



2016-17 FULBRIGHT AFRICAN RESEARCH SCHOLAR PROGRAM (ARSP)

The U.S. Embassy is accepting applications for the 2016-17 Fulbright African Research Scholar Program.

Applications must be submitted using the Embark Visiting Scholar system, accessible at: <https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/scholars> **no later than July 31, 2015.**

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Two categories of grants are offered in the ARSP: research grants and program and curriculum development grants.

Research Grants:

Awards of 3 to 9 months are offered for African university faculty or research institute professionals to conduct research in any academic discipline at a U.S. academic or research institution beginning no earlier than August 2016 and no later than March 2017. Preference will be given to individuals with a doctorate degree, at least three years of university teaching experience, and a productive scholarly record. Length of grants is determined by research requirements as demonstrated in the proposal.

Program and Curriculum Development Grants:

Awards of 3 to 5 months are offered for African university faculty or administrators to conduct research in any academic discipline at a U.S. academic or research institution beginning no earlier than August 2016 and no later than March 2017. Proposals should be linked to professional duties and demonstrate how the scholar will use the knowledge gained to develop new courses, curricula, or other academic programs at the home institution. These grants are designed for less experienced scholars who have not had access to recent research or instructional developments in their disciplines. University faculty who do not hold doctorate degrees are eligible for awards in this category, but need strong letters of reference or invitation to convince the academic review panel to recommend them for awards. Length of grants is determined by research requirements as demonstrated in the proposal.

HIV/AIDS:

The ARSP includes a special set of grants for scholars with proposals in HIV/AIDS-related research. Scholars in all academic disciplines are invited to formulate proposals with an HIV/AIDS focus. Candidates may apply either as research scholars or as program and curriculum development scholars.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ELIGIBILITY:

1. Applicants must be citizens of the country from which they apply or permanent residents qualified to hold a valid passport issued by that country.



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2. Applicants must not have received a Fulbright grant for study, teaching, or research in the U.S. within the last five years.
3. Preference will be given to individuals who have had no experience or only limited experience in the United States.
4. Proposals involving doctoral dissertation research, post-doctoral research immediately following completion of a doctorate degree, or general professional travel, are ineligible.
5. Proposals for clinical medical research involving physician training, patient care and contact cannot be approved under the Fulbright Program.
6. Applicants must have sufficient English proficiency to carry out their research projects and collaborate effectively with colleagues. TOEFL exams are not required, but the U.S. Embassy may choose to institute local English language testing if necessary to evaluate applicants' language skills.
7. Applicants must be in good health. Successful candidates will be asked to submit a Medical History and Examination Report.
8. Scholars who were unsuccessful in previous competitions may re-apply. Repeat applicants should revise their proposals, update curriculum vitae, and obtain current letters of reference.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

1. Scholars must indicate the type of grant for which they are applying (research or program and curriculum development).
2. Each application must include three letters of reference.
3. Letters of invitation, or statements identifying potential host colleagues or institutions, may be part of an application, but are not required. Applicants are discouraged from requesting affiliation with an alma mater. For candidates selected for awards, the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) will honor institutional preferences as far as possible. Applicants unfamiliar with U.S. institutions may rely on CIES to recommend suitable placements.
4. Laboratory fees are not part of the standard benefits package for the ARSP and are awarded on a limited case-by-case basis, and only if funding is available.
5. Successful applicants will be interviewed mid-August 2015.