



FULBRIGHT MASTER'S FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

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Origins of the Fulbright Scholarship

- In 1945, Senator J. William Fulbright introduced a bill in the United States Congress that called for the use of surplus war property to fund the 'promotion of international good will through the exchange of students in the fields of education, culture, and science.'
- On August 1, 1946, President Harry S. Truman signed the bill into law, and Congress created the Fulbright Program, the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. Government.
- From its inception, the Fulbright Program has fostered bilateral relationships in which citizens and governments of other countries work with the U.S. to set joint priorities and shape the program to meet shared needs. The world has been transformed in ensuing decades, but the fundamental principle of international partnership remains at the core of the Fulbright mission.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a Sri Lankan citizen and has continuously resided in Sri Lanka for a minimum of 2 years at the time of applying for this award.
- Possess a 4-year bachelor's degree from a recognized Sri Lankan University. Those with degrees from non-Sri Lankan universities are welcome to apply provided they possess the equivalent of a 4-year Sri Lankan degree. Applicants with 3-year degrees from Sri Lanka and India are required to possess a relevant post-graduate qualification. (for example, a post-graduate diploma or a Master's degree)
- Possess at a minimum, 1 year of full time (paid) post-qualifying, professional work experience in the proposed field of study by the application deadline.
- Be committed to reside in Sri Lanka on completion of the award for a minimum of 2 years.
- Must not have another degree from a U.S. university or be enrolled in a U.S. degree program.
- Must not be applying for or holding a permanent resident visa (green card) in the United States; must not be a dual citizen; (U.S. & Sri Lanka) and must not hold a work or resident visa in another country.

Eligibility Requirements Ctd..

- Have a high level of academic/professional achievement.
- Must demonstrate proficiency in the English language and superior communications skills to undertake graduate studies; to foster understanding between the people of the U.S. and people of Sri Lanka; and to transition to the U.S. successfully.
- If employed, must provide evidence that leave will be granted for the fellowship period if selected.
- Be below the age of 35 years on the application deadline.
- **Duration of Award: A maximum of 2 academic years (awards are for a Master's degree only)**

GRE and English Language Requirements

- GRE is not needed at the submission of the application. However, if you get selected then you will have to take GRE.
- If you get shortlisted as a Fulbright Nominee, then your GRE cost will be sponsored by the Fulbright Commission in Sri Lanka.
- TOEFL is not needed at the submission of the application. However, if you get selected then you will have to take TOEFL.
- Again, If you get shortlisted as a Fulbright Nominee, then your TOEFL cost will be sponsored by the Fulbright Commission in Sri Lanka.
- It will be an added advantage if you have IELTS but not required primarily.

Websites to Check Information

- <http://www.fulbrightsrilanka.com>
- **Fulbright Master's Fellowship Awards** (http://www.fulbrightsrilanka.com/?page_id=4221)
- **Link to the online application form and detailed instructions** (<https://apply.iie.org/ffsp2021>)
- **Fulbright Master's Application Instructions** (<http://www.fulbrightsrilanka.com/?p=5605>)

Other documents needed with the application

- CV.
- Degree Transcript with Grades and GPA.
- Degree Certificates.
- Three letters of reference.
- Additional relevant certificates (This can include your professional qualifications, research experience, language proficiency and other relevant achievements show case your academic/professional achievements)

A brief overview of the application

- What is your proposed major field of study?
- *Select the field of study most appropriate to your study objective.*
- *The following is an illustration of the actual list, the actual list is lengthier*

Accounting/Finance
Agriculture
Animal Science
Anthropology
Archaeology
Architecture
Area Studies
Art History
Arts
Astronomy

Biology
Biomedical Engineering
Business
Chemistry
Communications
Computer Science
Criminal Justice
Criminology
Crop Sciences
Demography

Drama/Theatre Arts
Economics
Education
Energy
Engineering
Environmental Sciences
Film/Cinema Studies
Fine Arts
Fisheries
Forestry

A brief overview of the application Ctd

- This is a fairly comprehensive list, so please select the one that is most appropriate.
- You can expand on this in your Study Objective essay.
- The following are some general questions that you must answer in the application
 - 1) What is your specialization/subfield of study? (Briefly describe the specific area of the field in which you plan to specialize {max 250 words}).
 - 2) Future Plans (max 250 words): Describe the career you plan to pursue after completion of study or research in the U.S., e.g. teaching, government, business, industry or any plans you might have for continued study or research in your home country.

A brief overview of the application Ctd

- University Preferences: You get 3 preferences, but it is not a requirement nor is it expected for you to identify institutions at which you would like to study. However, if you do have preferences, please list in priority order up to three schools of your choice.
- **Preference I**
- **University:**
- **Department:**
- **Degree:**
- **Specialization:**
- **Specific reasons and contact:**

Study/Research Objectives (Important)

- You should take great care to write a clear and very detailed description of the program you want to pursue.
- Clearly identify the area(s) within your field of study in which you want to specialize or concentrate.
- If there is specific research that you want to accomplish, please describe.
- Write a clear and detailed description of your study/research objectives and give your reasons for wanting to pursue them.
- Be specific about your major field and your specialized interests within this field.
- Describe the kind of program you expect to undertake and explain how your study plan fits in with your previous training and your future objectives.

Personal Statement

- The personal statement is a narrative statement in which you can include information about your education, practical experience, special interests, career plans, and your purpose in applying for study in the U.S.
- This personal statement should be a narrative statement describing how you have achieved your current goals.
- It should not be a mere listing of facts.
- It should include information about your education, practical experience, special interests, and career plans.
- Describe any significant factors that have influenced your educational or professional development.

References

- *Your application will be rejected if all three references are not received by the application deadline.*
- You must have three letters of reference (or recommendation) submitted on your behalf.
- All letters of reference should be written by teachers under whom you have studied or pursued research or by someone who has supervised you in work related to your proposed field of study.
- Letters of reference should not be written by persons related to you either by blood or marriage or by personal friends.
- At least one academic and one professional or work-related letter should be included among the letters.
- *Last Name:*
- *First Name*
- *Position:*
- *Address:*
- *Tel:*
- *Email:*

What does the scholarship cover?

- Tuition
- Living expenses
- Healthcare Insurance
- Air tickets
- Other allowances such as book allowance, computer allowance, travel allowance and settlement allowance.

Other Opportunities

- Dependents: Dependents will not be supported financially on this grant, but selected grantees may take their dependents at their own expense.
- Gateway program
- Fulbright Enrichment program
- State Department's International Exchange Alumni network
- Fulbright Alumni
- Prestige

Fulbright Commission of Sri Lanka

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Deadlines for the academic year 2021-2022

- *Applications are Currently Open!*
- **Application Deadline: June 30, 2020**
- Shortlisted candidates will have interviews in July/August, 2020.
- **For questions:** Write to: inquiries@fulbrightsrilanka.org