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Dear Sir/ Madam,

The American Center at U.S. Embassy Dhaka is pleased to announce this year's Fulbright Foreign Student Program, which provides several grants for a fully-funded master's degree in the United States. Preferred candidates include junior faculty from Bangladeshi universities, junior to mid-level employees of research organizations, think tanks, NGOs, and professionals from the public and private sectors. Grants will be offered for degrees in the following fields:

**Agricultural Sciences
Biology/ Chemistry/Physics/Pharmacy
Clinical Psychology
Economics/Development Studies
Education - Higher Education Administration/Education Policy
Environmental Studies & Disaster Management
Finance & Management
International Relations
Journalism - Media & Communication
Law - Dispute Resolution/Energy/Environmental/Natural Resources/Intellectual
Property/International Law
TESOL
Urban Planning**

Fulbright grant provisions include: round-trip airfare, tuition and related academic fees, a monthly stipend for room, board, and incidental expenses, a book allowance, health and accident insurance, travel allowance, and excess baggage allowance.

The program is extremely selective—in previous years, six to seven grants have been made after hundreds of applications were received and reviewed. It is anticipated that three of the grants this year will be awarded in the hard sciences, although the American Center reserves the right to revise all arrangements as necessary.

To be eligible, candidates must:

- Have at least a four-year bachelor's degree, with an outstanding academic record (preferably first class);
- Not have a degree from a U.S. university;
- Not hold a master's degree from any third country (those holding Bangladeshi master's degrees are eligible);
- Have at least two years full-time professional experience;
- Have relevant degrees and/or professional experience in their proposed field of study;
- Have a minimum iBT TOEFL score of 80
- Be between 24 – 30 years old;

- Be fluent in English;
- Be in good health;
- Be Bangladeshi citizens residing in Bangladesh at the time of application;
- Agree to return to Bangladesh upon completion of their studies in the U.S;
- Be willing to refund the cost of a return ticket if they return home before completion of the degree.

Applicants are requested to submit the **online** application by **Sunday, May 24, 2015**. Detailed instructions on how to fill out the online application form, as well as, a link to the online application site are available at:

http://dhaka.usembassy.gov/programs_for_undergrad_grad_students.html

Candidates may access the online application directly at: <https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/international/>.

Prospective candidates must also submit the following supplemental forms by **May 24, 2015**:

1. Please scan and upload copies of **Academic Transcripts; Certificates** from each post-secondary institution (Bachelor's and Master's) and **Academic Records Information Form** into the application. Please note, prospective candidates are **not** required to submit hard copies of supplemental forms to the American Center.
2. **Three Letters of Reference** – Reference letters must also be submitted online.
3. **Standardized Testing Requirements**

a. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

A valid and competitive TOEFL score is required for all candidates. Please upload a copy of your TOEFL score report with the online application.

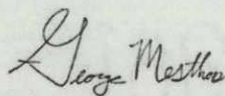
b. GRE/GMAT

A competitive GRE or GMAT score is required for admission to a master's program in the U.S. If applicants already have such a score, those results should be submitted along with the application. If an applicant has not yet taken these tests, the American Center can arrange testing for preliminarily selected candidates.

Applicants are encouraged to contact Ms. Shaheen Khan, Cultural Affairs Specialist at the American Center, at KhanSA@state.gov if they have any questions regarding the application procedures.

We look forward to receiving applications from exceptional candidates.

Sincerely,



George Mesthos
Cultural Affairs Officer for Educational and Exchange Programs