

The Arab Republic of Egypt

Public Service Fellowship at Harvard University

Important Announcement:

Since 2009, the Institute of International Education (IIE) has had the pleasure of offering pre-admissions support services and outreach to the Egyptian public for the Egypt Fellowships Program. IIE's contract with the Ministry of Finance will conclude in August 2012.

The fellowship awards will continue for many years in the future. **Please direct all admissions and fellowship questions to the Ministry of Finance Office of External Affairs.**

Program Overview

The **Arab Republic of Egypt Public Service Fellowship** was established by the Arab Republic of Egypt in partnership with Harvard University, to provide exceptionally bright Egyptians the opportunity to advance their graduate studies in government, public health, education or architecture/urban development design. Applicants who are admitted into an approved graduate degree program may be awarded a fellowship. *Please note, if you are admitted into Harvard University, it is not guaranteed that you will be awarded the Arab Republic of Egypt Public Service Fellowship.*

Approved graduate schools at Harvard University: Master's degrees only

- Kennedy School of Government
- School of Public Health
- Graduate School of Education
- Graduate School of Design

Fellowship Application: A separate application for the fellowship must be submitted directly to Harvard University. The deadline for the fellowship application is after all university admissions deadlines. For more information, visit: www.scholarship.harvard.edu/internationalinfo.html#egypt or contact IIE directly. Harvard University's Committee on General Scholarships will choose the fellowship awardees and all names will be sent to the Ministry of Finance for approval.

Fellowship Award Benefits

Applicants who are successfully admitted to an approved graduate degree program may be awarded the [Arab Republic of Egypt Public Service Fellowship](http://www.scholarship.harvard.edu/internationalinfo.html#egypt). Fellowships are available for one and two year master's degree programs only. This fellowship may cover up to full tuition and a living stipend in the United States. Demonstrated financial need is a factor in determining the fellowship award.

For more information regarding the fellowship, please visit the following website for more information:
<http://www.scholarship.harvard.edu/internationalinfo.html#egypt>

Eligibility Requirements Criteria

All applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Meet all Harvard University graduate program admissions requirements or be a current Harvard University graduate student in good standing, in a master's degree program in one of the above schools
2. Must be a citizen of the Arab Republic of Egypt
3. Committed to return to Egypt after graduation for four (4) years
 - Fellows will be obliged to return the fellowship funding if they fail to return to Egypt
 - A member of the fellow's family will be asked to act as a guarantor
4. Completed military service or received an exemption or postponement of service, prior to enrolling at designated school
5. Demonstrated academic and professional excellence in their chosen field of study
6. Work experience demonstrating a track record of performance, integrity and commitment
7. Upon their return to Egypt, fellows are expected to be committed to Egyptian public service, the advancement of Egyptian society and their previously stated interest in working for the betterment of the people of Egypt after graduation.
 - After graduation, fellows are required to return to Egypt and work for four (4) years in a public service capacity. The public service work will be based on the fellow's field of study and the existing need at the time.
 - If the returning fellow declines the offered government job, the fellow may work in the private sector, but must act as an advisor on an Egyptian ministry board. (compensated job)
 - If the returning fellow declines the offered government job and an advisor is not needed on an Egyptian ministry board, the fellow may work in the private sector, but must work as a consultant on a project for the Egyptian government. (compensated job)

How to Prepare: Harvard University's Admissions Process

Applying to a university is never an easy task, but there are preparatory steps that can make the application process easier.

Step 1: Research

Applicants are asked to visit the websites of the individual departments within a fellowship-approved School in order to determine which program is best suited for their academic/professional needs. Department websites are full of important information that will help each applicant make the best academic choice for themselves. Carefully read the department's website in order to understand the degree program in its entirety and to become familiar with application deadlines, degree program prerequisites, courses offered, special programs within a department and other relevant information needed prior to applying to a specific department. It is the responsibility of each applicant to fully research the desired degree program prior to applying to Harvard University. When you understand the application process, required tests (GRE, GMAT, TOEFL, IELTS), deadlines and other relevant information, you are more prepared to create a formidable application package that may set you apart from the other applicants. For example, applicants should research some of the following areas of each program:

- State-of-the-art laboratories and research facilities
- Courses that are offered now
- Academic background of professors in specific departments
- Special programs within a degree program that are available
- Special lectures and seminars

Step 2: Prepare for Standardized Tests

Most likely, applying to Harvard will require you to submit standardized test scores such as the GRE, GMAT, TOEFL and/or the IELTS. While your academic history and standardized test scores are not the only admission methods used to compare applicants from around the globe, it is an important standard of measure.

Take the time to fully prepare for the GRE or GMAT. Adequate preparation can take between 2 –12 months of study time. Enrolling in a specialized course, taking practice tests and learning the “tricks” to test taking is a process that cannot occur overnight. Give yourself plenty of time to prepare and do not wait until the last minute to prepare for the standardized tests. The same can be said regarding the TOEFL and IELTS tests. Create a study schedule that will allow you to study, work and have a social life. Please, do not wait until the last minute to prepare for any standardized test.

