



# 2023 Fulbright Foreign Student Program

## **Application Now Open!**

*The U.S. Embassy in Baghdad is pleased to announce the opening of the Fulbright Foreign Student Program competition for 2023-2024. The Fulbright Program enables Iraqi students to pursue graduate-level study in the United States of America. Participants also have the unique opportunity to experience life in the United States and share Iraq's 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.*

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## The Fulbright Program provides:

- Tuition and required fees for graduate study in the United States;
- Book, equipment, and travel allowances;
- Monthly stipend for accommodations and meals;
- Supplemental health and accident insurance coverage plan;
- Opportunities to participate in Fulbright Enrichment Programs.

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## Who is Eligible to Apply?

- Must be an Iraqi citizen or a permanent resident able to hold a passport from Iraq;
- U.S. citizens or green card holders are not eligible to apply;
- Must reside in country throughout the application, selection and placement process;
- Must have two years of professional work experience after graduation;
- Must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution at the time of the program start date;
- Must have a strong academic background;
- Must be proficient in English and/or able to attend a Long-Term English (LTE) program prior to the start of the study program;
- Preference is given to students who have little or no previous experience studying or living in the United States;
- Interested applicants with disabilities are encouraged to apply as are those of all backgrounds.

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## The Application:

- Online applications are available at <https://iq.usembassy.gov/education-culture/exchange-programs/fulbright-foreign-student-program/>
- Applications will be accepted in most fields of study, including the humanities, social

sciences, science, technology, and engineering. However, master's 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 application system via <https://apply.iie.org/ffsp2023/>.

## Applicants will be required to submit:

- Academic transcripts (translated if not in English);
- TOEFL or IELTS scores no more than two years old (if available; The U.S. Embassy in Baghdad and Amideast will arrange TOEFL testing for shortlisted applicants at a later stage of the application process);
- An up-to-date CV detailing all prior education and work experiences;
- Three letters of reference in English;
- A personal statement in English up to 600 words in length;
- A study objective statement in English relating to field of study.

## 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.**

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## Provisions:

- Selected candidates should be available for virtual interviews during July 2022.
- Fulbright students are subject to the 212e home-country physical presence requirement, which requires students to return to Iraq for a cumulative 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.state.gov/visas/) website.)

***Application Deadline is May 1, 2022***



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