

# The Fulbright Foreign Student Program



## Announcing the 2019-2021 Fulbright Foreign Student Program

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem is pleased to announce the opening of the Fulbright Foreign Student Program competition for the 2019-2021 academic years. This competitive scholarship and academic exchange program is funded by the U.S. State Department and was initiated by U.S. Senator William J. Fulbright in 1946 to increase international educational exchange between Americans and citizens of more than 150 countries worldwide.

The Fulbright Foreign Student Program provides Palestinian students and young professionals the opportunity to pursue graduate-level study in the United States. The award includes funding for tuition and required fees, a book and equipment allowance, a monthly stipend for room & board, and also a supplemental health and accident coverage plan. All disciplines and fields of study are available to Palestinian students. Grantees may not, however, pursue academic programs that require direct clinical patient contact and/or the prescribing or administering of medication. Furthermore, a program of study in which a grantee will receive or has the ultimate goal of receiving a medical license and/or prescribing or administering medication is not permitted.

In addition to academic training, Fulbright scholarships also provide transformative cultural exchange experiences. As Fulbright participants, Palestinian students will have the unique opportunity to experience life in the United States and also share Palestinian culture and traditions with Americans.

Program participants will be selected through a merit-based, open competition in which leadership potential, academic excellence and ability to adjust to life in the United States are all considered. Prospective students may apply by following the online application instructions on the AMIDEAST website:

[www.amideast.org/west-bank-gaza](http://www.amideast.org/west-bank-gaza)

### Applicant requirements include:

- 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 locally throughout the application, selection and placement process.
- Have one year of professional work experience.
- Hold a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 78%, 2.7 or very good.
- Possess a strong academic background.
- Be able to conduct a personal interview in English.
- Qualified applicants who need to enhance their English language skills may be nominated to participate in a Long Term English (LTE) program before the start of their Fulbright grant.
- Minimum recommended English language test scores for U.S. university admission are 80 or 550 on the computer or paper-based TOEFL, or 6.5 on the IELTS.

\* Preference will be given to students who have little or no previous experience studying or living in the United States.

\* AMIDEAST staff members and consultants and the employees of U.S. missions who work for the U.S. Department of State or the U.S. Agency for International Development are not eligible to apply, nor are their immediate family members, during the period of their employment and until one year following the termination of employment.

### The Fulbright Foreign Student Application deadline is June 1, 2018

For more information, call AMIDEAST offices in the West Bank at 02-2408023 ext. 300, Gaza at 08-2824635 ext. 105

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