their communities of U.S. residence.

Send all application materials to:

AST Phone: 206.543.9606
Southeast Asian Studies Program/JSIS Fax: 206.685.0668
University of Washington
Box 353650
Seattle, WA 98195-3650

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 02, 2009

**Advanced Study of Thai - Chiang Mai University
Chiang Mai, June 22-August 14, 2009**

APPLICATION FORM

(Please note: Family members are not to accompany participant)

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Mailing Address: _____

From date _____ to date _____

Alternative Address: _____

From date _____ to date _____

Telephone number: _____ Times best reached _____

Alternative phone number: _____ Times best reached _____

e-mail Address: _____

(Please note: telephone numbers are needed for the Thai interview, which is an integral part of your application process.)

Please check the appropriate information:

U.S. Citizen U.S. Permanent Resident

Other Please specify: _____

Passport number: _____

Passport expiration date: _____ (passport must be valid through December 2009)

Education:

Please list all college or university training undertaken to date, and submit official transcripts from all institutions attended. List current degree program first. Use an additional sheet if necessary.

Institution Dept./Major Degree Date Completed

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Prior Training in Thai:

Please list all training you have had in Thai, giving the name of the institution, the type of instruction you received (academic course, private tutoring, etc.), the length of the training, and the skills emphasized (speaking, reading, etc.). Use an additional sheet if necessary.
Institution Type Duration Skill(s) emphasized

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Residence in Thailand:

If you have spent any time in Thailand please list briefly your reason for going (PCV, studies, tourism, employment, etc.), the general nature of the activities you pursued there, the length of your residence in Thailand, and the degree to which you relied on your ability to use Thai in your daily life. Use an additional sheet if necessary.

Letters of Reference:

Please list the three people you have asked to write letters of reference:

Name: _____ Position/Organization: _____

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SEASSI:

CAST and the Advanced Study of Thai program cooperate with the Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute, and applicants are advised to apply to both programs to ensure that they are considered by the one that is more appropriate for each individual. Please indicate below whether or not you are applying to SEASSI.

_____ Yes, I am applying to SEASSI _____ No, I am not applying to SEASSI

Are you applying for any other summer language program? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, identify: _____

Teaching: Are you either currently engaged in teaching or intending to pursue a teaching career?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what field _____

Degree Program: Are you currently enrolled in a degree program?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, in what area(s): _____

Department or Program _____

Institution _____

Anticipated degree and completion date _____

If not, or if you will complete your current degree before Summer 2008, will you be enrolled in a degree program in Fall 2008?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, in what area(s): _____

Department or Program _____

Institution _____

Anticipated degree and completion date _____

Additional Details:

If there are further details regarding your prior education and/or training in Thai that you think may be useful to the selection committee, please include such information in your personal statement.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

Note: There is an application processing fee of \$20 U.S. Please make out your check in that amount to "CAST -- Application fee" and staple it to the front page of the application.

The program fee is \$750.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 2, 2009 (POSTMARKED)

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