



## **160 Fulbright Scholarships for 2008 Announced**

Islamabad, February 5, 2007 -- The United States Educational Foundation in Pakistan (USEFP) announced Sunday that it is now accepting applications for Fulbright advanced degree grants for 2008. As many as 160 scholarships for Master's and Ph.D. degrees will be awarded in Pakistan under the Fulbright program this year.

"The U.S. government is proud of the Fulbright Commission in Pakistan and the USEFP for its long record of strong integrity of selecting excellent candidates through open competition and its transparent administration," U.S. Ambassador Ryan C. Crocker said.

The Fulbright scholarship program in Pakistan, which is the largest of the 141 Fulbright programs in the world, funds tuition at an accredited university in the U.S., as well as required textbooks, airfare, a living stipend, and health insurance. The USEFP also assists with the visa process.

"The Fulbright program is the flagship program of all U.S.-government funded academic and exchange programs," the Executive Director of United States Education Foundation in Pakistan, Dr. Grace Clark said. "The goal of all the Fulbright programs is increasing the mutual understanding of the people of the U.S. and the people of other countries throughout the world," she added.

Women, minorities and students from Balochistan, Sindh, NWFP, FATA and the Northern Areas are strongly encouraged to apply. People considering applying for Fulbright grants for degree programs should register to take the GRE and TOEFL tests immediately, as these are required for the application.

Students can apply for a Master's, Ph.D., or Master's leading to Ph.D. program. The Master's Program is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The Fulbright/USAID Master's Program funds up to two years of graduate study for a Master's degree in the United States. All disciplines are eligible, with the exception of clinical medical fields. About 100 Master's scholarships will be awarded. Applicants for the Master's program must have completed 16 years of formal education.

The Higher Education Commission of the Government of Pakistan and USAID fund the Fulbright/HEC/USAID Ph.D. Program. This program supports Ph.D. studies for up to four years with priority given to the pure and applied sciences, agriculture, health, economics, education and economic development. About 50 such scholarships will be awarded.





Up to another 10 scholarships for up to four years of study towards a Ph.D. will be awarded under the Fulbright Regular Student Program, funded by the U.S. Department of State. Priority fields for this program are arts, humanities, and social sciences. With the exception of clinical medical fields, all disciplines are eligible to apply for both of these Ph.D. programs. Applicants for Ph.D. programs must have completed 18 years of formal education.

The United States Educational Foundation in Pakistan is a bi-national commission dedicated to improving mutual understanding of the people of Pakistan and the people of the United States of America through educational exchange opportunities. The Foundation's programs focus on higher educational experiences in the U.S. and Pakistan.

Persons with a dual U.S./Pakistan nationality or who have a spouse, parent, fiancé or child over 18 years of age who is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident are ineligible. Employees of the Fulbright organization or the U.S. Department of State and their spouses, fiancés, siblings, dependents, children and parents are also ineligible. Also, employees of USAID and their spouses, fiancés, siblings, dependents, children and parents are ineligible for the USAID Master's as are both USAID and HEC employees and their spouses, fiancés, siblings, dependents for the HEC Ph.D. program.

More information about these programs as well as testing and advising services can be found on the United States Educational Foundation in Pakistan website: [www.usefpakistan.org](http://www.usefpakistan.org) or by writing to USEFP, P.O. Box 1128, Islamabad 44000.

