





### Fulbright Foreign Student Program

The American Center U.S. Embassy, Dhaka



### History of the Fulbright Program & Administration

- Program was introduced in 1946 Flagship international educational program sponsored by the U.S. government to increase mutual understanding between the U.S. and other countries
- It is funded by an annual appropriation by the U.S.
  Congress
- J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board provides guidelines. This is a 12 –member Board appointed by the U.S. President
  - The U.S. Department of State's Educational And Cultural Affairs Bureau (ECA) administers this program, with the assistance of Fulbright Commissions and Embassies overseas
- The program provides nearly 8,000 merit based grants each year, and 4000 Foreign students receive Fulbright scholarship every year
- Operates in more than 160 countries worldwide







#### Grant Benefits of the Program

- Offers a one- to two-year grant for a fully-funded master's degree in the U.S.
- Includes:
  - -round-trip airfare;
  - -tuition and related academic fees;
  - -monthly stipend;
  - -health and accident insurance;
  - -travel allowance;
  - -incidental expenses, etc.











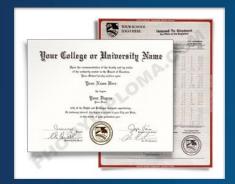
#### Eligible Fields of Study

- Agricultural Sciences
- Biology/Chemistry/Physics/Pharmacy
- Clinical Psychology
- Economics/Development Studies
- Education Higher Education
- Administration/Education Policy
- Environmental Studies & Disaster Management
- Finance & Management
- International Relations
- Journalism Media and Communications
- Law Dispute Resolution/Energy/Environmental/
- Natural Resources/Intellectual Property/International Law
- TESOL
- \* Urban Planning













#### Eligibility Requirements

- Have at least a four-year bachelor's degree with an outstanding academic record
- Have at least two years full-time professional experience.
- Not have a degree from a U.S. university or any third country.
- Have relevant degrees or professional experience in their proposed field of study.
- Be between 24 30 years old.
- Have a valid TOEFL score and be fluent in English.
- Be Bangladeshi citizens residing in Bangladesh at the time of application.



#### Program Timeline & Selection Process

- Competition is announced in February
- Candidates are called for an interview in June / July
- Preliminary selection is made and candidates prepare for standardized tests and complete all testing by September 15
- Candidates submit required documents instructed by the American Center by specified date usually by August 15
- Applications sent to Institute of International Education (IIE) in the U.S., which is ECA's cooperating agency that
- \*\* \*\*administers the Fulbright Program by October 1
- Dec/Jan/Feb An expert panel of IIE's Placement Division works on admissions/placements, maintains communications with commissions and embassies
- Candidates are placed all over the U.S.; Final admission decision is made by IIE and ECA in April/May of the following year









#### Accessing online application:

Competition announcements are sent to all universities across the country

• It is also available on the Embassy website @

http://dhaka.usembassy.gov

Access Online Application @ https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/international/

Create an account with your e-mail address and save password;

Find detailed instructions and a copy of the announcement @

http://dhaka.usembassy.gov/programs\_for\_undergrad\_grad\_stude





#### List of documents required for the competition:

#### Submit electronic copy of:

- ✓ Copies of Academic Transcripts for bachelor's and master's degrees;
- ✓ Copies of Certificates (bachelor's and master's);
- ✓ Academic Records Information Form (available online);
- ✓ Signature Form (available online);
- ✓ Three Reference Letters ;
- ✓ TOEFL/GRE/GMAT scores;





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#### Tips: What Constitutes a Competitive Application?



- Complete Application
- Outstanding Academic Records
- Well-written Essays
- Great Recommendation Letters

- Work Experience
- Awards / Honors
- Competitive Test Scores
- Publication Records







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### Questions?







## Good Luck!

