



THE FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAMME IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2024–2025 ACADEMIC YEAR.



The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) received an invitation to participate in the Fulbright Foreign Student Programme. The programme provides grants for South African university graduates to pursue post-graduate studies at a United States university in any subject (excludes MBA and studies that require contact with patients). Students are selected through a rigorous application and interview process and receive a high level of support ranging from visa processing and health insurance to a comprehensive pre-departure orientation and re-entry session.

1. Eligibility criteria

A limited number of scholarships will be awarded to female and male professionals who are:

- South African citizens or a permanent residents with a minimum of five years of permanent residency status in South Africa;
- non-degree (Visiting student researcher) students registered for a PhD with a South African university;
- in possession of a four-year bachelor's degree, or a three-year bachelor's degree plus honour's year, or a four-year BTech degree when applying for Master's;
- in possession of a Master's degree when applying for a Doctoral degree;
- proficient in English to enable them to engage in graduate level study in the United States;
- able to meet the minimum scores on required standardised tests, such as the GRE and TOEFL (tested by Fulbright when invited to the semi-final round);
- highly motivated and committed to returning to South Africa after completing the programme;
- in the agriculture and land reform sector in provincial government, secondary or higher vocational or academic education institutions, universities, private sector, commissions or selected NGOs as officials, farmers, unemployed graduates and students.

2. What the scholarship will cover

The scholarship will cover the following:

- Travel allowance and transportation from South Africa to the authorised United States destination;
- Health benefits;
- Settling in allowance upon arrival in the United States;
- Monthly maintenance allowance (to cover living expenses);
- Tuition and fees;
- Book and computer allowance;
- J-1 visa sponsorship.

3. Fields of study

DALRRD will only support students who enroll for agriculture-related:

- PhD programmes
- Master's degrees.

4. Application process

Before applying, applicants should review the eligibility criteria carefully and check that their employer is willing to nominate them for the scholarship. Applicants should follow the steps below and apply through the Fulbright website: <https://za.usembassy.gov/fulbright-foreign-student-program/>.

Closing dates:

The closing is **1 May 2023**. **Late or incomplete application forms will not be accepted or considered.**

Note:

All online applications and supporting documents should be submitted to Mr M Sello Tlhatlha and Ms Jacky Smit (**before or on the given deadlines**) on the following email addresses (JackyS@dalrrd.gov.za and SelloTlh@dalrrd.gov.za):

- Application form
- Updated Curriculum Vitae
- Copies of ID or passport
- Copies of qualifications



agriculture, land reform
& rural development

Department:
Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Enquiries:

Mr Sello Tlhatlha
Tel.: 012 919 7159
Email: SelloTlh@dalrrd.gov.za

For further enquiries:

Ms Jacky Smit
Tel.: 012 319 7019
Email: JackyS@Dalrrd.gov.za