Fulbright Foreign Student Program in the MENA Region

2026 Application Now Open!

Application Deadline: June 12, 2025

The U.S. Embassy in Algeria is pleased to announce the opening of the 2026 Fulbright Foreign Student Program application. The Fulbright Foreign Student Program provides participants from Algeria the opportunity to pursue graduate-level study in the United States. Participants also have the unique opportunity to experience life in the United States and share their culture and traditions with Americans.

Participants will be selected through an open, merit-based competition in which leadership potential, academic excellence, and the ability to adjust to life in the United States are considered. By receiving a Fulbright Foreign Student Program award, participants become part of a global network of Fulbright participants and alums.

The Fulbright Foreign Student Program is a program of the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and is administered by Amideast in the Middle East and North Africa region.

Selected candidates should be available for interviews in Algiers during summer 2025. In addition, Fulbright participants are subject to the 212(e) home-country physical presence requirement. Upon completion of their Program, participants are required to return to their home country or territory to complete the two-year residency requirement before being eligible for immigrant and certain nonimmigrant U.S. visas. For more details, please visit the U.S. Department of State website.

What does the Fulbright Foreign Student Program provide?

- Tuition and required fees for graduate study or research in the United States.
- Monthly stipend for reasonable living costs and other allowances that may vary by country.
- A limited health benefits plan.
- Opportunities to participate in Fulbright Pre-Academic Programs or Enrichment Seminars.

Who is eligible to apply?

- Applicants must be a citizen or permanent resident able to hold a passport from Algeria.
- U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants must reside in Algeria throughout the application, selection, nomination, and placement processes.
- Hold a degree equivalent to a U.S. bachelor's degree from an accredited institution by the program start date.
  Have a strong academic background.
- (Optional): Have two years of professional work experience.
- Preference is given to applicants who have little or no previous experience studying or living in the United States.
- Applicants must be proficient in English or able to attend a Long-Term English (LTE) program prior to the start of the academic program.
- Applicants may apply for most fields of study, including the humanities, social sciences, science, technology, and engineering. However, programs involving clinical studies, such as medicine and

nursing, are not permitted. Non-clinical programs, such as public health and nursing administration, are permitted.

What is the application process?

The most up-to-date information on how to apply, including eligibility requirements, can be found on the Exchange Programs and Deadlines – U.S. Embassy in Algeria website. Complete an application on the 2026 Fulbright application website. Ensure that you are selecting the **2026-2027 cycle** when completing your application.

Applicants are required to submit electronic copies of the following documents with their online application:

- Original academic transcripts and certified translations, if originals are not in English.
- TOEFL or IELTS, or Duolingo scores (*if available*)
- A current résumé or CV detailing all prior education and work experience.
- Three letters of recommendation, in English, or with certified translation into English.
- A personal statement, in English, up to 600 words in length.
- A study/research objective statement, in English, relating to the field of study or research.
- Passport copy (if available)

Application Tips

- Write clearly, using professional and understandable language.
- Demonstrate why you have chosen your field of study and how you are uniquely qualified to participate in the Fulbright Program.
- Use specific examples from your previous academic, professional, and personal experience.
- Proofread all materials for grammatical errors and spelling mistakes.
- Refrain from using sarcasm, jokes, or inappropriate humor.
- Cite any outside sources used in your essays. Plagiarism is a serious offense and may result in disqualification.
- All submitted work should be your own, based on your own original thoughts, ideas, and level of English language proficiency.