Step 3: Become familiar with Harvard's Application Requirements

Within Harvard University, each department has its own application submission requirements. Generally, however, most departments require that you submit the following materials:

- Online Application
- Official Transcripts (Grades, Percentile Rankings)
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
- Standardized Test Scores (GRE, GMAT, TOEFL, IELTS)
- Essay(s)

It is not too early to start thinking about who you would like to ask to write the three letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation may be written by a project leader, employer, professor, internship advisor, supervisor, etc. The letter will provide Harvard with information about you that cannot be found in the admissions application. It can discuss your personal qualities, academic/professional accomplishments, academic/professional goals and your research experiences. Great letters of recommendations may also include the following:

- Applicant's academic aptitude
- Maturity
- Intelligence
- Compare applicant to other students
- Applicants potential at Harvard University

Many departments keep the most recent admissions application posted on their websites. It is recommended that you review the application and become familiar with the essay(s) topics. Brainstorm and contemplate what you would like to say to Harvard University. Dissect the essay question into smaller, more manageable sections and list the ideas you'd like to expand upon. The admissions essay(s) is an important factor in the admissions process, so please take the time to contemplate the essay question(s).

Master's Degree Programs

Harvard University offers a wide variety of graduate degrees, disciplines, concentrations and unique research opportunities. Each academic department has its own website with important information concerning admissions requirements and materials, degree programs, research fields and faculty biographies. All prospective applicants are encouraged to visit Harvard University's website (www.harvard.edu).

Within each Harvard University School, there are several departments with specific degree programs. Below is a list of the four, fellowship-eligible Schools and their corresponding departments and degrees.

John F. Kennedy School of Government

- Master in Public Policy
- Master in Public Administration in International Development
- Master in Public Administration
- Mid-Career Master in Public Administration

Harvard School of Public Health

- Master of Public Health
- Master of Science:
 - Biostatistics
 - Epidemiology
 - Environmental Health

- Global Health and Population
- Health Policy and Management
- Society, Human Development and Health

Harvard Graduate School of Education

- Master of Education Programs:
 - Arts in Education
 - Education Policy and Management
 - Higher Education
 - Human Development and Psychology
 - International Education Policy
 - Language and Literacy
 - Learning and Teaching
 - Mind, Brain and Education
 - Prevention Science and Practice/CAS in Counseling
 - School Leadership
 - Special Studies
 - Teacher Education Program
 - Technology, Innovation and Education

Harvard Graduate School of Design

- Department of Architecture
- Department of Landscape Architecture
- Department of Urban Planning and Design
- Advanced Studies Program

Kennedy School of Government

Degrees Programs

- [Master in Public Policy](#) (MPP)
- [Master in Public Administration in International Development](#) (MPA/ID)
- [Master in Public Administration](#) (MPA2)
- [Mid-Career Master in Public Administration Edward S. Mason Program](#) (MC-MPA)

Required Application Materials:

Submit online application (available September 2012)

1. \$100 application fee
2. Essays
3. Three recommendation letters
4. Standardized test scores (GRE, GMAT, and/or TOEFL)
5. Official Transcripts

For in-depth information regarding application deadlines, department admissions criteria or specific curriculums, please visit the following website: <http://www.hks.harvard.edu/>

Harvard School of Public Health

Degree Programs

- [Master of Public Health \(MPH\)](#)
- [Master of Science](#) (concentrations)
 - [Biostatistics](#)
 - [Epidemiology](#)
 - [Environmental Health](#)
 - [Global Health and Population](#)
 - [Health Policy and Management](#)
 - [Society, Human Development and Health](#)

Required Application Materials

1. Submit online application (available September 2012)
2. Resume/CV
3. Statement of Objectives
4. All post-secondary transcripts
5. Three letters of recommendation
6. Standardized Test Scores (GRE and/or TOEFL)
7. Application fee (varies by program)

For in-depth information regarding application deadlines, department admissions criteria or specific curriculums, please visit the following website: www.hsph.harvard.edu

Harvard Graduate School of Education

Degrees Programs

- **Master of Education** programs:
 - Arts in Education
 - Education Policy and Management
 - Higher Education
 - Human Development and Psychology
 - International Education Policy
 - Language and Literacy*
 - Learning and Teaching*
 - Mind, Brain and Education
 - Risk and Prevention
 - School Leadership*
 - Special Studies
 - Teacher Education Program*
 - Technology, Innovation and Education

Required Application Materials

1. Submit online application (available September 2012)
2. Resume/CV
3. Statement of Purpose
4. Official transcripts
5. Three letters of recommendation
6. Standardized Test Scores (GRE and/or TOEFL)
7. Application fee
8. International Transcript Request (required for international students)

For in-depth information regarding application deadlines, department admissions criteria or specific curriculums, please visit the following website: www.gse.harvard.edu

