



Teacher Exchange Competition Announcement

The U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce an open competition for the Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program. Application forms can be accessed from the following link <http://www.fulbrightteacherexchange.org/international-applicants> and the deadline for submission is **Friday, September 30, 2016.**

Program Overview: The Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching (DA) Program is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. It is one of numerous Fulbright programs established in 1946 under legislation introduced by former United States Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. Fulbright grants are awarded to students, researchers, scholars, and teachers from the United States and to foreign nationals to study, teach, or conduct research. The 2017-18 program will mark the ninth year of the Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program. Botswana will be participating in the DA Program for the second time, joining 15 other countries worldwide.

Program Purpose: The DA program is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and Botswana. The DA Program brings U.S. teachers to Botswana for 3 to 6 months and sends Botswana teachers to the U.S. for a semester to pursue individual projects, lead master classes or seminars for teachers and students, visit local schools, collaborate with each other online and in person, and complete an inquiry project of their own design. Selected teachers have the opportunity to enroll in an advanced undergraduate or graduate level class at a host university.

Fields of Study: Competition for the DA Program in Botswana is open to teachers of English Language, Guidance and Counseling, Religious and Moral Education, and Special Education.

Financial Benefit: The grant covers program costs, including transportation, lodging, host institution fees and related expenses. Grantees will attend a mandatory program orientation workshop in Washington, DC in August 2017 to help them prepare for their program. While abroad, grantees will receive a maintenance allowance designed to assist with the costs of living during the program. Grantees will have the opportunity to apply for professional development funds to support development and research or to cover the expenses of attending a conference or workshop related to their field of teaching expertise. Grantees will study at a host university or institution abroad and conduct an inquiry project related to their professional interests. Additional activities in local schools include opportunities to observe classes, team teach or conduct seminars or workshops.

Eligibility Requirements: Botswana citizen resident in the country; full-time teaching responsibility and interaction with students; completed 5 years of teaching experience; demonstrated experience conducting professional development activities; obtain a minimum 213 computer-based TOEFL, 79 Internet-based TOEFL scores. Please see other eligibility requirements on the program website.

Program Period: August – December 2017 (5 months).

Number of Grants Available: Botswana may get 2 grants to award amongst 20 selected from other countries.

Application Requirements: Application forms may be accessed from the following link <http://www.fulbrightteacherexchange.org/application> where candidates will create their own application accounts prior to completing the forms.

Please contact the Public Affairs Office at 395-7326 or e-mail FulbrightBotswana@state.gov to ask for the application password

More Information & Enquiries: More information about the program may be accessed here <http://www.fulbrightteacherexchange.org/international-applicants> and specific questions not addressed by the FAQ can be directed to FulbrightBotswana@state.gov or call telephone 395-7326.

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