

FULBRIGHT FRANCOPHONE AND LUSOPHONE PROGRAM
2015
SELECTION CRITERIA

The Embassy of the United States of America in Mali is pleased to announce the competition for the Fulbright Francophone and Lusophone Junior Staff Development program for the 2015 academic year. The application forms and additional information are available at the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy. All candidates must meet the following selection criteria:

- A. Nominees must be highly qualified academically. They should be eligible for the traditional JSD program, but lack required English language skills for JSD selection.
- B. Nominees must be candidates for a Master's degree in their current field. Individuals seeking Ph.D., MBA, Law, or non-degree programs are not eligible to apply for the FLJSD.
- C. Applicants in the fields or sub-fields of English TEFL and Linguistics are not eligible to apply for this program. We suggest fields such as Agriculture, Food Security/Safety, Food Science and Technology, Water and Soil Management, Crop Production, Management and Protection.
- D. Nominees must have at least the equivalent of 4 years of university study and the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree.
- E. Individuals should be nominated for this program if they have an initial TOEFL score of 500-540 (PBT)/61-75 (iBT). While **500-540 / 61-75** is the qualifying TOEFL score range for the FLJSD, grantees must take the TOEFL again during the language training period and qualify for master's degree placement in their field. Some fields require at least a **550/80** TOEFL while others require a **600/100**.
- F. Nominees should have high motivation, and a serious commitment to completing the program in the established timeframe and returning to work at an institution in their home country.
- G. Nominees must be citizens or nationals of Mali, or permanent residents holding a valid passport issued by Mali.

The preliminary application forms are available at the **American Embassy located in ACI 2000 at Rue 241, Porte 297 in Bamako**, and on the Embassy website at <http://mali.usembassy.gov/>. The deadline for receipt of applications is May 15, 2014. For more information, please call 2070 2423.

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PRELIMINARY APPLICATION**

INSTRUCTIONS :

1. Only responses in English will be accepted
2. Type or print responses please
3. Only applications with ALIGU or TOEFL score will be accepted. Please attach ALIGU or TOEFL test score. These tests are administered by Cours de Langues in Quinzambougou Tel: 2021 74 22.

Submission deadline:	May 14, 2014
Invitation to interview:	by late May 2014
Final application package prepared:	September 1, 2014
U.S. Committee award announcement:	November/December 2014
Enrollment in the English language training program:	January/March 2015
Enrollment in the Academic program:	August/September 2015

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1. First name _____ Middle name
Last name

2. Date & place of birth:

3. Mailing address:

Telephone number: _____ email: _____

4. Citizenship:

5. Marital status: Married__ Single__ Divorced

6. Education:

School	Place/Year	Subject	Diploma
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7. Professional Experience: Please start with the most recent:

Name of employer	Title	Dates of employment
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8. Please describe your present job responsibilities:

9. Describe any special project of an innovation or experimental nature in which you have been engaged and list any publications in connection with this work.

10. Have you ever received a scholarship to study abroad? Yes__ No
If Yes, please write the name of the sponsor _____
the date _____ the city _____ and the subject you studied.

11. What do you want to study?

12. Describe clearly your study objectives: provide names of specific subjects you wish to study, explain how they will help you achieve your study objectives and how they will contribute to your professional growth and to Mali's development. (300-500 words)

13. English language proficiency: Please attach a copy of test score from one of the following: ALIGU: _____ TOEFL: _____ (Information on these tests is available at Cours de Langues in Quinzambougou Tel: 20 21 74 22).

IMPORTANT: applications that do not include this information will be considered incomplete and cannot be processed.

14. Have you ever traveled abroad? Yes__ No__.
If yes, please specify the place, the year and the reason for your travel.

15. Biographical information: (Please write a short essay (250-300 words) about yourself including statements regarding your most significant achievements and the experiences which assisted your professional growth and development.)