



# 2023 Fulbright Foreign Student Program

## **Application Now Open!**

*The Palestinian Affairs Unit of the U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce the opening of the Fulbright Foreign Student Program competition for 2023-2024. The Fulbright Program enables Palestinian students to pursue master's-level study in the United States of America. Participants also have the unique opportunity to experience life in the United States and share Palestinians' unique culture and traditions with Americans. Participants are chosen through an open, merit-based competition in which leadership potential, academic excellence and the ability to adjust to life in the United States are all considered. Once accepted into the Fulbright Program, every Fulbrighter becomes part of a global network of engaged, dedicated Fulbright alumni.*

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## The Fulbright Program provides:

- Tuition and required fees for graduate study in the United States;
- Book, equipment, and travel allowances;
- Monthly stipend for accommodations and meals;
- Supplemental health and accident insurance coverage plan;
- Opportunities to participate in Fulbright Enrichment Programs.

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## Who is Eligible to Apply?

- 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 in country throughout the application, selection and placement process;
- Must have at least one year of professional work experience (after graduation);
- Must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution;
- Must have a strong academic background;
- Must be proficient in English and/or able to attend a Long-Term English (LTE) program prior to the start of the study program;
- Preference is given to students who have little or no previous experience studying or living in the United States;
- Interested applicants with disabilities are encouraged to apply as are those of all backgrounds.

- A candidate who has resided in the United States for five or more consecutive years in the six-year period preceding the date of application is ineligible for the program.

## The Application:

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- Online applications are available at <https://tinyurl.com/fulbrightwbgz>
- Applications will be accepted in most fields of study, including the humanities, social sciences, science, technology, and engineering. However, master's programs with a clinical studies component, such as medicine and nursing, are not permitted. Medical professionals may apply for academic degrees.
- Applications and materials must be submitted through the online system: <https://apply.iie.org/ffsp2023>

### Applicants will be required to submit:

- Official academic transcripts and diploma certificates in English;
- An up-to-date CV detailing all prior education and work experience;
- Three letters of reference, in English;
- A personal statement, in English, up to 600 words in length;
- A research proposal, in English, relating to field of study (if applicable).
- A copy of applicant's passport and identification card (ID).

\*English language proficiency assessment is optional but not required. If you have taken the TOEFL (iBT, ITP), IELTS, or Duolingo in the last two years, please include a copy of your results.

### Application Tips:

- Write clearly, using professional and understandable language;
- Demonstrate why you have chosen your field of study and how you are qualified;
- Proofread all materials for grammatical errors and spelling mistakes;
- Refrain from using sarcasm, jokes, or inappropriate humor;
- Cite any outside sources used in your essays. **Plagiarism will result in disqualification.**

## Provisions:

- Selected candidates should be available for interviews in Ramallah/Gaza during July, 2022.
- Fulbright students are subject to the 212e home-country physical presence requirement, which requires students to return to the West Bank or Gaza for a cumulative period of two years prior to being eligible for certain U.S. visa categories. (For more details please visit the [U.S. Department of State Consular Affairs](#) website.)

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***Application Deadline is May 10, 2022***



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