The U.S. Embassy in Gaborone is pleased to announce the competition for the Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program for the 2023-24 academic year. The Embassy encourages interested parties to submit proposals relating to public health, environmental science, computer science, cybersecurity, rural development, and other STEM related subjects. The deadline for submitting application materials online is Monday September 5, 2022.

**Purpose and Institutional Focus:** The Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program facilitates research projects at U.S. universities or research facilities.

Grant categories offered: a) Research grants; b) Program and Curriculum Development grants. In both categories, grants must begin between August 2023 and March 2024. The length of the grant is determined by the research requirements indicated in the proposal and agreed with the host institution.

**A. Research Grants:** Grants of three to nine months for research in any academic discipline. Preference is given to applicants with a doctorate degree, at least three years of university teaching experience, a productive scholarly record, and whose projects relate directly to their ongoing teaching and/or research and community development responsibilities.

**B. Program and Curriculum Development Grants:** Grants of three to five months for research in any academic discipline. Proposals should be linked to professional duties and should demonstrate the use of knowledge gained in the U.S. to develop new courses, curricula, or programs at the home institution. These grants are designed for less experienced scholars who have not had access to current research or instructional developments in their disciplines and have a minimum of a master’s degree.

**C. Scholar-In-Residence (S-I-R) Grants:**
This award is typically driven by U.S. institutions of higher education to enhance internationalization efforts on their campuses. Through the S-I-R a U.S. university hosts a scholar for a semester to a full academic year to teach courses, assist in curriculum development, guest lecture, develop study abroad/exchange partnerships and engage with the campus and local community. We encourage candidates interested in this award to work with a U.S. university to apply first, and to attend webinars schedules at this link [https://apply.iie.org/portal/office_hours](https://apply.iie.org/portal/office_hours). The candidate’s application is considered after the university is selected.

**Eligibility Requirements:**
1. Applicants must be citizens of Botswana and qualified to hold a valid Botswana passport.
2. Applicants must be affiliated with a university, research institute, museum or other institution with educational and/or research objectives.
3. Proposals should not involve doctoral dissertation research, postdoctoral research immediately following completion of a doctoral degree, or professional travel.
4. Applicants cannot have received a Fulbright grant for study, teaching, or research in the U.S. within the last five years.
5. The selection committee will give preference to individuals who have had no, or limited experience in the United States.
6. Candidates cannot be directly related to an employee of the U.S. Embassy.

**Grant Benefits:** Round-trip air travel for the grantee only; excess baggage allowance, health insurance for grantee only; monthly stipend; professional allowance for books, conferences, and seminar; laboratory fees are not part of the standard benefits package but are paid on a case-by-case basis if funding is available.

**Application Conditions:** Applicants should submit the following items:
1. Online applications must be completed at the following link [https://apply.iie.org/fvsp2023/](https://apply.iie.org/fvsp2023/) Candidates must upload supporting documents online for their application to be considered complete.
2. On the application, you must indicate **one** type of grant requested amongst the three above.
3. Applicants must provide a detailed statement describing the research proposal and methodology to be used, a detailed curriculum vitae, and three letters of reference.
4. Letters of invitation or relevant correspondence with U.S. university faculty, if any, should be included in the application.
5. Applicants unfamiliar with potential U.S. colleagues or institutions will be recommended suitable placements.
6. Applicants are discouraged from requesting affiliation with a U.S. university where they have previously studied.

**Questions and further information:** Specific questions about the Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program and the application process can be e-mailed to FulbrightBotswana@state.gov or answered by telephone at 395-7326.