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2025 Fulbright Foreign Student Program Application Now Open!

Application Deadline: May 2, 2024

The U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon is pleased to announce the opening of the Fulbright Foreign Student Program competition for 2025-2026. The Fulbright Program enables (Lebanese) participants to pursue graduate-level study in the United States. Participants also have the unique opportunity to experience life in the United States and share their 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 United States are all considered. Once accepted into the Fulbright Program, every Fulbrighter becomes part of a global network of engaged, dedicated Fulbright alumni.

The Fulbright Foreign Student Program is a program of the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and is administered by Amideast in the Middle East and North Africa region.

Note that selected candidates should be available for interviews during June 2024. In addition, Fulbright participants are subject to section 212(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, the home-country physical presence requirement which requires returning to the nomination country or territory for a period of two years prior to being eligible for certain U.S. visa categories. For more details, please visit the [U.S. Department of State Consular Affairs](https://www.dhs.gov/immigration-and-nationality) website.

What does the Fulbright Program provide?

- Tuition and required fees for graduate study or research in the United States.
- Book, equipment, and travel allowances.
- Monthly stipend for accommodations and meals.
- A limited health benefits plan.
- Opportunities to participate in Fulbright enrichment programs.

Eligibility requirements?

- Lebanese citizen or a holder of the Special Travel Document for Palestinian Refugees issued by the Lebanese Government;
- U.S. citizens or green card holders are not eligible to apply.
- Residence in Lebanon throughout the application, selection and placement process;
- Two years of professional work experience if applying to MBA programs;
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution by June 2025;
- Strong academic background; and
- Applicants with low proficiency in English will have to attend a Long-Term English (LTE) program prior to the start of the study program if deemed necessary.

Provisions:

- Preference is given to students who have little or no previous experience studying or living in the United States.
- Applicants of all backgrounds, including those with disabilities, are encouraged to apply.



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What is the application process?

- Online application information is available at <https://apply.iie.org/ffsp2025/>.
- Applications will be accepted in most fields of study, including the humanities, social sciences, science, technology, and engineering. However, graduate programs with a clinical studies component, such as medicine and nursing, are not permitted. Medical professionals may apply for academic degrees.
- Applications and materials must be submitted through the online system.

Applicants will be required to submit:

- Completed online application
- Official university transcripts; In case applicants are unable to secure official transcripts, an unofficial copy must be provided instead;
- Up-to-date CV detailing all prior education, work experience and extracurricular activities;
- Three letters of reference, in English, submitted online along with the application; Applicants are encouraged to request the recommendation letters as early as possible (at least a month before the deadline).
- Two essays in English, up to 600 words each in length:
 - A personal statement and
 - A study objective essay related to your field of study.
- Copy of passport biodata and photo page (if available)

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. **Plagiarism will result in disqualification.**