



# FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM



## FULBRIGHT-HOVNANIAN GRANT

The Fulbright-Hovnanian Grant, sponsored by the Hirair and Anna Hovnanian Foundation, awards grants to Armenian students with a vision for contributing to Armenia's future through a Master's Degree in STEM fields and/or entrepreneurship.

**DEADLINE FOR APPLYING: MAY 24, 2019**

The Fulbright Foreign Student Program awards grants to students to conduct Master's Degree studies at U.S. universities. These studies will be funded pending: a successful application for a J-1 visa; receipt of medical clearance; and successful academic placement at a U.S. institution of higher education by the Institute for International Education (IIE). Applicants share a strong academic background, leadership potential, and the adaptability and flexibility to pursue their Fulbright goals successfully.

### *YOU'RE ELIGIBLE IF YOU HAVE:*

- Armenian citizenship and residency
- Completed your BA studies by the start of the grant
- Proficiency in English/successful TOEFL and GRE exams
- Completed your online application, including research paper
- Completed or deferred your military service

### *ELIGIBLE FIELDS OF STUDY ARE:*

- STEM (science, technology, engineering or math)
- Fields of study that relate to entrepreneurship

## **INTERESTED? COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION HERE:**

<https://apply.iie.org/ffsp2020>

You'll need to have these items ready before you begin the online application process:

1. A personal statement describing why you want to study in the U.S.
2. A "Field of Study" essay describing your academic and professional goals
3. A personal statement describing how your degree will contribute to Armenia's future
4. Three people who will submit a letter of recommendation for you. These should be people who can speak to your academic abilities and professional goals.
5. If you have them, your most recent test scores for the TOEFL and/or GRE. (If you don't have these, you can still apply—the Embassy will arrange testing for you if you are selected as one of the final candidates. In this case please enter any optional date in August 2019.)

### **Tips for the application process:**

In using the online application system, you'll need to first register by creating a user name and a password, and proceed as prompted by the application. **Save your data** after completing each page. You will be able to log off and return to your application later if you need to complete it over several sittings. All applicants will be able to send online

requests for recommendation letters to their recommenders. Please submit your online application ONLY when all information is complete and the supplementary documents are obtained. Once you submit your application, you will not have access to it and will not be able to view it. Only online applications will be considered. Please refer to the application instructions document, posted together with this announcement, for guidance.

## What happens next?

All applications, including references, undergo technical and academic reviews. Candidates who satisfy all requirements will be interviewed by the Embassy Fulbright Selection Committee. The Committee will submit the names of the selected finalists to the Fulbright Board of Foreign Scholarships in the U.S. for final approval. Selected grantees will be notified of final approval when their affiliations at U.S. universities are confirmed in June 2020 and funding is available.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **What are the selection criteria?** *The following factors are considered: professional qualifications, research proposal (quality, feasibility), how the acquired knowledge will be used upon return to contribute to Armenia, English language competence, need for the project to be undertaken in the United States, quality of references. Preference will be given to candidates with little or no previous experience in the United States.*
- **What are the basic benefits included in the scholarship?** *Round-trip international travel; tuition at your U.S. university; a monthly stipend for the length of the program; supplemental health and accident coverage; a book and materials allowance; and participation in Fulbright enrichment activities.*
- **Can family members accompany me?** *No.*
- **Do I have to arrange university placement in the United States?** *The Institute of International Education (IIE) is responsible for placing Fulbright Visiting Students at universities. IIE works hard to ensure the best placement available for your field of study, research interests and qualifications. IIE considers factors such as appropriateness of program and institution for the student, availability of financial assistance, and diversity in terms of type of institution and geographic location in their placement recommendation. You may indicate a preference on your application, if you wish.*
- **How should I provide my references?** *References should be provided online together with the application. A request for a reference letter is sent to the recommender through the online system and is received by the program coordinator at the U.S. Embassy. You will receive a notification when the recommendation letter is submitted.*
- **When should I take a Language Test?** *English Language test score (TOEFL or IELTS, and GRE) must be submitted with each application. Applicants not possessing a test score dating from the past two years or less must take the TOEFL and GRE tests no later than mid-September 2019. The Embassy will arrange testing for you if you are selected as one of the final candidates. Armenia administers an Internet based test (IBT).*
- **Specifics of the Slate web-based application system** – *Please use the application instructions document posted on the Embassy website together with this announcement as a reference when you have questions. When you start an online application, you are asked to check your eligibility with the U.S. Embassy before starting the application. It also requests mailing supplementary forms to the Embassy. Please do not mail any hard copy documents to the Embassy. Instead – use the Supplemental Forms section to upload into Embark any additional document which you would like to be included in your application. Also, there is no need to contact the Embassy prior to starting your application.*

The Embassy will organize several sessions for potential applicants during March and April. Please follow the Embassy webpage and Facebook page for details. For any other questions, please email us at [YerevanFulbright@state.gov](mailto:YerevanFulbright@state.gov).