



Call for Applications
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM 2024-2025

The U.S. Embassy in Mauritania is pleased to announce that the application period for the Fulbright Foreign Student Program will open on February 6, 2023 and close on April 30, 2023. Applicants must submit their applications online only at: <https://apply.iie.org/ffsp2024>

The Fulbright Foreign Student Program enables a select few people to study in the United States at U.S. universities. Participants must have completed an undergraduate education and hold a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree. Recent License's degree graduates, especially women, are encouraged to apply.

The program will fund selected Master's degree candidates for a maximum of two (2) years. All awards are contingent upon approval by the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board (FSB), availability of funds, and successful academic placement.

To be eligible in this program:

1. Applicant must be a citizen of Mauritania;
2. Applicant must have at least the "License" or the equivalent of three (3) years of university study or the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree. Only Master's degree candidates can apply to the Fulbright Foreign Student Program this year;
3. Applicant should have a sufficient level of English proficiency to enable them to realistically accomplish full-time graduate level study in the U.S.;
4. Applicant must meet the minimum iBT TOEFL score of 80 or better.
5. Applicant should have a high motivation and a serious commitment to completing the program as scheduled and to returning home to Mauritania;
6. Applicants with no U.S. experience, or very little, will be given preference;

7. Immediate family members of employees of the U.S. Government (including the U.S. Embassy or Consulate, USAID, and other U.S. Government entities) are ineligible. Additionally, local employees of the U.S. missions abroad employed by the State Department are ineligible for one year following termination of employment.

8. Applicant must be residing in Mauritania throughout the nomination and selection process.

No applicant may receive more than one Fulbright student grant, including Humphrey scholar alumni. This does not apply to the Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) program alumni.

Additional selection criteria

1. The TOEFL iBT is required of all nominees. A minimum TOEFL iBT result is usually 80 for Master's 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. IIE cannot submit applications to universities without a sufficient GMAT score.

After a careful screening of online applications, preselected applicants are invited to take the TOEFL iBT Test. The U.S. Embassy will only interview the candidates with at least a score of 80 on the TOEFL iBT. Final candidate information is reviewed in the United States by independent review committees. These review committees make recommendations to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. Awards will be announced in early 2024 for the academic year 2024-2025.

Terms and Conditions:

The Fulbright Foreign Student Program provides international travel, tuition and university fees, accident/sickness coverage, monthly maintenance allowance, and funding for books and professional activities. The Fulbright Foreign Student Program does not provide financial support for accompanying dependents. For more information, please see <https://eca.state.gov/fulbright/fulbright-programs>.