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Subject: **Fulbright Master's Program Fall 2015**

Dear

It is my pleasure to inform you that you have been selected as a **Principal Candidate** for the Fulbright Master's Program in the United States beginning in fall of 2015. On behalf of USEFP, I congratulate you on your nomination for this award.

It is important to note that your receiving the award is contingent on a number of things:

1. Your grant is contingent on available funding, although at this time we do anticipate having the funding to support your award.
2. The grant is dependent on approval from the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board in Washington, D.C., which has the final authority for approving grants. In the past, almost all of the people USEFP has put forward have been approved.
3. The grant is contingent on your successful placement by USEFP and Institute of International Education (IIE) at a suitable accredited U.S. academic program.
4. The grant is contingent on your receiving final medical clearance from ECA, U.S. Department of State.
5. The grant is contingent on your attending a Pre-academic training assignment if recommended by USEFP and IIE (Dependents are not allowed during these assignments).
6. The grant is contingent on your receiving the U.S. visa.
7. The grant is contingent upon your following all the instructions and meeting all the requirements and deadlines set by USEFP.
8. The grant is also contingent upon your improving the GRE/TOEFL scores up to the limit set by IIE for securing placement in your proposed field. This limit varies from subject to subject. You will be informed of this requirement at an appropriate stage.
9. If you are enrolled or planning to enroll in a Master's program in any foreign country after receiving this letter, you must notify USEFP immediately. Failure to do so can jeopardize your grant.
10. Failure to meet the deadlines given by USEFP during the process, for whatever reasons, can jeopardize your grant.

11. If during the process you move to another country and are not residing in Pakistan and therefore cannot meet our processing deadlines (including deadlines for sending required documents, retaking any standardized exam or visa processing), then your grant can be withdrawn.
12. If you are currently a student and, for any reason, unable to provide your final transcript before the end of December 2014, your grant will be withdrawn.

Your Fulbright grant will pay for tuition for full-time course work for a Master's degree for one, two or three years, depending on the program requirement. It will also pay for a living stipend, a book allowance, health insurance and one air fare to and from the U.S. as per USEFP policies. This grant does not provide support for dependents.

We would like to proceed with your application quickly. Please submit the following documents to the USEFP office as soon as possible:

1. Copies of data pages of your current/valid passport
2. Curriculum Vitae

We would like to explain briefly some of the steps and timelines in this process.

Your U.S. University Affiliation: The Institute for International Education (IIE), a contract agency of the U.S. Department of State, will work towards admission for you at a U.S. university. IIE has years of experience affiliating Fulbrighters with U.S. higher education institutions. On your behalf, IIE will apply for admission to four to five universities. We would like to mention here that placing you at a school that matches your capabilities and interests is one of our priorities. The placement process requires locating a department that will advise you and support you and your Fulbright experience in a way that best suits your needs. Your final submission plan will be shared with you at an appropriate time, just for your information. The final placement will be decided by USEFP in consultation with IIE. Cost share will be one of the major factors in finalizing your placement. Direct applications or admissions to any U.S. university/ies will not be considered. It is worth mentioning that universities may contact you directly about your application from IIE but you are not permitted to contact or negotiate with the universities on your own. The placement process takes several months. We will be sending detailed information about the placement process to you very soon. Please be patient.

Grant Documents: Prior to the start of your grant, USEFP will send you your formal grant documents and Addendum to the Terms & Conditions. These documents will be sent to you once your university placement has been finalized. Specifically, your grant documents will provide information on your physical placement (i.e. location in the U.S.), financial details of the grant and the duration of your stay along with details about your other allowances. You will be required to sign and return the grant documents and addendum to USEFP noting your acceptance of the grant. Please remember that the grant stipend is not meant to support dependents in the U.S.

One of the reasons USAID is funding these grants is to support the development of Pakistan. You will also be required to sign a contract with USEFP in which you agree to reimburse USEFP

for the costs of your U.S. education should you fail to return and serve Pakistan. The terms and conditions you will be asked to sign, as well as the contract, commit you to returning to Pakistan immediately after the end of your program in the U.S. You are obligated to return and serve Pakistan for a minimum of two years, three if you are in a three-year program.

Visa Processing Timelines: USEFP has an excellent working relationship with the visa section at the U.S. Embassy and they make every effort to assist us in the timely processing of our grantees' visas. Nevertheless, the process by which visas are issued can still be lengthy. Recently, visa-processing timelines of three weeks to three months have been typical. Completing the required information as soon as possible may help avoid unnecessary delays. Rest assured that USEFP will assist you throughout the visa process.

Orientation: We shall hold a pre-departure orientation next summer at which we shall spend a few days helping to prepare you for your U.S. experience. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet with previous Fulbrighters and share any questions or concerns that you might have.

Travel Arrangements: Once all these things have been finalized and you have received your visa, USEFP will make your U.S. travel arrangements. USEFP is guided by significant U.S. federal regulations when booking your travel and must follow these guidelines.

While You Wait: After you complete and return to USEFP the enclosed information, you may not hear from us for some time. Please be patient and be assured that any information we receive about your grant will be communicated to you immediately.

Should you have questions about any of the above information, please contact your Program Officer via email (madeeha@usefpakistan.org) or phone 051-8431-523.

Please let USEFP know of any short or longer-term address changes in the coming months. Also, it is important to inform USEFP if you are pursuing any degree not mentioned on your Fulbright application, if you have a change in marital status or anything else that is not reflected in your application. ***Failure to do so can jeopardize your grant.***

We will contact you at least once a month to give you an update on the progress of your grant processing. When we receive any updates specific to you, we will let you know immediately.

I again congratulate you on your selection and welcome you to the Fulbright family. If for any reason you find you are not able to participate, please let us know as soon as possible so that someone else may be given the opportunity.

Best of luck to you!

Sincerely,



Rita Bruun Akhtar
Executive Director

Signature Form

INSTRUCTIONS: *You must sign and date this form and forward it to USEFP. Since you have become a Fulbright grantee, please always send your documents to the address given below from now onwards:*

U.S. Educational Foundation in Pakistan

H. No: 5, St. No: 17

F-6/2, Islamabad.

By my signature,

I certify that the information given in my Fulbright application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that I am not entitled to hold, nor do I hold, U.S. citizenship or permanent residence.

I understand that formal award of a grant is dependent upon my acceptance to a U.S. institution for study and my eligibility for a visa to the United States.

Upon the completion of an authorized stay in the United States under the Fulbright Student Program, I agree to return to my home country for two (2) years to fulfill my home residency requirement.

I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions outlined in this letter.

Name: _____

Program (Fulbright Master's OR Fulbright Ph.D.): _____

Signature: _____

Date (Month/Day/Year): _____