

HOW TO APPLY?

The competition will officially be open on December 15, 2012 through February 15, 2013. To request an application form please send an **e-mail** to:

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Application forms must be completed and returned to the U.S. Embassy (service CAC) and address to Mrs. Yolande Kabore, Public Diplomacy Section no later than **February 15 2013**.

How does the competition work?

The U.S. Embassy is looking for future leaders in the health, education, agriculture, economics, business, journalism, English language education, public administration, and rule of law to benefit from a Fulbright scholarship to study in the United States. In early March, the top candidates selected in these fields will be called to the U.S. Embassy for interview. Those candidates selected from the interviews will be required to take the Test of English Language Proficiency (the TELP test) in mid-March. The U.S. Embassy will select the finalists after the English and they must register for TOEFL that will be taken in Ouagadougou in May, and GRE in October. Finalists will be required to complete additional application materials, which must be returned to the U.S. Embassy by the end of the first week of September. [Note: At this stage, it is mandatory for all selected candidates to submit their application on-line to the U.S. Embassy.]

Finalists from Burkina Faso then compete against applicants from around the world. The winners will be announced as early as January or as late as March of the following year (2014).

Note: If you are not contacted this means that you were not selected to participate in the competition.

What if I am not a citizen or permanent resident of Burkina Faso?

If you are not a citizen or permanent resident of Burkina Faso you cannot apply for this program through the U.S. Embassy in Ouagadougou. You should contact the Public Diplomacy Section in the U.S. Embassy in your home country to find out eligibility requirements.

When will I go to the United States if I am selected?

FLJSDP: Early January 2014 for those requiring additional English language training. Participants will then be enrolled in Masters Degree programs beginning in August and September 2014 .

JSDP: July or August 2014

ARSP: Early as August 2014 or as late as March 2015 .

Humphrey: March 2014, July or August 2014

If I am selected can my spouse or children come with me to the U.S.?

Generally, Burkina Faso candidates are not allowed to go to the U.S. with their spouses.

How do I get more information?

You can also pull out the application from our web site: <http://ouagadougou.usembassy.gov>

If you have questions the Public Diplomacy Section at the U.S. Embassy in Ouaga 2000, Ouagadougou will host information sessions every Wednesday from 10:00 am to 11:00, from December 19, 2012 through February 13, 2013. **(For security reason, please be at the embassy before by 9:30. come with your identity card, cell phone and laptop and electronic devices are not allowed in the embassy.)**



WHAT IS YOUR 5 YEARS PLAN?



WHAT IS THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM

The Fulbright Program was established in 1946 under legislation introduced by then [Senator J. William Fulbright](#) of Arkansas. The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the United States Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The Fulbright Program aims to bring a little more knowledge, a little more reason, and a little more compassion into world affairs and thereby to increase the chance that nations will learn at last to live in peace and friendship." – J. William Fulbright

The flagship international educational program sponsored by the United States Government, the Fulbright Program is designed to "increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries..." With this goal, the Fulbright Program has provided over 279,000 participants — chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential — with the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, to exchange ideas and to contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns.

The Fulbright Program provides grants for Graduate Students, Scholars and Professionals, and Teachers and Administrators from the U.S. and other countries.

The most competitive applicants will be those that are complying with Burkina Faso's Development goals:

- **Health**
- **Education**
- **Agriculture**
- **Economics & Business**
- **Journalism**
- **Public Administration**
- **Rule of Law**
- **English Language Education**

- Human Resource Management/Personnel
- Law, Civil Society, Human Rights, and Democratic Development
- Urban and Regional Planning
- Technology Policy and Management
- Educational Planning
- Public Health Policy and Management
- Drug Abuse Education, Prevention and Treatment

Only applicants who meet the following minimum requirements can apply through the U.S. Embassy in Ouagadougou:

- Citizens or permanent residents of Burkina Faso;
- Persons who have a university degree awarded after at least four years of full-time study that is sufficient to qualify the person to be admitted to a graduate study program at a university in the U.S.;
- Persons who will have at least **five years of professional work experience** prior to the commencement of their Fellowship and who desire to pursue study and professional development in the same field in which they have the five years of experience; and
- Persons who are proficient in both written and spoken English.

Anyone meeting the minimum requirements may apply. However, people who have the following characteristics are the most competitive applicants and therefore the ones most likely to be selected:

- Persons who have already demonstrated leadership qualities;
- Persons who have already shown a commitment to public service;
- Persons who have the potential to advance in their professional fields; and
- Persons involved in establishing and implementing policy (as distinguished from persons who only conduct research or who only perform technical functions).
- Applications from women and persons who work at non-governmental organizations are encouraged.

