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The Fulbright Student Competition for the 2014-2015 Academic Year is Now Open

2014-2015 Application for the Fulbright Student Program in the United States (Visiting Student Researchers and Masters Degree)

Please read all instructions and information carefully before completing.

Application Deadline: JUNE 30, 2013

This is a joint program of the U.S. Department of State and the Government of Macedonia.

Eligibility Requirements

- Completed University degree, or enrollment in postgraduate studies;
- Proficiency in English to undertake graduate or research in the United States;
- Macedonian citizenship and/or permanent residence in Macedonia.

Instructions

- Application should be completed in English and submitted online at <https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/international/20/>.
- Each page of the application carries its own instructions, which should be read carefully before proceeding.
- Every question must be answered completely and carefully. Please make every effort to limit your responses to the space provided.
- Completed applications should be submitted by June 30, 2013.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Standardized Tests

You will be required to take the TOEFL exam if you are selected for an interview at the U.S. Embassy. You should not apply for the TOEFL exam at this phase of your application. **You will receive instructions on how to apply for these exams after the interview.**

In addition, degree-seeking students will be required to take the GRE or GMAT, depending on your field of study, in order to be considered for admissions to graduate programs in the U.S. You should not apply for these two exams at this phase of your application. **You will receive instructions on how to apply for these exams after the interview.**

A complete application includes:

- An application form submitted online only;
- A detailed statement of proposed activity;
- A detailed curriculum vitae;
- Three letters of reference.

The following documents should be scanned and attached to your online application. Documents should be scanned in PDF and each scanned document may not be bigger than 2 MB.

- A copy of passport;
- A copy of your B.A. or M.A. degree or letter confirming enrollment in a PhD program, as well as a translation of the degree or letter into English, if applicable.
- A letter from your employer confirming employment, if you are employed.
- Any optional supplementary documents.

Application forms and instructions on how to fill out your application can be found at:<https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/international/20/> or <http://fulbright.state.gov/>

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U.S. GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2014-2015 Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowships Program

The competition is open from March 15 to June 30, 2013.

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program brings accomplished young and mid-level professionals to the United States for a year of combined academic (NON-DEGREE) and professional work. Fellows are selected based on potential for leadership and commitment to public service. By providing future leaders and policy makers with experience in U. S. society, culture, and professional fields, the program provides a basis for lasting, productive ties between Americans and their professional counterparts overseas.

FELLOWSHIP FIELDS: Fellowships are granted competitively to both public and private sector candidates with strong leadership potential and a commitment to public service in the fields of:

- Agricultural and Rural Development
- Communications/Journalism
- Substance Abuse Education, Treatment, and Prevention: ECA cooperates with the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
- Economic Development/Finance and Banking
- Educational Administration, Planning and Policy
- Higher Education Administration
- HIV/AIDS Policy and Prevention
- Human Resource Management
- Law and Human Rights

- Natural Resources/Environmental Policy/Climate Change
- Public Health Policy and Management
- Public Policy Analysis and Public Administration
- Teaching of English as a Foreign Language (Teacher Training or Curriculum Development)
- Technology Policy and Management
- Trafficking in Persons, Policy and Prevention
- Urban and Regional Planning

Appropriate candidates are mid-career professionals in leadership positions who have the required experience/skills, commitment to public service, and potential for advancement in their professions. Prospective fellows should have a minimum of five years full-time professional experience and should be policy rather than research or technically oriented (the exception is NIDA-funded applicants who must also demonstrate a research orientation).

NOT ELIGIBLE: Recent graduates (even if they have significant positions), university teachers with no management or policy responsibilities (except in the fields of drug abuse prevention and TEFL), individuals with less than five years of work experience, individuals with recent U.S. experience (more than 6 months within the last 5 years), individuals who have attended a graduate school in the U.S. for one academic year or more during the seven years prior to August 2013, individuals with dual U.S. citizenship or U.S. permanent resident status.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS: Macedonian citizenship, five years of full-time professional experience, university degree, English proficiency.

