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Fulbright Fellowship Program 2027

The Royal Civil Service Commission is pleased to announce the availability of scholarships (contingent on funding) for Master’s Degree programs (1–2 years duration) under the Fulbright Program for the 2027 - 2028 academic year. The scholarships are open to all fields of study and are awarded by the Government of the United States through the Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA).

1. Eligibility criteria:

Applicants must:

- Have completed the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor’s degree (four-year bachelor’s degree or equivalent) from a recognized university with at least 55% marks;
- Have a minimum of two years of full-time professional work experience relevant to the proposed field of study at the time of application;
- Demonstrate leadership qualities and community service experience;
- Not hold a U.S. degree or be currently enrolled in a U.S. degree program; and
- If employed, obtain endorsement from the appropriate administrative authority confirming that study leave will be granted for the fellowship period.

2. General requirements (in addition to the above criteria):

- Applicants from the civil service must fulfill the in-service training eligibility criteria as per the BCSR 2023, and the field of study must be aligned with their respective agency’s CPD plan.
- Applicants from the private and corporate sectors must fulfill the requirements specified by the Department of Workforce Planning and Skills Development, MoESD

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3. Timeline for the program:

#	Particulars	Date
1	Deadline for submission of applications	10-July-2026
2	Shortlisting of candidates	10-Aug-2026
3	Interviews of short-listed candidates	20-21 Aug-2026 (Tentative)
4	U.S. Embassy, New Delhi notifies principal and alternate nominees that they are recommended. Nominees take TOEFL and GRE tests.	September 2026
5	Technical review of applications by IIE, Washington, D.C.	October 2026
6	Selections made by Fulbright Board, Washington, DC	February, 2027
7	U.S. Embassy New Delhi notifies finalists	March-April 2027
8	Pre-Departure Orientation	May-June 2027
9	Pre-academic training	July 2027
10	Degree program begins	August-September 2027

4. Scholarship benefits:

- J-1 visa support;
- Round-trip economy air travel between home country and host institution in the U.S.
- Tuition, living expenses, and related allowances
- Accident and sickness insurance coverage as per U.S. Government guidelines

The U.S. funding may not cover all costs and the scholar may need to supplement grant benefits

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with other resources. The Fellowship Program provides no financial support for dependents.

5. Application submission:

- Applications must be submitted online at: <https://apply.iie.org/ffsp2027>
- Applicants should submit their applications by end of the day (11:59 PM Washington, D.C. time) on **10 July 2026** (EST as applicable).
- For the scholarship guideline, [Click here](#)

Placement of 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 will apply to 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.

Important notes:

- Applications must be complete for candidates to be considered. TOEFL scores are not required for an application to be treated as complete.
- An applicant may apply for only one fellowship category per competition cycle.
- Plagiarism will result in automatic disqualification.
- There is no designated slot for any specific field of study.
- Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.
- Shortlisting will be conducted by the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, and shortlisted candidates will be announced on the RCSC website.
- Candidates selected through the selection interview are only nominated; final selection is subject to approval by the U.S. Government.
- Visa sponsorship cannot be extended or transferred.
- All scholarship entitlements are strictly limited to those provided under the Fulbright Program.

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