



**THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY  
ANNOUNCES  
THE ANNUAL COMPETITION FOR  
THE FULBRIGHT FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSISTANT PROGRAM  
2016-2017**

The United States Embassy is pleased to invite qualified candidates (students from Ecole Normale Supérieure – ENS) to participate in the annual competition for the 2016-2017 Fulbright Foreign Language assistant Program.

**Program Description**

The FLTA Program is a nine-month non-degree program that provides young students at ENS an 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 teaching Arabic to U.S. students and strengthening foreign language instruction at U.S. colleges and universities. FLTA participants also interact with their host communities in conversation groups, extracurricular activities, and community outreach projects. FLTA participants must return to their home countries upon completion of the program. FLTA participants may assist in or teach up to twenty hours of Arabic classes a week and are required to enroll in at least two courses per semester, one of which must be in U.S. Studies. The remaining coursework should relate to their careers in English language teaching. FLTA participants will also be expected to facilitate cultural events, language clubs, and language tables.

**Eligibility Requirements**

- Must be a student at ENS who is being trained to become teacher of English
- Must be fluent in Arabic and able to teach the language to American college students.
- At minimum must possess the equivalent of a U.S. Bachelor's degree (License or Maitrise)
- Fluency in English is mandatory, demonstrated by a score of no less than 79-80 (internet based TOEFL – IBT).
- Must demonstrate maturity, dependability, integrity, and professionalism.
- Must be residing in their home country throughout the nomination and selection process.

**Application Procedures**

Interested candidates are invited to complete and submit a preliminary application form to the American Embassy Nouakchott, **Attention: Babaly no later than January 28, 2016 at 14:00**. Preliminary application forms are available in the US Embassy Website at [http://mauritania.usembassy.gov/fulbright\\_programs.html](http://mauritania.usembassy.gov/fulbright_programs.html)

After a careful screening of the preliminary application forms, a list of qualified applicants will be selected to pass the TOEFL.

Only those selected candidates with the required TOEFL score will be allowed to continue in the completion by submitting an application online into the FLTA website. Once the applications have been submitted online, the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy will review the applications and interview the preselected candidates. Selected applications will then be forwarded electronically to both IIE and ECA for review and FSB approval.

Finalists from Nouakchott chosen by the American Embassy Nouakchott then compete against applicants from other countries, and the winners may be announced in early 2017.

**Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Grant Provisions**

All FLTA participants receive a monthly stipend, accident and sickness coverage, and travel support. U.S. host institutions provide tuition waivers to support the required coursework.

If you have questions, the American Embassy in Nouakchott will host information sessions every Monday at 15:00 at the U.S. Embassy Nouakchott.