



## The Binational Fulbright Commission in Egypt

### AY2019-2020 Community College Initiative (CCI) Program

#### Application Instructions:

##### **Eligible CCI Fields of Study:**

The CCI Program offers study in the following fields:

- Agriculture
- Applied Engineering
- Business Management/Admin
- Early Childhood Education
- Information Technology (IT)
- Media
- Public Safety
- Tourism and Hospitality Management

The programs of study within these fields are limited to the concentration areas listed in the CCI program announcement and vary by individual colleges. Participants should develop their goals broadly within these fields of study and concentration areas. *In this application, participants should describe their specific areas of interest in their proposed fields of study and concentration areas, their related experience, and their long-term goals.*

**English Language Study:** Program participants who have TOEFL scores between around 400 and around 500 may be asked to take additional English language training following their arrival in the U.S. in order to meet the language requirements of their host community college. These participants will have limited access to courses in their fields of study and must have an interest in pursuing English language study in addition to their field of interest.

**Application Review Process and Criteria:** The CCI Program is conducted as a merit-based open competition. After the application deadline, all applications will be reviewed for eligibility and assessed by a panel of exchange program specialists. Competitive applicants will be interviewed in Cairo by a nomination committee. Applicants will be notified of their selection status in March 2019.

The nomination committee will use the following criteria to evaluate applications:

- Demonstrated interest and professional goals in the field of study applicant wishes to pursue.
- Cross-cultural interest.
- Leadership potential.
- Flexibility and suitability as an exchange student.
- Proficiency in written and spoken English.
- Ability and willingness to complete the program in its entirety, including activities or travel that may be programmed on any day of the week and during early morning or evening hours.
- Commitment to returning to Egypt after completion of the program to fulfill a two-year home residency requirement.
- Preference will be given to applicants who have no prior experience outside their home countries.
- Preference will be given to those applicants who have not yet earned a degree equivalent to a U.S. bachelor's degree or higher.

## General Application Instructions

- Submit a completed original application with signature on the last page.
- Each applicant must complete his/her own application form. Applicants may consult with others for advice on how to complete the form, but each applicant must answer the questions and write his/her own responses.
- Please answer ALL questions on the application in English. Do NOT leave a space blank. If a question does not apply to you, enter N/A (not applicable).
- Include your full legal name with family name (surname) in CAPITAL LETTERS first as spelled on your international passport (if available).
- Include complete contact information, including postal codes for all addresses and city/country codes for all phone numbers.
- Handwritten applications must be neatly printed.

### **Important Instructions for Submitting Your Application:**

- Applications and ALL supporting documents must be submitted to the Fulbright Commission in Egypt via email **by no later than 11:59 p.m. on January 8, 2019** (please see below instructions for details).
- **A complete application must include the following documents:**
  1. Completed and typed application form in English. Application forms that are hand-written must be readable or else they will not be processed.
  2. Clear Scanned Copy of original secondary school certificate in English (3-year technical secondary school, 5-year technical secondary school or General secondary school).
  3. Clear Scanned Copy of original secondary school transcript (with subjects and grades) in English.
  4. In addition to the above, Bachelor Degree holders and graduates of 2-year Higher Institutes must **also** submit a clear scanned copy of the original certificate and transcript (with subjects and grades) in English for their post-secondary studies.
  5. TOEFL score sheet or its equivalent ETS score sheet.
  6. A scanned copy of your original valid National ID
- **Submit your application with all required documents (as listed above) to the Fulbright Commission in Egypt by email to [cci@bfce.eun.eg](mailto:cci@bfce.eun.eg). All required documents must be attached to your email and clearly labeled. Only clear, legible scanned copies of original documents will be accepted.**
- In the email subject line, clearly state your full name and the words “CCI Application”. In the body of your email you must list all the documents that are attached to your email.

- If your application and all supporting documents are received by the deadline, then the Fulbright Commission will send an email confirmation to you within three working days after receiving your application and all required documents. However, if your application or any of the required documents is received by the Fulbright Commission after the deadline, then you will NOT receive an email confirmation from the Commission.

### **Important Notes:**

- **Applicants must apply in only one field of study.** Select only one preferred field of study from the listed options in the application, then select 2 or 3 concentration areas in the same chosen field and rank them according to your preferences.
- **Emergency Contact.** Include complete emergency contact information, including address, and telephone numbers of individuals.
- Ensuring that all questions on the application form are answered completely and submitting all required documents by no later than the program deadline listed above is the sole responsibility of the applicant.
- Applicants who will be nominated for the program will be asked to immediately issue an Egyptian passport that is valid at least until December 2020.
- Copying someone else's writing, whether from the internet, from a book or from a friend without including a reference or citation is considered plagiarism and can lead to disqualification at any time during the review process.