



2020 Fulbright Foreign Student Program

Application Now Open!

The Palestinian Affairs Unit of the U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce the opening of the Fulbright Foreign Student Program competition for 2020-2021. The Fulbright Program enables Palestinian students to pursue graduate-level study in the United States of America. Participants also have the unique opportunity to experience life in the United States and share Palestinian unique culture and traditions with Americans. Participants are chosen through an open, merit-based competition in which leadership potential, academic excellence and the ability to adjust to life in the U.S. are all considered. Once accepted into the Fulbright Program, every Fulbrighter becomes part of a global network of engaged, dedicated Fulbright alumni.

Fulbright Grants Provide Funding for:

- Tuition and required fees for graduate study in the U.S.;
- Book, equipment, and travel allowances;
- Monthly stipend for room & board;
- Supplemental health and accident coverage plan;
- Opportunities to participate in Fulbright Enrichment Programs.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

- Must be a Palestinian resident of the West Bank, Jerusalem, or the Gaza Strip;
- U.S. citizens or green card holders are not eligible to apply;
- Must reside in country throughout the application, selection and placement process;
- Must have one year of professional work experience;
- Must hold a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 78%, 2.7 or very good at the time of the program start date;
- Must have a strong academic background;
- Must be proficient in English and/or able to attend a Long-Term English (LTE) program prior to the start of the study program (*recommended English language test scores for U.S. university admission are at least 80 for TOEFL; or 6.5 for IELTS*);
- Preference is given to students who have little or no previous experience studying or living in the United States;
- Preference shall be given to those applicants who do NOT already have a Master's degree.

- Interested applicants with disabilities are encouraged to apply as are those of all backgrounds.

The Application:

- Online applications are available at <https://apply.iie.org/ffsp2020>
- Applications will be accepted in most fields of study, including humanities, social science, science, technology, and engineering. However, master's programs related to clinical studies, such as medicine and nursing, are not permitted. Medical professionals may apply for academic degrees.
- Applications and materials must be submitted through the online system.

Applicants will be required to submit:

- Official translated academic transcripts and diploma certificates;
- TOEFL or IELTS scores no more than two years old;
- An up-to-date CV detailing all prior education and work experience;
- Three letters of reference in English;
- A personal statement in English up to 600 words in length;
- A research proposal in English relating to field of study (if applicable).
- Copy of passport and identification card (ID)

Application Tips:

- Write clearly, using professional and understandable language;
- Demonstrate why you have chosen your field of study and how you are qualified;
- Proofread all materials for grammatical errors and spelling mistakes;
- Refrain from using sarcasm, jokes or inappropriate humor;
- Cite any outside sources used in your essays, as **plagiarism will result in disqualification**.

Provisions:

- Selected candidates should be available for interviews in Ramallah/Gaza during July 2019.
- Fulbright students are subject to the 212e home-country physical presence requirement, which requires students to return home for a cumulative period of two years prior to being eligible for certain U.S. visa categories. (Fulbright alumni may still apply for other visa categories, including those for tourism or additional study in the United States, prior to fulfilling the two-year home residency requirement). For more details please visit the [U.S. Department of State Consular Affairs](#) website.

For more information, call AMIDEAST offices in Ramallah at 02-2408023 ext. 300 or Gaza at 08-2824635 ext. 206 or email westbank-gaza@amideast.org

Application Deadline is June 1, 2019



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