

FULBRIGHT VISITING STUDENT PROGRAM Competition Announcement

The U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce the annual competition for the Foreign Fulbright Visiting Student Fellowship Program for the 2015-2016 academic year. The deadline for submitting online applications is **Friday, February 21, 2013**.

Purpose and Institutional Focus: The program is designed to strengthen universities, other tertiary education institutions, and non-educational institutions (government, research, cultural, professional) through supporting the acquisition of Master's degrees in the United States.

Fields of Study: Competition for the graduate student fellowship is open to the following study fields to Botswana Citizens: environmental science; information technology, journalism/ public relations/ media studies, agriculture/food science; business, finance and accounting; mass communication, journalism, and public relations; public policy on youth development/ gender studies; public health; and hospitality and tourism.

Financial Benefit: Financial awards cover partial funding for a maximum of two years of study at an American university. Grants include university tuition and fees, maintenance allowance, medical and accident insurance, books and supplies, and course-required field trips.

Eligibility Requirements: Botswana citizen; aged between 25 and 40 years; outstanding academic record; high level of English proficiency; holder of an undergraduate (Bachelor's) degree; outstanding leadership skills; drive for civic engagement; well prepared to study for an advanced degree in his/her current field or related; affiliated with or committed to working in Botswana upon completion of studies in the U.S. and has the endorsement of a home institution. Preference will be given to candidates who have not studied in the U.S. The application and instructions can be found at <https://apply.embarq.com/student/fulbright/international> or requested from the e-mail address below.

Application Requirements: A complete application packet should include: a signed application form printed from the on-line generated format, original transcripts of previous study, officially certified degree certificates, at least two academic and two professional references, and a sample essay authored by the applicant.

Mailed application packets should reach the Embassy at the following address by the stipulated deadline: **Fulbright Visiting Student Program Application 2015-16, Public Affairs Section, U.S. Embassy, P. O. Box 90, Gaborone**, or hand delivered to the U.S. Embassy, Embassy Drive, Government Enclave, Gaborone with the same heading in bold above.

Enquiries: Candidates with specific questions not addressed by the online application instructions may e-mail them to FulbrightBotswana@state.gov. Reading instructions before completing the application is highly recommended.

Note: Because the Fulbright program is a popular program, the Public Affairs Office will ONLY NOTIFY CANDIDATES SHORTLISTED FOR INTERVIEWS. ONLINE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED ONLY.