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Announcing the Fulbright Foreign Student Program for 2020-2021

The Palestinian Affairs Unit of the U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce the opening of the Fulbright Foreign Student Program competition for 2020-2021. This academic exchange program is funded by the U.S. Department of State and was initiated by U.S. Senator William J. Fulbright in 1946 to increase international educational exchange between Americans and citizens of more than 150 countries worldwide.

The Fulbright Foreign Student Program provides Palestinian students and young professionals the opportunity to pursue graduate-level study in the U.S. The award includes funding for tuition and required fees; a book, equipment, and travel allowance; a monthly stipend for room & board; and also a supplemental health and accident coverage plan. Please note that applicants may apply in most fields of study, including humanities, social science, science, technology, and engineering. However, master's programs related to clinical studies, such as medicine and nursing, are not permitted.

In addition to academic training, Fulbright scholarships also provide transformative cultural exchange experiences. As Fulbright participants, Palestinian students will have the unique opportunity to experience life in the United States and also share the unique Palestinian culture and traditions with Americans.

Program participants will be selected through a merit-based, open competition in which leadership potential, academic excellence and ability to adjust to life in the U.S. are all considered. Prospective students may apply by following the online application instructions on AMIDEAST's website:

www.amideast.org/west-bank-gaza

Applicants must:

- Be a Palestinian resident of the West Bank, Jerusalem, or the Gaza Strip.
- U.S. citizens or green card holders are not eligible to apply.
- Reside in country throughout the application, selection and placement process.
- Have one year of professional work experience.
- Hold a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 78%, 2.7 or very good.
- Possess a strong academic background.
- Be proficient in English and/or able to attend a Long Term English (LTE) program prior to the start of the study program.
- Recommended English language test scores for U.S. university admission are 80 for TOEFL, or 6.5 for IELTS.

* Preference will be given to students who have little or no previous experience studying or living in the United States. Those with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

* AMIDEAST staff members and consultants and the employees of U.S. missions who work for the U.S. Department of State or the U.S. Agency for International Development are not eligible to apply, nor are their immediate family members, during the period of their employment and until one year following the termination of employment.

The Fulbright Foreign Student Application deadline is June 1, 2019

For more information, call AMIDEAST offices in the West Bank at 02-2408023 ext. 300, Gaza at 08-2824635 ext. 206

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