NIDA-FUNDED HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIPS (DRUG ABUSE):

The drug abuse component of the field of public health policy and management emphasizes drug abuse education, treatment, and prevention. Fellowships funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) target more specialized candidates. Appropriate candidates for NIDA-funded Humphrey Fellowships include mid-level researchers, research managers and policy makers in universities, drug abuse prevention or treatment programs, health or social services industries or medical facilities. Candidates preferably should have a doctoral degree or equivalent in medicine, health, behavioral or social science. Professionals employed by social welfare, education or community-based organizations would be appropriate if they meet the general eligibility criteria. Law enforcement candidates are not eligible unless they have a public health focus on drug abuse epidemiology, education, treatment and prevention, and meet the requirements to follow a program based in a school of public health.

NATURE OF THE PROGRAM: It is essential that candidates have a clear understanding of the professional development component of the program. If a candidate's intent is to pursue an advanced academic degree, or to attend a specific university, he/she cannot be nominated for the program. Candidates should also understand that Humphrey maintenance support may not enable them to maintain the standard of living they enjoy at home.

APPLICATIONS: Applications can be accessed at:<http://apply.embark.com/student/humphrey/fellowship/>
General information about the Humphrey Program can be found at:<http://www.humphreyfellowship.org/>.

The deadline for receipt of applications is June 30, 2013.

1. Each page of the enclosed application carries its own instructions and should be read carefully before proceeding. Following the instructions given for each item, please answer every question as completely as possible.

2. **ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS:** proof of citizenship; evidence of employment history in Macedonia (letter from employer confirming employment); notarized copies of all university diplomas; curriculum vitae. **Please scan all additional documents and send to us by e-mail as attachments.**

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

A. Academic placement in a non-degree program: The Humphrey program is not designed to lead to a degree. Rather, fellows pursue tailored study programs at participating host institutions. There is no provision for fellows to request a particular university for placement. Approximately 18 campuses have been selected through a competitive process to host fellows in groups with thematic and subject affinities. A university is chosen based on the richness of its institutional resource base and level of support and guidance it offers to the participants. Each campus has a designated faculty coordinator for academic and administrative support. Faculty advisers also assist fellows in balancing academic and professional experience.

B. Professional development: this is one of the strongest features of the program. Each fellow's professional plan may include professional visits, conferences, and a professional affiliation (work placement) of at least six weeks. Early in the academic year, each fellow develops, with assistance from the Institute of International Education (IIE), the campus - coordinator, and faculty advisers, a plan for professional activities carefully geared to the fellow's need for relevant, practical professional experiences.

C. English language testing (TOEFL TEST): All finalists will be required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Do not register for the test before you are notified of your status. If you have taken the test in the past 2 years please attach the score report. Minimum required score is 80 IBT (Internet Based Test).

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS AND DEPENDENTS

The Humphrey Fellowship provides tuition and university fees, a monthly maintenance allowance, a book and supplies allowance, a computer subsidy, round-trip international travel to the host institution (and to the Fellow's English-language training program when applicable) and domestic travel to Washington, D.C. for a special seminar. Supplementary funds are available for professional activities such as field trips or attendance at conferences. Humphrey Fellowships are

not renewable.

Humphrey Fellowships do not include funds for dependents (family members). Humphrey Fellows are responsible for providing travel, insurance, and financial support for any dependents accompanying them to the United States. Please note that English and orientation centers cannot accommodate dependents. Therefore, dependents should not arrive in the United States until the Fellows are settled in their academic year programs and have secured housing (at least 30 days after the Fellow's arrival).

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The 2014-2015 Application for the Fulbright Scholar Program (Post-Doctoral) in the United

States (NON-DEGREE)

DEADLINE: November 15, 2013

The flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. Government, widely known as the Fulbright Program, is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. With this goal as a starting point, the Fulbright Program has provided more than 310,000 participants, chosen for their leadership potential, with the opportunity to observe each others' political, economic and cultural institutions, exchange ideas, and embark on joint ventures of importance to the general welfare of the world's inhabitants. The Fulbright Program was established in 1946 under legislation introduced by former Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. The Fulbright Program is administered by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Department of State. The Fulbright Program awards approximately 8,000 new [grants](#) annually, and operates in 155 countries around the world.