In addition, researchers, treatment providers, prevention specialists, and public or private program planners in drug abuse prevention and treatment are encouraged to apply. The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) in the U.S. funds a limited number of Fellowships each year for such persons.

Who are **NOT** eligible?

The following are examples of persons who are **not** eligible for this program:

- Recent university undergraduates;
- University teachers with no management responsibilities;
- Persons who have attended a graduate school in the U.S. for one academic year or more.
- Persons who have spent more than six months in the U.S. during the five years prior **this year**; and
- Persons who are dual citizens of the U.S. and another country, or who have U.S. permanent resident status (e.g., who have a green card).

- For Professional Development Scholar grants, persons who wish to focus upon updating their scholarly knowledge to improve classroom instruction and to contribute to the development of programs or curricula at their home institutions.
- Persons whose proposals relate directly to their ongoing teaching and/or research experience and responsibilities or to professional duties such as classroom instruction, advising students, administration, or outreach projects for teachers or other professionals; and
- Persons who have no previous experience or limited experience in the U.S.

The following are examples of persons who are **not** eligible for this program:

- Persons who want to do doctoral dissertation research or postdoctoral research immediately following completion of a doctoral degree;
- Persons who want to travel to and have consultations at multiple institutions in the U.S.; and
- Persons who want to do medical research involving clinical training, patient care, or patient contact.

How do I seek a special AIDS and AIDS-Related Research grant?

You can apply for these grants through either the Senior Research Scholar or Professional Development Scholar programs. Proposals must be for research and/or professional development with an HIV/AIDS focus. Grants are available in a wide variety of disciplines, including the following: sociology and social work; anthropology; education; economics; law; public administration; communications; art; theater; medical sciences; biological sciences; and psychology.

THE HUBERT H. HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

This is a program for mid-career professionals who are looking to improve their potential for leadership positions. This program offers an opportunity to develop one's leadership skills and learn the latest in their particular field. Fellows spend approximately nine months in the U.S. taking graduate-level courses at a U.S. university, participating in long term leadership development programs and engaging with professional peers from around the world in non-academic professional development activities. The Humphrey is a **non-degree program**. Funding is provided by the government of the United States of America through the U.S. Department of State and covers the cost of tuition and university fees, support to attend professional conferences, a monthly maintenance allowance, a book and supplies allowance, and round-trip transportation from Burkina Faso to the host university in the U.S. The following fields in either the public or private sector are eligible to apply:

- Communications/Journalism
- Natural Resources and Environmental Management
- Public Policy Analysis and Public Administration
- Economic Development
- Agricultural Development/Agricultural Economics
- Finance and Banking

THE FULBRIGHT JUNIOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (JSDP)

This is a program for graduating 4th year university students, scholars and professionals to spend up to two years in a study program, research program, or professional development program in the United States. This program is designed primarily to strengthen African universities through higher degree training for faculty members. A secondary purpose is to strengthen other educational institutions and cultural and professional institutions (such as museums, libraries, independent research institutes, and ministries of education, planning, or science and technology). Awards are available for the following types of programs: (1) up to two years in a study program at a university in the U.S. for a Masters (MA) degree or a doctorate (Ph.D) degree; (2) up to one year of independent research at a U.S. university under the guidance of an American professor; or (3) up to one year of professional development in the U.S. in professional fields (such as medicine or law) or creative fields (such as fine arts, the performing arts, music, and literature). Funding is provided by the government of the United States of America through the U.S. Department of State and varies depending on the program.

Any person who is currently affiliated with and who is committed to continue working either at an **academic institution of higher education**, or at a **public or private educational, cultural, or professional institution** in their home country upon completion of their program.

Only persons who meet the following minimum requirements can apply through the U.S. Embassy in Ouagadougou:

- Citizens or permanent residents of Burkina Faso who are qualified to hold a valid passport issued by Burkina Faso;
- Persons who have or will have by the end **the year** a university degree awarded after at least four years of full-time study that is sufficient to qualify the person to be admitted to a graduate study program at a university in the U.S.;
- Persons who have the endorsement of their home institution; and
- Persons who are fluent in both written and spoken English.

Anyone meeting the minimum requirements may apply. However, people who have the following characteristics are the most competitive applicants and therefore the ones most likely to be selected:

- 4th year students who recently graduated from or who will graduate before the **end of the year** from an institution of higher education in Burkina Faso;
- Persons who wish to pursue a Masters (MA) degree or a Ph.D degree in order to return to Burkina Faso to teach at an educational, cultural, or professional institution;
- Persons who have outstanding academic records, references, and academic preparation in their fields;
- For candidates for professional development (including artists, musicians, and authors), persons who have extraordinary skills and talent; and
- Persons who have not previously studied in the U.S.

Applications from women and graduating 4th year students are encouraged.

