

The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Consulate General in Lagos is pleased to announce the annual call for applications for the Fulbright Junior Staff Development (JSD) Program for the 2014/2015 academic year. The Junior Staff Development program is a research program funded by the U.S. Department of State, and administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE) in New York.

Deadline: Please note that the STRICT deadline for submitting online application and all supplementary documents is Friday, May 31, 2012 by 12 noon.

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Note: The grant does not cover travel of dependents, hence grantees will not be allowed to travel with spouse and children to the United States.

Fields of Study: Competition is open for the following study fields: Science, engineering, technology, arts, journalism/public relations/media studies, agriculture/food science, economics, environmental science, international relations, political science, public administration/policy, public health, and tourism.

Note: The JSD competition is extremely competitive, particularly in the fields of journalism, communication, and business administration, sciences such as chemistry, biology, physics, and engineering related disciplines.

Eligibility Requirements: To be eligible for a grant:

- 1) Applicants must be citizens or nationals of Nigeria, or permanent residents holding a valid passport issued by the government of Nigeria.
- 2) Applicants must be doctoral students who have completed a significant amount of their doctoral program in Nigerian universities

and have the endorsement of their home institution.

- 3) Applicants must have an outstanding academic record and high level of English proficiency.
- 4) Applicants must meet the minimum score on required standardized tests (TOEFL: a score of 90 & GRE a score of 800) Selected candidates will be registered for these tests.
- 5) Applicants must have high motivation and a serious commitment to completing the program as scheduled and to returning home.
- 6) Only applicants with strong proposals, outlining their research objectives, methodology, time-frame, and justification for conducting the research in the U.S. will be short-listed for interviews.
- 7) Preference will be given to applicants who have not studied in the U.S.
- 8) Those in business, law and accounting should understand that most U.S. institutions rarely accept research students in these fields due to high demand for full-time programs and tuition concerns. As a consequence, we face great challenges in finding placements for such grantees unless their proposals are tilted toward economics, development-related areas, democracy, human rights and conflict resolution.

Application and Instructions: The application and instructions can be found at <https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/international>

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A complete application includes:

1. An online application which includes:
 - o a clearly written research objective
 - o a professional resume
2. Three letters of reference specifying the personal, academic and professional competence of the candidate (submitted electronically and attached to the online application)
3. Official academic transcripts from each post-secondary institution attended should be scanned and attached to the online application; (official paper transcripts should also be sent at a later date)
4. TOEFL and GRE score reports.

Hard copies of official academic transcripts and other supplementary documents should be forwarded to our office by regular mail. Please address the envelope to:

Fulbright JSD Program Assistant, Public Affairs Section, U.S. Consulate

General, 2 Walter Carrington Crescent, Victoria Island, Lagos.

Enquiries: Applicants with specific questions not addressed by the online application instructions may e-mail them to Culturallagos@state.gov <<mailto:Culturallagos@state.gov>>

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