

Fulbright Foreign Student Program

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Call for Applications



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The U.S. Embassy Kigali is pleased to announce the annual competition for the Fulbright Foreign Student Program, the largest Fulbright program, designed primarily to strengthen African universities through higher degree training (Master's degree). Although core Fulbright Exchanges are with universities, candidates who are affiliated with other educational, cultural, or professional institutions may apply.

Eligibility requirements:

- Applicants should be affiliated with an academic or professional institution in Rwanda and committed to work in their home institutions upon completion of the designated program;
- Applicants should have the equivalent of four years of university study or the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree;
- Nominees should have a sufficient level of English proficiency to enable them to engage in full-time graduate level study in the United States.
- Applicants must meet the minimum scores on required standardized tests. **The ideal TOEFL score is 100 or above** for Internet Based test or the equivalent in other test forms. For GRE, applicants must at or above the fiftieth percentile in either section;

Eligibility requirements (continued):

- Applicants must have outstanding academic records, references and preparation in their chosen fields;
- Applicants must demonstrate serious commitment to completing the program and returning home;
- Applicants must be citizens or nationals of Rwanda **and** reside in Rwanda;
- Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously studied in the United States;
- Nominees with no extensive or recent U.S. experience will be given preference;
- Qualified women are encouraged to apply.

Application and selection process

Interested applicants must complete and submit their applications through the Embark online application system at <https://iie.embark.com/apply/ffsp> by the appropriate deadline. Applications submitted by email or hard copies will not be accepted.

March 05, 2018: for applicants who do not have a TOEFL score **of 100 or better** for the Internet based test. Scores should be **no more than two years old**.

Application and selection process (continued)

Shortlisted candidates in this category will sit for early interviews, and those selected will be assisted with preparation tests and testing fees. They must commit to practice intensively on their own and sit for an official TOEFL test no later than May 2018.

April 05, 2018: for applicants who already have valid TOEFL score of 100 dated no earlier than August 2016.

Shortlisted candidates in this category will be interviewed early May 2018.

All candidates will need to sit for the GRE General Test June 2018.

Fulbright Selection is a yearlong process

After national selection, independent committees review final nominations in the United States. These review committees make recommendations to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. The Institution of International Education (IIE) will seek university placement of successful candidates. Awards and university placement are announced in spring for programs beginning in autumn.

Long Term English Training (LTE)

In special cases, very competitive applicants with low TOEFL scores can be recommended for a Long Term English Training (LTE) pre-academic program. Their TOEFL score must be in the range of 61-76, and they must be available to begin their LTE training in January 2019.

On successful completion of their language training and admission to an appropriate university academic program, grantees will be admitted into the Fulbright Foreign Student Program to pursue their degrees within the guidelines of the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board. Candidates who are not successful in gaining degree admission upon completion of the English training program will return home with an English language certificate.

Grant Provisions

Fulbright Foreign Student Program provides:

- Round trip economy international travel and excess-baggage allowance;
- An allowance for settling in;
- A pre-academic orientation program;
- A monthly maintenance allowance and funding for books and professional activities;
- Tuition and university fees;
- Limited accident and sickness insurance (does not include pre-existing conditions and pregnancy);
- Program required field trips;
- Academic training.

Fulbright Foreign Student Program will fund candidates selected for the degree study for a maximum of two years. All awards are contingent upon approval by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, availability of funds and successful academic placement. This program does NOT provide financial support for dependents.

Questions about the Fulbright Foreign Student Program can be addressed to the US Embassy Kigali by email at KigaliFulbright@state.gov