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## Fulbright Fellowship Program 2025

The Royal Civil Service Commission (RCSC) is pleased to announce the availability of (contingent on funding) scholarships for Master's Degree (1-2 years program) as follows:

- 1. Scholarship areas:
  - Economic Development;
  - Public Administration; and
  - Urban and Regional Planning.

# 2. Eligibility criteria:

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

### 3. General Requirements (in addition to program requirements in Sl.2)

- Applicants from the civil service must fulfill the in-service training eligibility criteria as per BCSR 2023; and
- Applicants from the private and corporate sectors must fulfill the requirements specified by the Department of Workforce Planning and Skills Development, MoESD

### 4. Scholarship benefits:

- J-1 visa support;
- Round-trip economy class air travel from fellow's home city to the host institution in the United States;

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- 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.

### 5. Timeline and placement process

SI #	Particulars	Date
1	Application due	21-July-2024
2	Review applications to short-list candidates	29-July-2024
3	Interviews of short-listed candidates	20-21-August-2024
4	<ul> <li>U.S. Embassy, New Delhi notifies principal and alternate nominees that they are recommended. Nominees take TOEFL and GRE tests.</li> <li>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</li> </ul>	September 2024
5	U.S. Embassy New Delhi notifies finalists	March-April 2025
6	Pre-Departure Orientation	May-June 2025
7	Pre-academic training	July 2025
8	Degree program begins	August-September 2025

#### 6. Application submission:

- Applications must be submitted online at: <u>https://apply.iie.org/ffsp2025.</u>
- <u>Click here</u> for the application guideline

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★ 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' competitiveness and desired field of study. 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.

### 7. Important notes:

- An applicant can apply for only one Fulbright Master's fellowship category during a competition cycle;
- Plagiarism will lead to automatic disqualification;
- There is no designated slot for each scholarship area;
- Extension and transfer of VISA sponsorship will not be permitted;
- Applications received after the deadline will not be considered; and
- It must be noted that the candidates who get through the selection interview just get nominated for the fellowship. Therefore, the selected candidate must understand that his/her actual enrollment is subject to final confirmation.
- The scholarship is provided under the funding of Fulbright Foreign Students Fellowship Program and all scholarship entitlements are confined to those offered by them.

For general clarifications/queries, contact Ms.Pema Lhamo, HRDD, RCSC at 02-323086 or you can also email at <a href="mailto:plamo@rcsc.gov.bt">plamo@rcsc.gov.bt</a> during office hours