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Fulbright Fellowship 2021

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

1. Scholarship areas:

- Economic Development
- Public Administration
- 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. Eligibility criteria

- Must have completed an equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree (four-year bachelor's degree or other equivalent) from a recognized university with at least 55% marks.
- Must have at least two years' full-time professional work experience relevant to your 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



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- If the applicant is 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 Requirement (in addition to program requirements in SL.3)

- Applicants from the civil service must fulfill the in-service training eligibility criteria as per BCSR 2018;
- Applicants from the private and corporate sectors must fulfill the requirements specified by the MoLHR

5. Timeline and Placement Process

August 21, 2020	Application due date
August 21-September 12, 2020	Review applications to short-list candidates
September 17-22, 2020	Interviews of short-listed candidates
September 28, 2020	U.S. Embassy, New Delhi notifies principal and alternate nominees that they are recommended. Nominees take TOEFL and GRE tests. 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 2021	U.S. Embassy New Delhi notifies finalists
May - June 2021	Pre-Departure Orientation
July 2021	Pre-academic training
August - September 2021	Degree program begins



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Note: Given the COVID-19 pandemic situation, this schedule is indicative only and is subject to change.

- ★ 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.

Application Submission

The interested and eligible candidates must submit their applications online at <https://apply.iie.org/ffsp2021/>

Important Note

1. An applicant can apply for only one Fulbright Master's fellowship category during a competition cycle;
2. Plagiarism will lead to automatic disqualification;
3. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered;
4. Extensions and transfer of VISA sponsorship will not be permitted.
5. It must be noted that the candidates who get through selection interview just get nominated for the fellowship. Therefore, the selected candidate must understand that his/her actual enrollment is subject to final confirmation.
6. There is no designated for each scholarship area

For general clarifications/queries, contact Human Resource Officer, Human Resource Development Division, RCSC at 02-323086 (Ext. 231) during office hours.