



2022-2023 Fulbright Foreign Student Program

Application Now Open!

The U.S. Embassy in Baghdad is pleased to announce the opening of the Fulbright Foreign Student Program competition for 2022-2023. The Fulbright Program enables Iraqi students to pursue graduate study at a master's degree level in the United States of America. Participants also have the unique opportunity to experience life in the United States and share Iraq's unique culture and traditions with Americans. Participants are chosen through an open, merit-based competition in which leadership potential, academic excellence and the ability to adjust to life in the U.S. are all considered. Once accepted into the Fulbright Program, every Fulbrighter becomes part of a global network of engaged, dedicated Fulbright alumni.

Fulbright Grants Provide Funding for:

- Tuition and required fees for graduate study in the U.S.;
- Book, equipment, and travel allowances;
- Monthly stipend for room & board;
- Supplemental health and accident coverage plan;
- Opportunities to participate in Fulbright Enrichment Programs.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

- Must be an Iraqi citizen and resident of Iraq throughout the application, selection and placement process; (U.S. citizens or green card holders are not eligible to apply);
- Must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution;
- Must have a strong academic background;
- Must have two years of professional work experience AFTER graduation;
- Must be proficient in English and/or able to attend a Long-Term English (LTE) program prior to the start of the study program;
- Preference is given to students who have little or no previous experience studying or living in the United States;
- Interested applicants with disabilities are encouraged to apply as are those of all backgrounds.

The Application:

- Online applications are available at <https://apply.iie.org/ffsp2022>
- Applications will be accepted in most fields of study, including humanities, social science, science, technology, and engineering. However, master's programs related to clinical studies such as medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and nursing, are not permitted. Medical professionals may apply for public health programs only.
- Applications and supporting documents must be submitted through the online system.

Applicants will be required to submit:

- Academic transcripts (*translated if not in English*);
- TOEFL or IELTS scores no more than two years old (*if available; The U.S. Embassy in Baghdad and AMIDEAST will arrange TOEFL testing for shortlisted applicants at a later stage of the application process*);
- An up-to-date CV detailing all prior education and work experiences;
- Three letters of reference in English;
- A personal statement in English up to 600 words in length;
- A study objective statement in English relating to field of study.

Application Tips:

- Write clearly, using professional and understandable language;
- Demonstrate why you have chosen your field of study and how you are qualified;
- Proofread all materials for grammatical errors and spelling mistakes;
- Refrain from using sarcasm, jokes or inappropriate humor;
- Cite any outside sources used in your essays, as **plagiarism will result in disqualification.**

Policies of Iraq Fulbright Program:

- **Two-year home residency requirement:** The J-1 visa is an exchange visa which requires all Fulbright scholarship recipients to return to their home country for at least two years upon successful completion of the program.
- **Intention to return to Iraq:** Your eligibility for a Fulbright scholarship is based, in part, on your intention to return to Iraq immediately following your program. If you show intent other than to remain in the U.S. for a temporary, specific, limited period (such as applying for an immigrant visa to the U.S., asylum in the U.S., or residency in a country other than Iraq) you will be ineligible to receive the Fulbright scholarship. Please carefully review the J visa policies for further information.
- **No-dependents:** J visa sponsorship is offered only to the Iraq Fulbright scholarship award recipient. J-2 visa dependents (spouses and children under the age of 21) cannot accompany the Iraqi scholarship recipient on his/her study program.

Important Note: Prospective Fulbright participants should be aware that public health conditions, availability of consular services and travel, as well as U.S. institutional operating status and policies may affect their ability to travel to the U.S. and participate in academic programs.

Application Deadline is May 1st, 2021

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