Harvard Graduate School of Design

Degrees Programs

- **Department of Architecture**
 - Master in Architecture I (MArch I)
 - Master in Architecture II (MArch II)
- **Department in Landscape Architecture**
 - Master in Landscape Architecture I (MLA I)
 - Master in Landscape Architecture II (MLA II)
 - Master of Landscape Architecture in Urban Design (MLAUD)
- **Department of Urban Planning and Design**
 - Master of Urban Planning (MUP)
 - Master of Architecture in Urban Planning (MAUP)
 - Master of Landscape Architecture in Urban Planning (MLAUP)
- **Advanced Studies Program**
 - Master of Design Studies (MDesS)

Required Application Materials

Submit online application (application available September 2012)

Resume/CV

Essay

Official transcripts

Three letters of recommendation

Standardized Test Scores (GRE, GMAT and/or TOEFL)

Application fee

Portfolio

For in-depth information regarding application deadlines, department admissions criteria or specific curriculums, please visit the following website: www.gsd.harvard.edu

Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a minimum GRE or GMAT score for Harvard University?

Harvard University does not require a minimum score for the GRE or GMAT. However, the university is quite competitive, so a high score is desirable in order to be a competitive candidate.

Is there a minimum GPA or percentile ranking?

Harvard University does not require a minimum GPA score or percentile ranking. But again, the university is quite competitive, so a high GPA or percentile ranking is desirable.

Are there minimum TOEFL/IELTS scores?

Yes, there are minimum TOEFL scores for each fellowship-approved School:

Harvard Kennedy School of Government

Internet-based test: 100

Computer-based test: 250

Paper-based test: 600

No IELTS accepted

Harvard School of Public Health

Internet-based test: 94-95

Computer-based test: 240

Paper-based test: 587

IELTS: 7

Harvard Graduate School of Design

Internet-based test: 90

Computer-based test: 233

Paper-based test: 577

No IELTS accepted

Harvard Graduate School of Education

Internet-based test: 100

Computer-based test: 250

Paper-based test: 600

No IELTS accepted

Can I bring my spouse/children with me while I study?

Please visit the following website for detailed information regarding spouse/children accompanying international graduate students:

<http://www.hio.harvard.edu/spousespartnersandchildren/>

Is there a specific Harvard University website for international students?

Yes. Please visit: <http://hio.harvard.edu/abouthio>

If I am admitted into Harvard University, am I guaranteed the fellowship?

No. Gaining admittance into Harvard University and being awarded the fellowship are two separate procedures. It is possible for an applicant to be admitted into Harvard University, but not awarded a fellowship.

How should I prepare for the GRE (Graduate Record Exam) or the GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test)?

The GRE and GMAT standardized tests are not simple tests that should be taken without proper preparation. Depending on the test taker's ability, proper test preparation could range anywhere from two to twelve months (or more) of study/preparation time and work/university/family schedule. Some test takers opt to study using study guide books, online preparation courses or in-person/classroom courses. The cost of preparing for such tests will vary in cost. Specialized test preparation courses may cost more than purchasing study guide books, but there are a number of free test preparation guides online. Please visit the following website for more information: www.gre.org and www.mba.com. Both websites offer free test preparation software that is downloadable.

How much does it cost to take the GRE or GMAT test?

The GRE test costs approximately US \$180 and the GMAT costs approximately US \$250. Other fees can be added for additional services, but may not be necessary.

How do I pay the university application fee?

If you are submitting the admissions application form online, you will be required to pay for the application fee with a credit card (VISA, MasterCard, etc). It may be possible to obtain a limited credit card from your bank for the sole purpose of paying for the online application fee. Please check with your bank for further details. If you wish to submit a paper admissions application (if this is an option), you would need to mail a bank check with the admissions application to the university's designated address.

What is "public service"?

"Public Service" can be defined in numerous ways:

- A service that is performed for the benefit of the public or its institutions
- Employment within the government system (especially in the civil service)

Do I have to work for the Egyptian government after I graduate from Harvard University?

No. You do not have to work for the Egyptian government after graduation. You may be offered a job by one of the ministries or other institutions, but you are free to decline the job offer. However, you are still required to fulfill the “public service” commitment that accompanies the fellowship. This can be accomplished by advising or consulting on a government project (while maintaining a private sector job) or working in a private sector job which is directly related to public service in Egypt.

Helpful Website Links

Harvard University : www.harvard.edu

GRE: official website : www.gre.org

GMAT: official website : www.mba.com

TOEFL : www.ets.org

IELTS: www.ielts.org

Fellowship Awardees

Year 1

Dalia Said – Graduate School of Education, Special Studies

Sarah Mitkees – Graduate School of Education, Human Development and Psychology

Amr Abdulrazik – Kennedy School of Government, Public Administration in International Development

Nora El Nawawy – School of Public Health, Health Policy and Management

Year 2

Nelly El Zayat – Graduate School of Education, International Education Policy

Samaa Hosny – Kennedy School of Government, Edward S. Mason Program

Year 3 : Coming Soon!

Contact Us : New contact information will be provided in the future.