

# The American Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces the 2016 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program

**Deadline: September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015**

The American Consulate General in Jerusalem and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) are pleased to announce the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program for FY 2016.

The Fulbright FLTA Program is a nine-month, ECA-funded, non-degree program for early career English teachers or professionals in related fields. Candidates who are teachers in the fields of American Studies, Journalism and Media, and American/English Literature will also be considered on a case-by-case basis. Participants have the opportunity to refine their teaching skills, increase their English language proficiency, and extend their knowledge of the society and culture of the United States while serving as teaching assistants for their native language to U.S. students and strengthening foreign language instruction at U.S. colleges and universities. Fulbright FLTA participants also interact with their host communities in conversation groups, extracurricular activities, and community outreach projects. Fulbright FLTA participants must return to their home countries upon completion of the program.

Fulbright FLTA participants may assist in up to twenty hours of language classes per week and are required to enroll in at least two courses per semester, one of which must be in U.S. Studies.

Coursework is offered on either an audit or credit basis. Fulbright FLTA participants will also be expected to facilitate cultural events, language clubs, and language tables.

Fulbright FLTA participants will be required to attend a U.S.-based orientation sponsored by ECA during the summer of 2016 before arriving at their host institutions in August. Fulbright FLTA participants will also be required to attend a mid-year enrichment conference in the United States, hosted by ECA and coordinated by the Institute of International Education (IIE), to share and discuss foreign language teaching best practices and their current teaching experiences with other Fulbright FLTA participants.

## Participant Qualifications

- Applicants must reside in Jerusalem, the West Bank, or Gaza Strip throughout the nomination and selection process.
- Applicants must be teachers of English or in training to become teachers of English, and at minimum must possess the equivalent of a U.S. Bachelor's degree by June 1, 2016.
- Fluency in English is mandatory, demonstrated by a score of no less than 550 (paper based TOEFL); 213 (computer based TOEFL – CBT); 79-80 (internet based TOEFL – IBT) or 6.0 (overall score international English language testing system – IELTS).
- Applicants must demonstrate maturity, dependability, integrity, and professionalism.
- The FLTA program does not support dependents or family members. Family and friends may visit program participants during holiday periods. By extension of this policy, pregnant candidates may not participate in the program if the birth is due during the program period.

- Applicants are typically teachers of English or in training to become teachers of English, and at minimum must possess the equivalent of a U.S. Bachelor's degree by June 1, 2016 to allow time to submit an official transcript prior to the start of the Fulbright FLTA Program.
- Material misrepresentation (e.g., plagiarism) at any time during the application or grant period is grounds for selection withdrawal or grant termination, as well as ineligibility for future participation.
- FLTA applicants should be energetic, early career educators capable of succeeding in the dual role of teaching assistant and student. They must be open to living with their U.S. student peers in undergraduate or graduate level campus housing and also engaging with faculty and staff with maturity and professionalism.
- Fulbright FLTA participants are required to return to their home countries upon completion of the nine-month program. ECA will not support any extension requests for participants. The Fulbright FLTA program does not support dependents or family members. Candidates may not have any dependents accompany them for any time during the program. Family and friends may visit program participants during holiday periods. By extension of this policy, pregnant candidates may not participate in the program if the birth is due during the program period.
- ECA will not support any extension requests for participants.
- Holders of American passports or green cards are **not eligible to participate** in this program.
- Participation in the program is contingent upon the applicant qualifying for a J-1 visa to the U.S.

Application Deadline and Inquiries:

Please submit an on-line application via the on-line system at the following website:

<https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/flta/> no later than **Tuesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.**

**Application package:** A complete application package includes the on-line application, personal information form, original academic transcripts with certified English translations, diploma (if already graduated), three letters of reference, and TOEFL or IELTS score report.

**Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants:** Email CV and application to [Exchanges@state.gov](mailto:Exchanges@state.gov) and copy Maureen Marroum, [marroummv@state.gov](mailto:marroummv@state.gov); call (02) 622-7172 for more information.

**Gaza Applicants:** Email CV and application to [gazaexchanges@gmail.com](mailto:gazaexchanges@gmail.com); call 08-286-4623 for more information.