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**Announces**

**The 2015 Fulbright Junior Faculty Development Program**

**forJerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza**

**June 14 - August 23, 2015**

Application Deadlines:

Jerusalem and the West Bank: December 12, 2014/ Gaza: November 14, 2014

The 2015 Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program for the West Bank and Gaza will bring two cohorts of sixjunior (early career) Palestinian scholars each to U.S. institutions from June 14through August 23, 2015 for faculty development, mentoring, and cultural exchange activities. The Fulbright Junior Faculty Development Program aims to provide educational exchange experiences to a maximum number of Palestinian academicsnot previously afforded a professional development opportunity in the United States. Fulbright grantees serve as cultural ambassadors and should be prepared to speak about their countries, cultures and research to academic and community groups. The Program is fully sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, [Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs](http://www.exchanges.state.gov) at the Department of State.

The two cohorts will focus on Science & Technology (S & T) and Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL). The S & T includes biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, computer science and information, and GIS. The TEFL includes applied linguistics and teaching of English as a foreign language. Each cohort will spend 10 weeks at selected U.S. hostinstitutions, where they will be introduced to new teaching and research methods, observe classes, attend seminars, and develop linkages with American faculty through weekly mentoring sessions. On-going community engagement with university-identified host families, volunteers, or others in the broader local community will facilitate the scholars’ participation in outreach activities, including visits to historical sites and attendance at cultural events. While introduction to new research methods in the scholars’ disciplines does constitute one component of the Fulbright Junior Faculty Development Programfor participants from Jerusalem,the West Bank and Gaza, the program is **not** intended to provide a venue for individual research projects.

**Objectives:**

* Build higher education capacity in the West Bank, Jerusalem and Gaza through faculty development and mentoring for junior scholars;
* Foster long-term collaboration and institutional linkages between Palestinian scholars and American academics;
* Promote mutual understanding between Palestinians and Americans by facilitating the scholars’ engagement with the broader host campus community.

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| **How to Apply:**Visit the following link to create a user account and complete an application form: [**https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/scholars/30/**](https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/scholars/30/)The link will direct applicants to create a user account to begin the application process.  **Application Deadline:** **Gaza: November 14, 2014****Jerusalem and the West Bank: December 12, 2014**The application form requires personal information and a written statement of up to three pages in length. To ensure a complete application, applicants are advised to follow the instructions carefully. Applicants are not required to complete the application in one sitting, although are advised to make note of their login and password so they can return to the application. Once the application is submitted, changes to the form are no longer permitted. Applicants may also be asked to provide information including, but not limited to: * Thepreferred discipline-based cohort – either S & T or TEFL (Note: Applicants may apply for one cohort only.);
* Information regarding educational background;
* Current C.V.;
* An explanation of how participation in this program would be beneficial professionally and to the applicant’s respective academic institution or the Palestinian educational system as a whole;
* How the applicant plans to implement what he/she gains from this program upon returning to their home communities;
* Letters of reference (academic or professional, not personal).

**Benefits**: This professional program provides: * A per scholar stipend;
* Travel allowance and professional development funds;
* Furnished, individual apartment-style housing;
* Travel and accommodations for a re-entry workshop (prior to the completion of the program) to be hosted in Washington, D.C.;
* Round-trip international airfare to the U.S.; and
* Accident and sickness insurance for the duration of the study program.
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**Eligibility and Application Requirements:**

The 2015 competition is open to current, full-time university faculty members, who possess, at a minimum, an MA/MS degree and at least five years of university-level teaching experience or a Ph.D. and no more than five years of teaching experience. MA/MS holders who are currently enrolled in a doctoral program must possess at least three years of teaching experience.

Applicants should have a commitment to classroom teaching and a desire to strengthen their teaching and leadership skills. Please note that this program is intended for full-time faculty only; Palestinian government officials are ineligible.Applicants must demonstrate fluency in spoken and written English.

Additionally, the following eligibility requirements apply:

* Applicants must be residing in Jerusalem, the West Bank or Gaza before and after submitting the application and during the interview process.
* An applicant’s eligibility for a Fulbright scholarship is based, in part, on his/her intention to return to Jerusalem, the West Bank or Gaza immediately following the end of program.
* Applicants cannot be U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents (e.g. green card holders) of the United States; persons desiring or holding permanent residence in the United States are **not** eligible to apply.
* MA/MS degree and at least five years of university-level teaching experience or a Ph.D. and no more than five years of teaching experience. MA/MS holders who are currently enrolled in a doctoral program must possess at least three years of teaching experience.
* Applicants must provide adetailed project statement of proposed activity addressing all components outlined in the instructions and relating to the cohort discipline to which the applicant is applying. Cohort disciplines include:
* TEFL (applied linguistics and teaching of English as a Foreign Language)
* Science and Technology (biology, chemistry, physics, mathematic, computer science, information, and GIS)
* Applicants must demonstrate proficiency in English sufficient to effectively carry out grant activities in the United States. Applicants may be required to take an English proficiency examination or submit a TOEFL score.
* Applicants must be in sound physical and mental health. Those selected for a Fulbright grant are required to submit a Medical History and Examination Report before grants can be finalized.
* Former USG alumni are eligible to apply.

Applicants shouldalso note the following conditions affecting review and selection of candidates:

* Applicants will be considered without regard to race, religion, sex, age, and/or physical impairment.
* Preference is given to those without recent experience in the United States.
* Applicants should be representative and responsible citizens who can contribute to a full and fair picture of the culture of their home communities and thereby contribute to understanding between Palestinians and Americans. They should also demonstrate the cross-cultural sensitivity and flexibility needed to adjust successfully to life in the United States.
* Successful candidates will not be allowed to be accompanied by dependents. J visa sponsorship is offered only to successful Palestinian Fulbright award recipients. J-2 visas will not be extended to dependents (for spouses and children under the age of 21) to accompany candidates on their studyProgram.
* Successful Palestinian candidates for this program will travel on J-1 visas for this program. The J-1 visa is an exchange visa which requires all Fulbright scholarship recipients to return to their home country for at least two years upon successful completion of the program.

Grants are not for the principal purpose of:

• Attending conferences

• Completing doctoral dissertations

• Travel and consultation at multiple institutions, or

• Clinical medical research involving patient contact

*If you are unable to complete the application online, or have any inquires about the applicationprocess and program, please contact:*

**West Bank and Jerusalem Applicants:**E-mailExchanges@state.govor call (02) 622-7172 for more information.

**Gaza Applicants:** E-mailGazaExchanges@gmail.com or call 08-286-4623 or059-967-7317 for more information.