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Study for a Ph.D. in the United States!

**2009 Fulbright/HEC/USAID Scholarship Competition
Application Deadline: May 1, 2008**

The majority of funding for this program is provided by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of the Government of Pakistan in addition to funding from USAID. This program will fund up to four years of graduate study in the United States towards a Ph.D. degree. This may be coursework and/or research towards a Ph.D. or an entire program. Successful candidates will begin their program of study in the fall of 2009. In addition to academic work, persons selected are expected to share information about Pakistani life and culture with their U.S. colleagues and with community groups in the U.S. On returning to Pakistan, Fulbright grantees are expected to share their U.S. experiences with colleagues and community groups in Pakistan.

All disciplines are welcome to apply, with the exception of clinical medicine. Priority will be given to the pure and applied sciences, technology, agriculture, health, economics, finance and fields essential for Pakistan's socio-economic development. The grant funds tuition, required textbooks, airfare, a trip home after two years, a living stipend, and health insurance. USEFP will assist with the visa application process.

Applicants with more than two years of research and work experience in their field are strongly encouraged to apply. Successful applicants must be committed to serving Pakistan. It is highly desirable that candidates have work experience in teaching, research, or the public sector in Pakistan. They must be Pakistani citizens with a strong academic history and either an M.Phil or four year's Bachelors and Master's degree totaling 18 years of formal education from an accredited university. Successful candidates should be poised to assume a leadership position in their field. Successful applicants will be required to post a bond with the HEC. This bond is redeemable on a year-for-year basis after returning to work in Pakistan, so that as long as a person fulfills his/her service requirement, the grantee will not have to pay anything.

Employees and their spouses, fiancés, siblings, children and parents of the Fulbright organization, the U.S. Department of State, USAID or the HEC are also ineligible.

Please note that GRE and TOEFL scores must be submitted along with the application. **For applicants who are taking the GRE and TOEFL after the application deadline, proof of registration must be attached with your application and scores must be received by July 1, 2008.** Applicants must possess a high level of fluency in spoken and written English. The minimum iBT TOEFL score required is 90. On the GRE, a minimum score of 300 is required on each section of the examination, with a higher score on the section most applicable to the applicant's field of study.

You may apply to both the Masters and Ph.D. program, **as a continued Masters leading to Ph.D.** USEFP awards grants in the program it considers most appropriate.

All application materials (original and one copy), including references, must be received by USEFP by 4:30 p.m. on May 1, 2008.

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