

FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM (2017-2018 Academic Year)

The Fulbright Foreign Student program offers graduate students and young professionals the opportunity to study in the United States and earn a master's degree.

Eligible Fields of Studies

The Fulbright Foreign Student program is open to all fields of study except the medical sciences.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be citizens of Kazakhstan, residing in Kazakhstan at the time of application
- Applicants must have completed their undergraduate education and hold at least a degree equivalent to a U.S. bachelor's degree.
- Preference will be given to candidates who have not had extensive recent experience in the United States.

Complete Application Includes:

- Completed online application form
- Official copies of academic transcripts, diplomas, and translations
- Three reference letters from university professors or employers if an applicant is employed.
- TOEFL and GRE/GMAT test scores (if available)
- Resume or CV
- Copy of passport bio-data page

All supplementary documents should be uploaded into the application. Only nominated candidates will be requested to submit original paper copies of the supplementary documents. Before starting candidates should carefully read the Guidelines preceding the application.

Grant Benefits:

- J-1 visa support
- Tuition and fees
- Health insurance coverage
- Monthly stipend
- Books and supplies
- International airfare to and from the US

Selection Criteria:

- Nominees must have a sufficiently high-level of English to undertake full-time graduate level study in the U.S.
- Nominees should have an outstanding academic record.
- Nominees must have satisfactory TOEFL and GRE/GMAT test scores.
- Nominees must demonstrate high motivation, serious commitment to completing the program and the leadership potential to create positive influence upon returning home.

Selection Process:

After the application deadline, all submitted online applications undergo a technical review. Applications that pass the technical review, will then be reviewed by an independent reading panel that will evaluate and score each application based on a set of standard criteria. Applicants with the highest scores will then be invited to an interview, held either in Astana or Almaty. Nominations will be made from the top candidates, after the interviews.

All nominated candidates will be requested to register for TOEFL and GRE/GMAT if they have not taken the tests already. The nominated candidates are entitled to an exemption from the test fees by vouchers. Vouchers will be distributed by the U.S. Embassy. Final grantee selection is contingent upon the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board's (FSB) approval, available funding, and successful academic placement. The selected grantees are expected to travel to their host universities in the US in July or August 2017.

Application Deadline: **June 1, 2016**. Potential applicants can access the online application by going to <https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/international/20/>.

For questions regarding the Fulbright Foreign Student program please contact the U.S. Embassy at (7172) 702-295 or astanainfo@state.gov