



Fulbright Degree Program (master's & PhD)

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Program Overview

The **Fulbright Degree Program** funds graduate study in the United States leading to *Masters or PhD degrees*. The grant covers tuition, textbooks, airfare, a living stipend, and health insurance. USEFP also assists with the visa process.

All academic disciplines are eligible **except clinical medicine**.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicant must be a **Pakistani citizen**, residing in Pakistan during the application process.
 - **For Master's:** Minimum of **16 years of formal education** (a 4-year bachelor's degree or a combination of Bachelor's + Master's).
 - **For PhD:** Minimum of **18 years of education** (Master's, MPhil, or equivalent).
 - Applicants from **all academic disciplines** (except clinical medicine) may apply.
 - **GRE General Test** is required. Under the new scoring system, a minimum of **145 in each section** is preferred.
 - Demonstrated **fluency in written and spoken English**.
 - Commitment to **return to Pakistan** and serve for a period equal to the duration of study funded by Fulbright.
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Ineligibility

- Hold **dual U.S./Pakistan nationality**.
 - Have a **spouse, parent, or child over 18** who is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
 - Are employees or dependents of USEFP, the U.S. Department of State, or USAID.
 - Have previously received a **Fulbright degree scholarship**.
 - Are currently studying or working on a long-term visa in another country.
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Application Components

- Online **application form** (available at www.usefp.org)
- **Three reference letters** (academic or professional)
- **GRE score report**
- **Scanned transcripts and degrees**, with grading scale
- **Study or research objectives statement**
- **Resume/CV** outlining academic and professional achievements

Program Benefits

- Full tuition and university fees
- Monthly living stipend + Health insurance
- Round-trip airfare + Visa assistance and pre-departure orientation

Stage	Period
Applications open	December
Application deadline	March
Screening & shortlisting	April – August
Interviews	July – September
Final selection	September – October
University placement	October – February
Pre-departure orientation	Spring
Departure to the U.S.	Summer / Fall semester



Additional Notes

- **GRE Reimbursement:** USEFP may reimburse GRE test fees for applicants meeting qualifying scores (300+ for sciences, 290+ for humanities).
 - **Bond Requirement:** Selected scholars must sign a contract to return and serve in Pakistan after completing their studies.
 - **Language Proficiency:** Shortlisted applicants may be required to take the **Duolingo English Test**.
 - **Work Experience:** Not mandatory but recommended for programs such as MBA or Public Policy.
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2. Fulbright Scholar Program (Research & Lectureship Grants)

Program Overview

The **Fulbright Scholar Program** is designed for Pakistani faculty members, researchers, and professionals who wish to conduct **postdoctoral research or teach at a U.S. institution**. The program supports up to **10 months** of academic work in the U.S.

Scholars contribute to their fields through research or lecturing and are expected to share their experiences upon returning to Pakistan.

Eligibility Criteria

- **PhD or terminal degree** in the relevant field.
 - Strong record of academic and/or professional achievement.
 - Well-formulated research or lecturing proposal aligned with Pakistan's development goals.
 - For lecturing roles: demonstrated **teaching experience at the university level**.
 - Strong English language skills.
 - Applicants from **all academic fields** except clinical medicine are eligible.
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Ineligibility

- Those who completed their PhD **within the last two years.**
 - Individuals who have undertaken **research or study in the U.S. in the past five years.**
 - Dual nationals (U.S./Pakistan) or those with **immediate family holding U.S. citizenship or permanent residence.**
 - Employees or dependents of **USEFP** or the **U.S. Department of State.**
 - Applicants currently residing, studying, or working abroad on long-term visas.
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Application Components

- Completed **online application form** (via [USEFP website](https://www.usefp.org/))
 - **Detailed research or lecturing proposal**
 - **Three reference letters**
 - **Invitation letter(s)** from U.S. institutions (mandatory at the time of application)
 - Updated **Curriculum Vitae (CV)**
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Program Benefits

- Round-trip airfare
 - Monthly living allowance
 - Health insurance
 - Research / incidental allowance
 - Funding support for **one accompanying dependent**
 - Assistance in visa processing and placement
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Program Duration & Cycle

Stage	Period
Application announcement	Summer 2025
Deadline	October 29, 2025
Review & selection	Winter 2025
Program start	Fall 2026

Proposal Guidelines

Applicants are encouraged to:

- Clearly define research objectives, methodology, and expected outcomes.
- Demonstrate how the project contributes to Pakistan's academic, professional, or socio-economic growth.
- Provide evidence of potential collaboration or impact beyond the grant period.

Dependents

The Fulbright Scholar grant allows scholars to bring **one dependent** (spouse or child) with partial financial support. Additional dependents may accompany at the scholar's own expense.