

Fulbright Visiting Students

**Academic Year 2017-2018
Call for Applications**



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Fulbright Junior Staff Development Program

The U.S. Embassy in Kigali is pleased to announce the annual competition for the **Fulbright Junior Staff Development (JSD) program**. The JSD is the largest Fulbright program, designed primarily to strengthen African universities through higher degree training (master's degree; master's degree with enhancement or one-year non-degree research for graduate students). Although core exchanges are with universities, candidates who are affiliated with other educational, cultural, or professional institutions may apply.

**The in-country deadline for
applications is
March 31, 2016**

Eligibility requirements:

- Applicants should be affiliated with an academic or professional institution in Rwanda and committed to work in the home institution upon completion of the designated program;
- Applicants should have the equivalent of four years of university study or the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree;
- Applicants should have sufficient English proficiency to enable them to realistically accomplish full-time graduate study in the United States

(TOEFL or IELTS is not required at this stage);

- Applicants should have outstanding academic records, references and preparation in their chosen fields;
- Applicants should have high motivation and serious commitment to completing the program and returning home;
- Applicants must be citizens or nationals of Rwanda;
- Qualified women are encouraged to apply;
- Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously studied in the U.S.;
- Qualified candidates should complete application forms and submit hard copy or by e-mail. **Only short-listed applicants will be notified and interviewed.**

Application/Selection Process

Interested applicants must apply to the Public Affairs Section at the U.S. Embassy on official application forms no later than **March 31, 2016**. Application forms are available on the Internet at <https://apply.embarc.com/student/fulbright/international>. Please use the interactive form and indicate which program you are applying for.

All interested candidates must bring a printed, completed copy of their application form, along with all academic transcripts, degree certification and three recommendation letters; or submit complete dossier in pdf by e-mail at KigaliFulbright@state.gov .

After national selection, independent committees review final nominations in the United States. These review committees make recommendations to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. The Institution of International Education (IIE) will seek university placement of successful candidates. Awards and university placement are announced in spring for programs beginning in autumn.

Grant Provisions

The Fulbright Junior Staff development program provides:

- Round trip economy international travel and excess-baggage allowance;
- An allowance for settling in;
- A pre-academic orientation program;
- A monthly maintenance allowance and funding for books and professional activities;
- Tuition and university fees;
- Limited accident and sickness insurance (does not include pre-

existing conditions and pregnancy);

- Program required field trips;
- Academic training.

The Fulbright Junior Staff Development Program will fund candidates selected for the degree study for a maximum of 2 years. All awards are contingent upon approval by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, availability of funds and successful academic placement. This program does NOT provide financial support for dependents.

Fulbright Junior Staff Development Enhancement (FLJSD)

As a part of the Fulbright Junior Staff Development (JSD) Program, the U.S. Embassy in Kigali invites qualified candidates to apply for **enhanced grants offering intensive English Language Training in the United States prior to embarking on the post-graduate course.** The grantee will be funded by the Fulbright program for a maximum of eight months of intensive English language training and a maximum of two years in a master's degree program.

On successful completion of their language training and admission to an appropriate university academic program, grantees will be admitted into the Junior Staff Development program to pursue their degrees within the guidelines of the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board. Candidates who are not successful in gaining degree admission upon completion of the English training program will return home with an English language certificate.

This program is offered to recent graduate applicants who are qualified to pursue a master's degree but lack required English language skills for selection in the traditional JSD program. **It is NOT offered to non-degree, MBA, Law or PhD applicants.**

Applicants in the fields of Agriculture, Food Security/Safety, Food Science and Technology, Water and Soil Management, Crop Production, Management and Protection are encouraged to apply.

Eligibility requirements: Same as for the JSD

Application/Selection Process: Same as for the JSD.

Awards and university placement are announced early in December for programs beginning in January.

Grant Provisions: same as for the JSD.

In-country deadline for applications is March 31, 2016