



FY2015 FULBRIGHT JUNIOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (JSD)

THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN NOUAKCHOTT IS HOLDING AN OPEN COMPETITION TO NOMINATE QUALIFIED MAURITANIAN STUDENTS FOR THE 2015 FULBRIGHT JUNIOR STAFF DEVELOPEMNT PROGRAM (JSD). THE JSD IS THE LARGEST FULBRIGHT PROGRAM WITH AFRICA, DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO STRENGTHEN AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES THROUGH HIGHER DEGREE TRAINING.

CANDIDATES SELECTED FOR DEGREE STUDY WILL BE FUNDED FOR A MAXIMUM OF 2 YEARS. ALL AWARDS ARE CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL BY THE J.WILLIAM FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP BOARD (FSB), AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND SUCCESSFUL ACADEMIC PLACEMENT.

INTERESTED CANDIDATES ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT A PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FORM TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT, ATTENTION BABALY NO LATER THAN MARCH 6, 2014 AT 15:00. PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE U.S. EMBASSY WEBSITE 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. THE MINIMUM TOEFL SCORE REQUIRED TO CONTINUE IN THE COMPETITION IS 80 FOR THE MASTER AND 100 FOR THE DOCTORATE AT THE IBT.

ONLY THOSE SELECTED CANDIDATES WITH THE REQUIRED TOEFL SCORE WILL BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE IN THE COMPETITION BY SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION ONLINE INTO THE FULBRIGHT WEBSITE. ONCE THE APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED, 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 WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN EARLY 2015.

I. SELECTION CRITERIA

A. NOMINEES MUST BE CITIZENS OR NATIONALS OF MAURITANIA

B. NOMINEES SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST THE EQUIVALENT OF 3 YEARS OF UNIVERSITY STUDY (LICENSE OR MAITRISE) TO APPLY FOR THE MASTER PROGRAM OR A 5 YEARS UNIVERSITY STUDY OR THE EQUIVALENT OF A U.S. MASTER'S DEGREE TO APPLY FOR THE DOCTORATE PROGRAM. NOTE THAT THIS YEAR GRADUATE STUDENTS FROM THE LMD SYSTEM WITH THE LICENSE ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE FULBRIGHT JSD MASTER PROGRAM.

C. NOMINEES SHOULD HAVE A SUFFICIENT LEVEL OF ENGLISH PROFICIENCY TO ENABLE THEM TO REALISTICALLY ACCOMPLISH FULL-TIME GRADUATE LEVEL STUDY IN THE U.S.

D. THE US EMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT WILL TEST ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS SELECTED AFTER SUBMISSION OF THE PRE-APPLICATION FORM, AND ONLY THOSE WHO MEET THE MINIMUM SCORE WILL BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE IN THE COMPETITION BY SUBMITTING ANOTHER APPLICATION ONLINE INTO THE FULBRIGHT WEBSITE.

- 1. THE TOEFL IS REQUIRED OF ALL NOMINEES. A MINIMUM TOEFL RESULT IS USUALLY 80 ON IBT FOR MASTER'S CANDIDATES AND 100 ON IBT FOR PH.D. CANDIDATES;**
- 2. THE GRE IS REQUIRED FOR THOSE SEEKING ADMISSION IN ALL FIELDS EXCEPT LAW AND BUSINESS. A SCORE OF AT LEAST 1000 ON THE COMBINED VERBAL AND QUANTITATIVE SECTION IS USUALLY REQUIRED;**
- 3. THE GMAT IS REQUIRED FOR THOSE IN THE FIELDS OF BUSINESS IN LIEU OF THE GRE. A MINIMUM 550 GMAT SCORE IS REQUIRED FOR MASTER'S CANDIDATES AND A MINIMUM SCORE OF 600 IS REQUIRED FOR PHD CANDIDATES. IIE CANNOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO UNIVERSITIES WITHOUT A SUFFICIENT GMAT SCORE;**

E. NOMINEES SHOULD HAVE A HIGH MOTIVATION AND A SERIOUS COMMITMENT TO COMPLETING THE PROGRAM AS SCHEDULED AND TO RETURNING HOME.

F. PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO NOMINEES WHO HAVE NOT HAD EXTENSIVE RECENT EXPERIENCE IN THE UNITED STATES.

H. NO APPLICANT SHALL RECEIVE MORE THAN ONE FULBRIGHT STUDENT PROGRAM GRANT. THIS APPLIES TO HUMPHREY SCHOLAR ALUMNI. THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSISTANT PROGRAM.

H. LOCAL EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. MISSIONS ABROAD WHO WORK FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ARE INELIGIBLE FOR GRANTS DURING THE PERIOD OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT AND FOR ONE YEAR FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT.

II. GRANT BENEFITS

A. A LIST OF BENEFITS WHICH FULLY-FUNDED GRANTEEES MAY RECEIVE FOLLOWS. BENEFITS VARY ACCORDING TO EACH GRANTEE'S PROGRAM. EXACT GRANT BENEFITS ARE PROVIDED IN DETAIL IN EACH GRANTEE'S TERMS OF APPOINTMENT (TOA).

- 1. TRAVEL FROM THE GRANTEE'S HOME TO THE AUTHORIZED U.S. DESTINATION, IN-TRANSIT TRAVEL ALLOWANCE AND EXCESS BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE**
- 2. SETTLING-IN ALLOWANCE UPON ARRIVAL IN THE U.S.**
- 3. SUMMER PRE-ACADEMIC ORIENTATION PROGRAM**
- 4. ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE**
- 5. TUITION AND FEES**
- 6. MONTHLY MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**
- 7. BOOK ALLOWANCE (SPECIFIC AMOUNT)**
- 8. TRAVEL ALLOWANCE AND AIR FARE FROM THE U.S. TO THE GRANTEE'S HOME AT THE END OF THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE JOIN THE EDUCATIONAL ADVISING SESSION AT THE US EMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT EVERY SUNDAY FROM 15:30 TO 17:00.