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Dear Sir/ Madam

The American Center at U.S. Embassy Dhaka is pleased to announce the 2014 Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program. Fulbright Visiting Scholar awards are offered to senior Bangladeshi university faculty members and researchers at think-tanks and relevant non-governmental organizations to conduct research and/or teach in the United States. Successful candidates will be awarded six-to-nine months research grants beginning in September 2014, and in some cases semester-long lecture grants may also be available. The American Center seeks proposals on a wide range of topics in education (particularly those focused on university administration), the social sciences, the humanities, environmental science, agricultural science, and the arts.

The program is intended for highly motivated scholars with advanced degrees (Ph.D. or professional equivalent) who propose to conduct research and/or teach in the fields of their specialization. Candidates must have excellent English language skills to function professionally in an American university setting. Applicants must return to Bangladesh immediately after completion of their research or teaching assignments.

Applicants must submit their applications online. All relevant documents in support of the application, including three reference letters, confirmed letters of invitation, correspondence from U.S. institutions, curriculum vitae, and passport copies for the scholar and all accompanying dependents. should be uploaded electronically through the application webpage. The application is available at https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/scholars. Applicants should create a log-in account in order to access the application. A copy of the announcement and complete instructions are also available at http://dhaka.usembassy.gov/educational_cultural_exchanges.html. **Applicants must read instructions thoroughly before completing the application form.**

Applicants should submit a detailed and carefully written research proposal that can be completed during the grant period. The program is highly competitive, and the selection committee places great emphasis on the proposal.

To apply for the lecturing grant, prospective candidates must have extensive teaching experience. Experience teaching abroad is an added qualification. Candidates must submit course syllabi along with curriculum vitae and a **confirmed** invitation to lecture.

Applicants must be Bangladeshi citizens residing in Bangladesh at the time of application. Applicants possessing U.S. permanent residency or citizenship, or in the process of receiving U.S. permanent residency, will not be eligible for the award. Due to funding limitations, applicants who have spent significant periods of study outside Bangladesh or who have recently received a major U.S. government grant must wait five years before applying for a senior Fulbright award. Only in extremely rare circumstances will an applicant who has previously received a Fulbright Visiting Scholar grant be awarded a second grant.

Grant benefits for the Visiting Scholar program include related expenses, a stipend, and the cost of the grantee's roundtrip air tickets. The grant also includes a monthly allowance for one dependent only, and only if that dependent will spend at least 80% of the grant period with the grantee. If a grantee receives a nine-month grant, a dependent will be eligible to receive an air ticket only if she/he remains with the grantee at least 80% of the time. **Upon successful completion of the grant, all grantees are required to report to the American Center and submit their research findings in writing.**

The deadline for submitting the online application and all required documents is **Sunday, November 17, 2013**. After a review of proposals, short-listed candidates will be called for interviews.

For further information, please contact Cultural Affairs Specialist, Ms. Shaheen Khan, at the American Center at KhanSA@state.gov .

We look forward to receiving exceptional proposals.

Sincerely,

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