

A Zimbabwean Fulbright at Africa University: Designing an International Program Amid Civil Challenges*



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Conceptual Frameworks and Objectives in Evolving Nations

- Formal Independence and Transitions in an Emerging Nation
- Traditional and Revised Colonialism
- Geopolitical and Economic Conditions
- Citizen and Educational Diplomacy – Overarching Fulbright Concepts and Frameworks
- Diplomacy and Integrative Aspects
- Traditional and Transformed Universities
- Alliances within Southern African Development Community and International Sites
- Synthesis via a University Fulbright

Citizen and Educational Diplomacy via a Fulbright

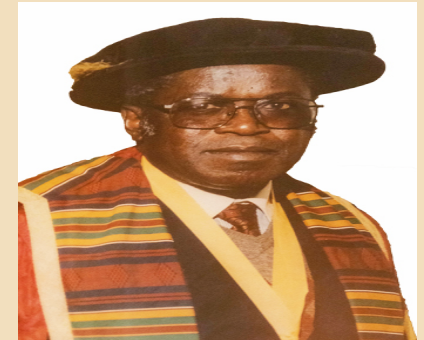
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of African University and
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Fulbright to Zimbabwe to Africa University, Mutare
Institute of Peace, Leadership, and Governance

Interactive African and American University seminars
Africa University in Mutare
Pennsylvania State University in University Park
(2003 Fulbright and succinct communications in 2024)

Formal Independence and Transitions for an Emerging Nation

Zimbabwe March 4, 1980 and April 18, 1980 Independence

Conflicts and cohesion between two major political parties

Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) 1980 and 2025

Zimbabwe African People's Union (ZAPU) – 1980 and merged with
ZAPU in 1987

Citizen Coalition for Change (CCC) 2022

Struggles with revising internal colonialism and effects on residents

(Mara, 2024)

Senator J. William Fulbright and the Fulbright Program



**Photo of James (J) William
Fulbright as President of University
of Arkansas in 1939, after being
Rhodes Scholar**

“Our future is in our minds and hearts. Of all the joint ventures in which we might engage, the most productive, in my view, is educational exchange. In trying to find the words that would persuasively explain that educational exchange is not merely a marginal activity. Rather it is [probably the most important and potentially rewarding of our foreign-policy activities.]”

(Aminef, quotes by Senator Fulbright on Senate Foreign Relations Committee, undated)

Citizen and Educational Diplomacy via a Fulbright

Interactive African and American University video conference seminars

Africa University in Mutare (2100 students in 2007 and 2400 in 2025-Africa University today-undated)

- Principles of university and civil society administration
- Facilitate programs of peace and conflict resolution with civic and community leaders
- Challenging problems for demographic and political populations
- Exposure to American graduate students and their curriculum
- Structural needs assessments

Pennsylvania State University in University Park (over 42,000 students in 2005 and 2025 (Hines, 2025))

- Principles of university administration and public societies
- Exposure to administrative matters continually affecting societies in a newly democratic nation
- Structural needs assessments

Synthesis via a University Fulbright

- Amend and challenge ongoing transitions regarding African and Global nations
- Grasp geopolitical and economic realities between Zimbabwe and the United States
- Evolve contemporary citizen and educational diplomacy
- Transform universities
- Visualize the unimagined
- Transition beyond Senator Fulbright and individual Fulbrighters – To envision that which does not exist in a rapidly continually changing world amid civil challenges

Synthesis via a University Fulbright

“The PhD programme in *Peace, Leadership and Governance* (PLG) is developed with an understanding that peace and development have become intimately linked in the post-cold-war global environment.”

(Africa University, undated – Doctor of Philosophy in Peace, Leadership and Governance)

Hopefully, this PhD programme and others, with combined domestic and international foci, will serve as a gateway to interlocking humane policies and programs. Hence the populaces in Zimbabwe, other African nations, and international venues will be the beneficiaries.

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