



## **FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM Competition Announcement**

The U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce the annual competition for the Fulbright Foreign Student Fellowship Program for the 2016-17 academic year. The deadline for submission of online applications is **Sunday, February 21, 2016**.

**Deadline for submission of all supporting documents with printed online applications (per the instructions) to the Embassy is close of business Thursday, February 27.**

**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 in the following study fields to Botswana Citizens: environmental science; information technology; mass communications, journalism, media studies, public relations; agriculture/food science; business, finance or accounting; public policy on youth development; gender studies; public health; education; 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 cover, books and supplies, and course-required field trips.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Botswana citizen between the ages of 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.embank.com/student/fulbright/international> or be requested from [FulbrightBotswana@state.gov](mailto:FulbrightBotswana@state.gov) with a blank e-mail headed "**Fulbright Foreign Student Competition.**"

**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 Foreign Student Program Application 2016-17, 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](mailto:FulbrightBotswana@state.gov). Please read the instructions before completing the application.

Note: The U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Office will ONLY NOTIFY CANDIDATES SHORTLISTED FOR INTERVIEWS. ONLY APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED ONLINE WITH THEIR SIGNED PRINTED COPIES WILL BE CONSIDERED.

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