

2011-2012 Fulbright Junior Staff Development Program

Deadline for submission of online applications as well as hard copies (including academic transcripts and reference letters) to the U.S. Embassy will be **Monday, May 24, 2010**. **Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

The JSD is designed primarily to strengthen African universities through higher degree training. A new dimension has been given to the program this year with special consideration to fields or sub-fields of Agriculture, including Food Security, Food Science and Technology, Water and Soil Management and Resources, Crop Production and Management, etc. Grantees 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.

- Nominees must be citizens or nationals of the nominating country, or permanent residents holding a valid passport issued by the nominating country.
- Nominees should have at least the equivalent of 4 years of university study and the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree.
- Nominees should have a sufficient level of English proficiency to enable them to realistically accomplish full-time graduate level study in the U.S.
- Nominees must meet the minimum score on required standardized tests.
- Nominees should have a high motivation and a serious commitment to completing the program as scheduled and to returning home.
- Nominees must have little or no prior study experience in the United States.

Awards are granted for 1 to 2 years of study towards one degree only (Master's or Ph.D.), or for participation in an academic year (9-10 months) visiting research program, or an academic year (9-10 months) non-degree program. Eligible grantees may apply for one renewal grant.

Doctoral candidates in law are usually required to have earned the Master's degree from a U.S. law school prior to enrolling in a U.S. doctoral program. Even then, competition is very intense. Nominees should have an excellent background and academic preparation in the field of law and should be prepared to satisfy Master's level requirement in law before being officially accepted in a Ph.D. law program. With the exception of degree candidates, nominations can be submitted under one of the following categories:

- a. Visiting Research Student – Students pursue independent research under the guidance of a professor. They do not take classes or receive credit, but may audit classes at the discretion of the professor.
- b. Non-Degree Student – Students take a full course load and receive credit but not a degree.

All applications must be completed online at:

<https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/international/20/>

A complete dossier includes:

1. Application
2. Biodata page of the passport with the name matching the application exactly
3. Academic record information form for every higher education institution that the candidate attended
4. Official transcripts with degree certificates
5. English translations of official documents
6. Academic and/or professional references **(3 instead of 4)**
7. TOEFL and GRE or GMAT test results
8. Study Objectives and Personal Statements
9. The optional form "Home Institution/Employer Statement" **(available at the U.S. Embassy. Please call on: 202 4441)**