The following are examples of persons who are **not** eligible for this program:

- Persons who have already received a bachelor's or master's degree in the U.S.;
- Persons who have participated in a Fulbright program within the past three years;
- Persons who cannot score at least 550 on The Test of English Language Proficiency (TELP);
- Persons who cannot score at least 1000 on the combined verbal and quantitative sections of the GRE test (for study programs other than business and law); and
- Persons who cannot score at least 550 on the GMAT test (for study programs in business).

FRANCOPHONE/ LUSOPHONE JUNIOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (FLJSDP)

This is a program specially designed for graduating 4th year university students who have good English skills but who are not sufficiently fluent in English to pursue full-time graduate study in the U.S. The program allows such students to go to the U.S. for up to 8 months of intensive English language training and to then seek admission to a Masters (MA) degree study program in the United States under the Fulbright Junior Staff Development Program (JSDP). If admitted to a graduate degree program the student has up to two years to obtain his or her Masters degree. Funding for both the intensive English language training and the Masters degree program is provided by the government of the United States of America through the U.S. Department of State.

Any person who is currently affiliated with and who is committed to continue working either at an **academic institution of higher education**, or at a **public or private educational, cultural, or professional institution** in their home country upon completion of their program.

Only persons who meet the following minimum requirements can apply through the U.S. Embassy in Ouagadougou:

- Citizens or permanent residents of Burkina Faso who are qualified to hold a valid passport issued by Burkina Faso;
- Persons who have or will have by the **end of the year** a university degree awarded after at least four years of full-time study that is sufficient to qualify the person to be admitted to a graduate study program at a university in the U.S.;
- Persons who have the endorsement of their home institution; and
- Persons who have good written and spoken English.

Anyone meeting the minimum requirements may apply. However, people who have the following characteristics are the most competitive applicants and therefore the ones most likely to be selected:

- 4th year students who recently graduated from or who will graduate before **the end of the year** from an institution of higher education in Burkina Faso;
- Persons who wish to pursue a Masters (MA) degree in the following fields: Economics; History; Information Sciences; Political Science; or Public Administration and who intend to return to Burkina Faso to work at an educational, cultural, or professional institution;
- Persons who have outstanding academic records, references, and academic preparation in their fields; and
- Persons who have not previously studied in the U.S.

Applications from women and graduating 4th year students are encouraged.

The following are examples of persons who are **not** eligible for this program:

- Persons who have already received a bachelor's or master's degree in the U.S.;
- Persons who have participated in a Fulbright program within the past three years;
- Persons wishing to pursue PhD or Masters of Business Administration (MBA) degrees;
- Persons wishing to pursue Masters degrees or other study programs in English, Teaching English as a Foreign Language, Linguistics, or English Literature; and
- Persons who cannot score at least 480 on The Test of English Language Proficiency (TELP) before starting intensive English language training in the U.S.

THE FULBRIGHT AFRICAN RESEARCH SCHOLAR PROGRAM (ARSP)

This is a program for faculty at Sub-Saharan African universities and for scholars at Sub-Saharan African research centers, museums or other cultural institutions to conduct three to nine months of research at an academic or research institution in the U.S. Funding is provided by the government of the United States of America through the U.S. Department of State.

This program is for Scholars and researchers who are on the faculty at an institution of higher education or who work for research centers, museums, or other cultural institutions with educational and research objectives. There are two types of ARSP grants: (1) Senior Research Scholar grants for persons who already have a doctoral degree and who wish to conduct post-doctoral research (these grants are for 3-9 months of research in the U.S.); and (2) Professional Development Scholar grants for persons with less experience than senior researchers who wish to conduct a program of reading and research (these grants are for 3-5 months of research in the U.S.). In addition, special grants are available under both of these programs for Aids and Aids-Related Research. The length of all ARSP grants is determined by the need demonstrated by the applicant in his or her proposal.

Only persons who meet the following minimum requirements can apply through the U.S. Embassy in Ouagadougou:

- Citizens of Burkina Faso;
- Persons who have the endorsement of their home institution;
- Persons who have a good command of both written and spoken English;
- For Senior Research Scholar grants: persons with a doctoral degree (PhD.); and
- For Professional Development Scholar grants, persons who already have at least the equivalent of a U.S. Masters (MA) degree (e.g., at least five years of full-time university study).

Anyone meeting the minimum requirements may apply. However, people who have the following characteristics are the most competitive applicants and therefore the ones most likely to be selected:

- Persons who have at least three years of university teaching experience and a productive scholarly record; and
- For Professional Development Scholar grants, persons who already have doctoral degrees or, if they do not have a doctoral degree, who are experienced university lecturers or researchers who have strong letters of reference and compelling letters of invitation from potential host colleagues or institutions in the U.S.;