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2018 Fulbright Master's Fellowships

The Royal Civil Service Commission (RCSC) is pleased to announce the availability of 2 (contingent on funding) scholarships for Master's degree (1 or 2 year program) under the Fulbright Fellowship as follows:

1. Scholarship areas:

- a. Economic Development;
- b. Public Administration; and
- c. Urban and Regional Planning.

2. Scholarship covers:

- J-1 visa support;
- Round-trip economy class air travel from fellow's home city to the host institution in the United States;
- Funding for tuition and fees, living and related costs*; and
- Accident and sickness coverage per U.S. government guidelines

* The U.S. funding may not cover all costs and the scholar may need to supplement grant benefits with other resources. The Fulbright Master's Fellowships provide no financial support for dependents.

3. Prerequisites of the University/scholarship:

Applicants should:

- Have completed an equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree from a recognized university with at least 55% marks;
- Have 2 years full-time professional work experience relevant to the proposed field of study at the time of application;
- Demonstrate experience in leadership and community service;
- Must not have another degree from a U.S. university or be enrolled in a U.S. degree program; and
- If employed, please obtain the endorsement from the appropriate administrative authority. The employer must indicate that leave will be granted for the fellowship period

4. General requirements (in addition to the above criteria in sl. no. 3)

- Eligible candidates from the civil service fulfilling the in-service training criteria of the BCSR 2012; and



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- Private and Corporate sectors fulfilling the above criteria may apply (private and corporate sector candidates will have to fulfill requirements specified by Department of Human Resources, Ministry of Labor and Human Resources)

5. Application Timeline:

- June 15, 2017 Application due date for 2018-2019 awards;
- June - July 2017 Review applications to shortlist candidates;
- 3 August 2017 Interviews of short-listed candidates in Thimphu;
- September 2017 U.S. Embassy New Delhi notifies principal and alternate nominees that they are recommended. Nominees take TOEFL and GRE tests. The U.S. Embassy New Delhi forwards applications of recommended candidates to the United States for J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB) approval and placement;
- March - April 2018 U.S. Embassy New Delhi notifies finalists;
- May - June 2018 Pre-Departure Orientation in India
- July 2018 Pre-academic training; and
- August - September 2018 Degree program begins.

*Placement of successful candidates is done by the Institute of International Education (IIE). Recommended applicants do not need to apply to U.S. institutions on their own. IIE/Fulbright Program will apply to four different institutions on their behalf, taking into consideration the candidates' preferred institutions and the candidates' competitiveness. If a recommended candidate has previously applied to U.S. institutions and has requested a deferral from the institution, the candidate should notify the U.S. Embassy New Delhi immediately.

6. General information

- Applications must be submitted online via:
 - <https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/international>
- Application details:
 - <https://in.usembassy.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/71/2017/03/2018-Fulbright-Masters-Fellowship-Announcement-%E2%80%9393-Bhutan.pdf>

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IMPORTANT: You can apply for only one Fulbright Master's fellowship category during a competition cycle. Plagiarism will lead to automatic disqualification, and applications received after the deadline will not be considered.