

## **2019-20 FULBRIGHT AFRICAN RESEARCH SCHOLAR PROGRAM (ARSP)**



The U.S. Embassy Kigali is pleased to announce the call for applications for the 2019-2020 Fulbright African Research Scholar Program (ARSP), a program of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), administered by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES).

### **PROGRAM INFORMATION:**

Two categories of grants are offered in the ARSP: research grants and program and curriculum development grants.

#### **Research Grants:**

Awards of 3 to 9 months are offered for African university faculty or research institute professionals to conduct research in any academic discipline at a U.S. academic or research institution beginning no earlier than August 2019 and no later than March 2020. Applicants must hold a doctorate or equivalent terminal degree in their fields. Preference will be given to individuals who have at least three years of university teaching experience and a productive scholarly record.

#### **Program and Curriculum Development Grants:**

Awards of 3 to 5 months are offered for African university faculty or administrators to conduct research in any academic discipline at a U.S. academic or research institution beginning no earlier than August 2019 and no later than March 2020. Proposals should be linked to professional duties and demonstrate how the scholar will use the knowledge gained to develop new courses, curricula, or other academic programs at the home institution. These grants are designed for university faculty or administrators with less experience and who may not have had recent access to research or instructional developments in their disciplines. A doctorate degree is not required, but applicants must hold a minimum of a master's or equivalent graduate degree.

#### **HIV/AIDS:**

The ARSP includes a special group of grants for scholars with proposals in HIV/AIDS-related research. Scholars in all academic disciplines are invited to formulate proposals with an HIV/AIDS focus. Candidates may apply either as research scholars or program and curriculum development scholars.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

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1. The ARSP is open to scholars in all disciplines and without regard to gender or age; however, proposals for clinical medical research involving patient contact cannot be approved under the Fulbright Program.
2. Applicants must be citizens of the country from which they apply or permanent residents qualified to hold a valid passport issued by that country.
3. Applicants for research grants must hold a doctorate degree or equivalent terminal degree in their fields. Preference is given to individuals who have at least three years of university teaching experience and a productive scholarly record.
4. Applicants without doctorate degrees but who hold a master's or equivalent graduate degree are eligible in the program and curriculum development category.
5. Applications for doctoral dissertation research, postdoctoral research immediately following the completion of a doctorate degree, or general professional travel, are ineligible.
6. Preference will be given to candidates who have not previously received a Fulbright scholar grant.
7. Preference will be given to candidates who have had no experience or limited experience in the U.S.
8. Applicants must have sufficient proficiency in English to carry out their research projects and collaborate effectively with colleagues.
9. Applicants must be in good health. Successful candidates will be asked to submit a Medical History and Examination Report.
10. Scholars who were unsuccessful in previous competitions may re-apply. Repeat applicants should revise their proposals, update curriculum vitae, and obtain current letters of reference.

### **HOW TO APPLY:**

Interested applicants must submit complete applications using the Embark Visiting Scholar system, accessible at <https://iie.embark.com/apply/visitingsscholars> not later than June 01, 2018. When accessing the application system for the first time, applicants will be asked to create an account that they will use while completing applications. It is not required to complete the application in a single sitting. The system allows applicants to keep updating their applications until they feel they are ready to submit.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON APPLICATIONS:**

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1. Scholars must indicate the grant category for which they are applying (research or program and curriculum development). The Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) will assign scholars who do not indicate a preference to an appropriate category.
2. Each application must include three letters of reference.
3. Letters of invitation are strongly encouraged but not required. Applicants are discouraged from requesting affiliation with an alma mater. CIES will honor institutional affiliation preferences as far as possible. Applicants unfamiliar with U.S. institutions may request that CIES identify suitable placements.
4. Laboratory fees are not part of the standard benefits package for the ARSP and are awarded on a limited, case-by-case basis, and only if funding is available.

Questions about the Fulbright African Research Scholar Program (ARSP) can be addressed to the US Embassy Kigali by email at [KigaliFulbright@state.gov](mailto:KigaliFulbright@state.gov)