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Fulbright Fellowship Program 2024

The Royal Civil Service Commission (RCSC) is pleased to announce the availability of (contingent on funding) scholarships for Master's Degree (2 years program) as follows:

1. Scholarship areas:

- Economic Development;
- Public Administration; and
- Urban and Regional Planning.

2. 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; and
- 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.

3. General Requirements (in addition to program requirements in SI.2)

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

4. Scholarship benefits:

- 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.

5. Timeline and placement process

| SI # | Particulars | Date |
|------|--|-----------------------|
| 1 | Application due | 14-Apr-2023 |
| 2 | Review applications to short-list candidates | 12-May-2023 |
| 3 | Interviews of short-listed candidates | 8/9-Aug-2023 |
| 4 | 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 | September 2023 |
| 5 | U.S. Embassy New Delhi notifies finalists | March-April 2024 |
| 6 | Pre-Departure Orientation | May-June 2024 |
| 7 | Pre-academic training | July 2024 |
| 8 | Degree program begins | August-September 2024 |

6. Application submission:

- Applications must be submitted online at: <https://apply.iie.org/ffsp2024>.
- [Click here](#) for Application Checklist
- [Click here](#) for the Study Objective and Personal Statement Guidelines



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Note: Given uncertainty related to the COVID-19 pandemic, 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' competitiveness and desired field of study. 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.

7. Important notes:

- An applicant can apply for only one Fulbright Master's fellowship category during a competition cycle;
- Plagiarism will lead to automatic disqualification;
- There is no designated slot for each scholarship area;
- Extension and transfer of VISA sponsorship will not be permitted;
- Applications received after the deadline will not be considered; and
- It must be noted that the candidates who get through the selection interview just get nominated for the fellowship. Therefore, the selected candidate must understand that his/her actual enrollment is subject to final confirmation.
- The scholarship is provided under the funding of Fulbright Foreign Students Fellowship Program and all scholarship entitlements are confined to those offered by them.

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