

Fulbright Master's Fellowships Bhutan

The Fulbright Master's Fellowships are designed for outstanding Bhutanese citizens residing in Bhutan to pursue a master's degree program at selected U.S. colleges and universities in the areas of Economic Development, Public Administration, and Urban and Regional Planning. There are two graduate fellowships available each year for Bhutan, contingent on funding.

These fellowships are for highly motivated individuals who demonstrate leadership qualities, have completed the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree, have at least two years professional work experience, and are committed to return and contribute to their communities. The fellowships may be for one or two years.

Grant Benefits

The fellowship will provide the following 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.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants should:

- Have completed an equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree from a recognized university with at least 55% marks.
- Have at least two years full-time professional work experience relevant to the 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 employed, please obtain the endorsement from the appropriate administrative authority. The employer must indicate that leave will be granted for the fellowship period.

Eligible Fields of Study

Each applicant should choose one field of study that matches his/her chief area of interest. The following field descriptions are illustrative and applicants should note that individual academic host institution programs of study may differ in course offerings, subspecialties, and academic requirements.

- **Economic Development:** This field may be interpreted very broadly. Suitable candidates include policy makers and administrative managers focusing on contemporary development issues including agriculture and industrial development, poverty and income distribution, and foreign trade. Individuals who are working in the fields of sustainable development and micro-finance in the public or private sector are also appropriate. Suitable candidates also include individuals who are involved in the management of financial institutions, the regulation of depository institutions and securities, transnational lending and trade financing, or public-private partnerships. Corporate financial managers and analysts are appropriate if they are interested in and able to convey how their work will impact the development of the country.
- **Public Administration:** The study of management as it relates to the government sector (local, state, federal) or organizations serving the public. Subspecialties include: policy analysis, non-profit management, international development, public sector management, public finance, healthcare management, and city/urban development, among others. This field may also include: public management and leadership; financial management in public and non-profit organizations; poverty and inequality; gender; public finance and revenue administration; domestic and foreign development policies; political transition to market-based democracy; planning and the global knowledge economy; and private sector development.
- **Urban and Regional Planning:** The study of all aspects of urban and regional planning, including sustainable infrastructure, transportation policy, planning and improvements, water and sanitation, town and rural planning, equitability, public space programming and governance, land use, community visioning, urban resilience, housing and real estate development, and waste management, international and comparative planning, environmental protection and planning, public policy, social policy, urban redevelopment policy, economic development and planning, regional economic integration, economic conversion, urban finance management, and urban spatial analysis using geographic information systems.

Application Due Date: June 15, 2017

Timeline and Placement Process

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| June 15, 2017 | Application due date for 2018-2019 awards |
| June - July 2017 | Review applications to short-list candidates |

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| August 2017 | Interviews of short-listed candidates in Thimphu |
| September 2017 | 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 |
| March - April 2018 | U.S. Embassy New Delhi notifies finalists |
| May - June 2018 | Pre-Departure Orientation in India |
| July 2018 | Pre-academic training |
| August - September 2018 | Degree program begins |

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' preferred institutions and the candidates' competitiveness. 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.

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted online: <https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/international>

IMPORTANT: You can apply for only one Fulbright Masters fellowship category during a competition cycle. Plagiarism will lead to automatic disqualification, and applications received after the deadline will not be considered.