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Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program



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History of the Fulbright Program & 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





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Basic Features of the Program

- Provides three -to-Nine Months Research or Teaching Fellowships at the Post-Doctoral Level
- Eligible candidates must:
- Be a Bangladeshi citizen
- Be Senior Faculty Members /Researchers holding a PhD or equivalent professional training or experience
- Have at least ten years or more professional experience
- Have an outstanding publication record
- Have excellent English language skills
- Be committed to return to Bangladesh immediately upon completion of the grant





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Grant Benefits:

- J-1 visa support
- Roundtrip airfare
- Stipend for conducting research, living expenses and related costs
- Accident and sickness coverage per U.S. Government guidelines
- Dependent monthly allowance (if more than eighty percent of the time is spent with the scholar)
- Round-trip airfare for one dependent for nine-month grants, provided the dependent will spend eighty percent or more of the grant period with the grantee





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Application Submission Procedure

Announcements are sent to all universities and research institutes across the country

It is also available at the U.S. Embassy website
@<http://dhaka.usembassy.gov>

Access Online Application @
<https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/scholars>

Find Detailed instruction @
http://dhaka.usembassy.gov/educational_cultural_exchanges.html



Read application instructions very carefully

Create a user ID with your e-mail address and save password

Application does not need to be completed at one sitting

Upload required documents into the appropriate page

Register your referees online through embark online application



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Application Submission Procedure – cont'd

- Do NOT upload copies of your publications
- Be in touch with the American Center if there is any confusion
- List of documents required for the program:
 - Submit electronic copy of:
 - ✓ Detailed Project Statement
 - ✓ Three Reference Letters
 - ✓ Invitation Letter & correspondence from prospective host Institutions in the U.S.
 - ✓ Curriculum Vitae
 - ✓ Passport copies for the scholar and all accompanying dependents





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Key Criteria of a Competitive Application

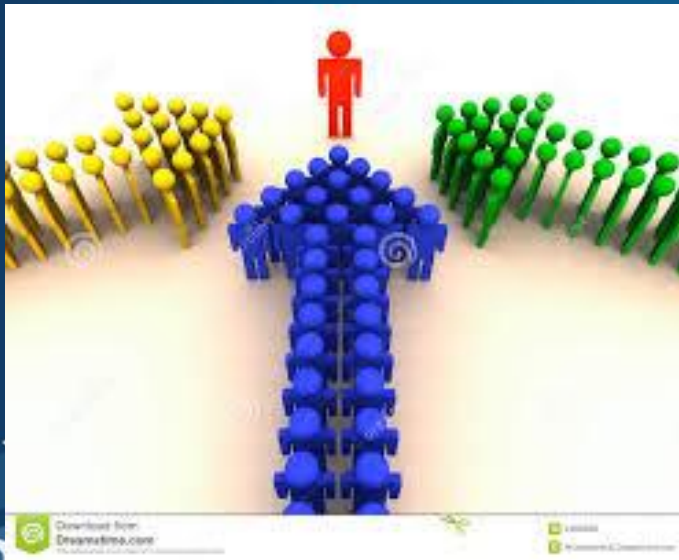
- Planning in advance
- Outstanding proposal that serves both the U.S. and Bangladesh
- Proposal that clearly justifies residency in the U.S.
- Teaching experience abroad in case of an applicant applying for a teaching grant
- Publication records
- Formal affiliation with a university in the U.S.
- Excellent spoken and written English



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Questions???



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Thank You & Good Luck!

