

## 2015 Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program Announcement

The American Center, U.S. Embassy, Dhaka is pleased to announce the 2015 Fulbright Visiting Scholar awards. These awards are primarily six-to-nine month research grants, beginning in September 2015. However, semester-long lecturing grants are available as well. Length of grants may be adjusted based on availability of funding. Fulbright Visiting Scholar awards are offered to senior Bangladeshi university faculty members and researchers at think-tanks and relevant non-governmental organizations to conduct research and possibly to lecture. We seek proposals on a wide range of topics in education (particularly about university administration), business, social science, humanities, environmental sciences, international law (maritime law), agricultural sciences and the arts.

The program is intended for highly motivated scholars with advanced degrees (Ph.D.), or professional equivalency who propose to conduct research and/or teach in the fields of their specialization. Candidates must have excellent English language skills to function professionally in an American university setting. Applicants must return to Bangladesh immediately after completion of their research or teaching assignments.

Applicants must submit their applications online. All relevant documents in support of the application, such as three reference letters, confirmed letters of invitation, correspondences from U.S. institutions, curriculum vitae, and passport copies for the scholar and all accompanying dependents should be uploaded electronically through the application webpage. The application is available at <https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/scholars>. Applicants should create a log-in account in order to access the application. A copy of the announcement and complete instructions are available at [http://dhaka.usembassy.gov/educational\\_cultural\\_exchanges.html](http://dhaka.usembassy.gov/educational_cultural_exchanges.html). **Applicants must read instructions thoroughly before completing the application form.**

Applicants should submit a detailed and carefully written research proposal that can be completed during the grant period. The program is highly competitive, and the selection committee places great emphasis on the proposal.

To apply for the lecturing grant, prospective candidates must have extensive teaching experience. Teaching experience abroad is an added qualification. Candidates must submit course syllabi along with curriculum vitae and a **confirmed** invitation to lecture.

Applicants must be Bangladeshi citizens residing in Bangladesh at the time of application. Applicants possessing U.S. permanent residency or citizenship, or in the process of receiving U.S. permanent residency, will not be eligible for the award. Due to funding limitations, applicants who have spent significant periods of study outside Bangladesh or who have recently received a major U.S. government grant must wait five years before applying for a senior Fulbright award. In only extremely rare circumstances will an applicant who has previously received a Fulbright Visiting Scholar grant be awarded a second grant.

Grant benefits for the Visiting Scholar program include all related expenses, a stipend and cost of the grantee's Bangladesh/USA/Bangladesh air tickets. The grant also includes a monthly allowance for one dependent only that will spend at least 80% of the grant period with the grantee. If a grantee receives a nine-month grant, a dependent will be eligible to receive an air ticket if she/he remains with the grantee at least 80% of the time. **Upon successful completion of the grant, all grantees are required to report to the American Center and submit their research findings in writing.**

The deadline for submitting the online application and all required documents is **Sunday, November 9, 2014**. After a review of proposals, short-listed candidates will be called for interviews.

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We look forward to receiving exceptional proposals.