Nature of grants

Grant benefits vary according to the provisions of the program of each participating country. All Fulbright grants include limited accident and sickness insurance and maintenance grants provided by the Department of State. Grants are awarded for a period of one or two semesters (5 or 9 months) for post-doctoral applicants; of 2 semesters (9 months) for pre-doctoral applicants. A grant may be revoked, terminated, or suspended. Grounds for revocation or termination include, but are not limited to (1) violation of any law of the United States or the home country; (2) any act likely to give offense to the United States; (3) failure to observe satisfactory academic or professional standards; (4) physical or mental incapacitation; (5) engaging in any unauthorized income-producing activity; (6) failure to comply with the grant's terms and conditions; and (7) material misrepresentation made by any grantee in the application form or grant document. A grant may be suspended if (1) the grantee ceases to carry out the project or academic program during the grant period, or (2) the grantee leaves the United States for more than two weeks without authorization of the American Embassy in Macedonia or IIE.

Preference is given to candidates without recent experience in the United States. Recipients of Fulbright Scholarships within the past 5 years will not be considered.

Persons holding permanent residence in the United States are not eligible to apply for Fulbright grants to the United States. Persons who are citizens of both Macedonia and the United States are also ineligible. Fulbright grantees enter the United States on an exchange visitor (J-1) visa under a Department of State program, which requires them to return to their home countries for a minimum of two years at the end of the grant period.

Eligibility Requirements

Doctoral degree

- Proficiency in English appropriate to the proposed research project to be carried out in the United States
- A detailed statement of proposed activity for research at a U.S. institution
- Macedonian citizenship and employment in Macedonia

Application and review process

A complete application includes:

- application form
- detailed statement of proposed activity
- detailed curriculum vitae
- three references
- photocopy of passport
- photocopy of doctoral degree
- letter from employer confirming employment
- letter of invitation or appointment from U.S. institution

Please scan all the above mentioned documents and attach to your online application.

Application Guidelines

Complete the application form carefully after reading "Instructions for Completing the Application" on step 1 of the application. Make sure the reference reports are submitted promptly. Applicants must submit three references. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that reference reports are submitted by the deadline so that references accompany the application throughout the entire review process. References should be from persons qualified to evaluate your professional work and proposal. At least one of the references should be from a specialist outside your university. References should provide evidence of a scholar's reputation within his/her discipline and must be written in English. The Reference Report Form in the application packet suggests qualifications that the reference writer should address. Submit detailed curriculum vitae. The curriculum vitae describe academic credentials and achievements.

When composing curriculum vitae, it is important to include

- (1) education (universities attended, degrees held)
- (2) positions held
- (3) courses taught and other services provided to students and the home institution
- (4) publications
- (5) other professional activities, such as workshops, seminars and consultations
- (6) membership and activities in professional associations
- (7) professional honors, awards and fellowships
- (8) community service.

The application asks for similar information, but provides limited space for answers. In the curriculum vitae, the applicant should expand upon these topics to display more completely his/her accomplishments.

Preparing the Project Statement

The project statement is the most important aspect of preparing the Fulbright application. Scholars with the most compelling, theoretically sound, well-written, feasible proposals are generally recommended for awards. Sometimes those with outstanding professional achievements assume that a brief, general project statement will be sufficient. But, in order to ensure a more complete application, your proposed project, as well as the strategy for completing it, should be thoroughly explained.

Factors to address in the project statement

Clearly define your objectives and the methodology you will employ. Indicate whether you will use interviews, library or archival research, or laboratory experiments to accomplish your project. Place your project in academic or professional context by referring to leading works by others on the topic if that information is available. Explain the significance of the project for the field and your own professional development. Explain why residence in the United States is necessary for accomplishment of the project. Comment, if applicable, on the adequacy or inadequacy of research facilities and library resources in your own country and on the need to use specific collections in the United States. Describe arrangements you have made, for affiliation or collaboration. Secure a letter of invitation from a U.S. host institution testifying to the merits and feasibility of the proposal. Scholars who have studied previously in the United States should avoid seeking affiliation at their U.S. alma mater because candidates are encouraged to expand their contacts within the U.S. academic community. Discuss how your project can be completed within the time period you have available. Describe your competence in English if you are not a native speaker. Proficiency in English is required for research awards in the United States. Indicate how you will disseminate the results of your research both in the United States and in your home country.

Arrangements for affiliation with a host institution

One of the most important requirements of the Fulbright Scholar Program is a formal affiliation at a U.S. University or research institution. When determining which institutions to contact, do not limit yourself to only the most well-known U.S. universities. Many U.S. universities may not

have an international reputation, but they often have appropriate facilities for scholars to conduct research. We have observed that scholars placed in these smaller and less well-known institutions often are given greater attention than their colleagues who are affiliated with more well-known universities.

Applications:

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