



**2020-2021 FULBRIGHT AFRICAN RESEARCH SCHOLAR PROGRAM (ARSP)
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
DEADLINE MAY 15, 2019**

The Embassy of the United States of America to Mauritius and Seychelles is accepting applications for the 2020-2021 Fulbright African Research Scholar Program (ARSP).

Deadline to apply: May 15, 2019

Applications must be completed online at <https://apply.iie.org/fvsp2020>.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Two categories of grants are offered in the ARSP: research grants and program and curriculum development grants.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Awards of 3 to 9 months are offered for African university faculty or research institute professionals to conduct research in any academic discipline at a U.S. academic or research institution beginning no earlier than August 2020 and no later than March 2021. Applicants must hold a doctorate or equivalent terminal degree in their fields. Preference will be given to individuals who have at least three years of university teaching experience and a productive scholarly record.

PROGRAM AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Awards of 3 to 5 months are offered for African university faculty or administrators to conduct research in any academic discipline at a U.S. academic or research institution beginning no earlier than August 2020 and no later than March 2021. Proposals should be linked to professional duties and demonstrate how the scholar will use the knowledge gained to develop new courses, curricula, or other academic programs at the home institution. These grants are designed for university faculty or administrators with less experience and who may not have had recent access to research or instructional developments in their disciplines. A doctorate degree is not required, but applicants must hold a minimum of a master's or equivalent graduate degree.

RESEARCH FIELDS

We welcome research proposals in all fields of study. However, we strongly encourage research proposals that focus on:

- STEAM Education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics)
- Entrepreneurship & Innovation
- Democracy & Rule of Law
- Transparency and Good Governance
- Women's Empowerment

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ELIGIBILITY

1. The ARSP is open to scholars in all disciplines and without regard to gender or age; however, proposals for clinical medical research involving patient contact cannot be approved under the Fulbright Program.
2. **Applicants must be citizens of the Republic of Mauritius/Republic of Seychelles.**
3. Applicants for research grants must hold a doctorate degree or equivalent terminal degree in their fields. Preference is given to individuals who have at least three years of university teaching experience and a productive scholarly record.
4. Applicants without doctorate degrees but who hold a master's or equivalent graduate degree are eligible in the program and curriculum development category.
5. Applications for doctoral dissertation research, postdoctoral research immediately following the completion of a doctorate degree, or general professional travel, are ineligible.
6. Preference will be given to candidates who have not previously received a Fulbright scholar grant.
7. Preference will be given to candidates who have had no experience or limited experience in the U.S.
8. Applicants must have sufficient proficiency in English to carry out their research projects and collaborate effectively with colleagues. TOEFL exams are not required, but the U.S. Embassy will evaluate English-language proficiency through a documented interview conducted in-person or by videoconferencing, or by telephone if videoconferencing is not a viable option.
9. Applicants must be in good health. Successful candidates will be asked to submit a Medical History and Examination Report.

10. Scholars who were unsuccessful in previous competitions may re-apply. Repeat applicants should revise their proposals, update curriculum vitae, and obtain current letters of reference.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON APPLICATIONS

1. The U.S. Embassy may submit no more than five applications.
2. Scholars must indicate the grant category for which they are applying (research or program and curriculum development). The Institute of International Education (IIE) will assign scholars who do not indicate a preference to an appropriate category.
3. Each application must include three letters of reference.
4. Letters of invitation are strongly encouraged but not required. Applicants are discouraged from requesting affiliation with an alma mater. IIE will honor institutional affiliation preferences as far as possible. Applicants unfamiliar with U.S. institutions may request that IIE identify suitable placements.
5. **Laboratory fees are not part of the standard benefits package for the ARSP. They are awarded on a limited, case-by-case basis, and only if funding is available.**

Only shortlisted candidates will be called for interview. Incomplete applications or applications submitted past the deadline **will not be considered**.

For any query, please send an email to portlouispas@gmail.com with subject line "Query: Fulbright African Regional Scholar Program".