



## **GUIDELINES AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY FOR THE 2020-2021 JORDANIAN VISITING SCHOLAR (POST-DOCTORAL) RESEARCH OR LECTURE FULBRIGHT GRANTS**

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The Jordanian-American Commission for Educational Exchange (JACEE), also known as the Binational Fulbright Commission (BFC) in Jordan, announces the availability of Fulbright Awards for Jordanian scholars wishing to conduct research or lecture in the United States during the academic year 2020-2021.

Grants are awarded for periods ranging from **four (4)** to **nine (9)** months. Occasionally they may be extended for a limited period, but no grant extends beyond nine months. Any such extension requests will be reviewed by the Binational Fulbright Commission Board at least three months before the end of the grant period. Although grant extensions are discouraged, each request will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis based on the merits of the proposed extension and whether additional funding is available. Extensions are rarely approved.

### **Requirements of Eligibility:**

1. The applicant must be a Jordanian citizen only.
2. The applicant must have a doctorate or its equivalent in professional training or experience.
3. Proficiency in English appropriate to the proposed lecturing or research project to be carried out in the United States.
4. The applicant must be currently engaged in teaching or significant research at a Jordanian university or research institution.
5. The Applicant must **NOT** be an American citizen (including dual nationals) nor an alien resident (green card holder) nor should he/she desire residence in the United States. Fulbright grantees enter the U.S. on an exchange visitor (J-1) visa which stipulates that the grantee return to Jordan at the conclusion of the grant period for a minimum of two years. Waivers of this 2-year home residency requirement will **NOT** be considered and will be denied.
6. The applicant must secure an approved leave of absence from his/her institution. Generally this requirement is worked-out in favor of those on sabbatical leaves. However, grants are not limited to those on sabbatical.
7. Grantees are not allowed to take a paying job during the term of their award. The U.S. host institution provides access to its research facilities, equipment, office space, secretarial help, and other assistance. No financial support is expected of the host U.S. institution.
8. Applicants must indicate and list in the Application or C.V. the number of publications, titles and/or co-authorship in academic and professional journals related to your field of specialization or discipline.

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### **The Selection Process**

**The Fulbright Commission in Jordan is only accepting applications online.**

Online applications are received and reviewed by the members of the Fulbright Commission's Selection Review Committee (SRC) and each application will be ranked. The staff at the Fulbright office is available to discuss the research proposal and institutional affiliations.

The Fulbright office will forward all final and ranked applications together to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board in Washington, D.C. who will review the Commission's nominations and will decide on the individual grant awards. The decisions are generally announced in January of the following year (2020).

**The statement of the proposed activity is a very important determinant in the selection process.** It will be read and evaluated by experts in the applicant's field and, also, by individuals concerned with broader interests in educational exchange. Accordingly, research which is of obvious benefit to the Jordanian society and to international understanding, as well as its significance to the development of an individual career in the context of his/her institution, is more likely to be funded under this program.

Other variables include the availability of travel funds. Should the applicant be nominated for this grant, he/she or the nominating institution will be responsible to provide the round-trip international travel from Amman for the grantee and his/her dependents, if applicable.

Grantees with dependents expecting to travel to the U.S. must purchase suitable health insurance coverage for the accompanying dependents for the duration of the grant period. This expense will be the responsibility of the grantee.

Grantees are expected to take care of any university or Jordanian Government requirements in preparing for their departure. The Fulbright office will assist in obtaining the visa to the United States.

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