

2011-2012 Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program

The Program:

The U.S. Embassy in Tbilisi is pleased to announce the annual Fulbright competition for Georgian scholars for the 2011--2012 academic year.

The Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program is a non-degree, post-doctoral award program for junior and senior researchers, university lecturers and experts from academic institutions in Georgia who wish to conduct post-doctoral research, lecture, or pursue combined lecturing and research in the United States.

The Fulbright Scholarship is one of the most exclusive and important scholarships offered by the U.S. Government to Georgian academics. The recruitment of candidates for the Fulbright Visiting Scholars Program is carried out based on an open competition by the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy Tbilisi.

All candidates must currently be affiliated with one of the universities in Georgia. Special preference will be given to candidates who have the capacity and commitment to take full advantage of a program of research or lecturing at a U.S. institution, and who are willing to share their experience and knowledge after returning to Georgia. The Fulbright experience should be of value not only to the scholar, but also to the scholar's home university – its students and faculty – as well as to the host U.S. institution. Fulbright scholars serve as cultural ambassadors and should be prepared to speak about their country, culture, and research to academic and community groups.

The Fulbright Program was established in 1946 and is named after former Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. Under the Fulbright Program, thousands of scholars have established professional contacts in their field and made long-lasting friendships with colleagues in the United States; have developed collaborative research relationships with U.S. scholars; and have enhanced their scholarly publications and made other contributions through research conducted in the United States.

Eligible Fields:

Agriculture Engineering

American Studies Environmental Sciences

Biology Film Studies
Business Administration History

Chemistry Information Sciences

Economics Journalism

Education Law

Library Science Public/Global Health

MathematicsSocial WorkMedical SciencesSociology

Physics Teaching English as a Foreign Language

Political Science Theater

Psychology Urban Planning

Public Administration

Eligibility Requirements:

· Applicants must be citizens of Georgia

- · Applicants must hold a Ph.D. in the field of research/lecturing or a Master's degree from a European or U.S. university
- · Applicants must be proficient in oral and written English
- · Applicants must be eligible for J-1 visa, which requires the grantee to return to Georgia for a minimum of two years at the end of the grant period
- · Applicants must receive a satisfactory medical clearance

Please note: Persons desiring permanent residence in the United States are not eligible.

Application Process:

Interested applicants who meet the criteria as outlined above should complete an online application at: https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/scholars

Online Application Includes the Following:

- Detailed project statement of proposed activity for research/lecturing in the U.S.
- Detailed Curriculum Vitae (resume)
- Three (3) Letters of Reference
- Bibliography (research proposal) and/or Course Syllabi (lecturing proposal)
- Letter of invitation from a preferred U.S. host Institution (optional)
- Photocopy of Doctoral Degree
- Copy of passport

The submission deadline for the online application is <u>November 14, 2010</u>. Short listed candidates will be interviewed in November; final selection and placement will be made in early 2011.

Presentations about the Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program will be held:

7 October, 17:00 - Tbilisi State University, Building 2, Room#135

Address: 3, Chavchavadze Avenue

12 October, 17:00 - Ilia State University, Building A, Room#101

Address: 32, Chavchavadze Avenue

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