Fulbright Workshop

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What is the Fulbright US Program?

- International, educational exchange program that sends US students abroad to study and teach English in over 140 countries
- Founded in 1945
- Funded by a Congressional Act
- Works to foster cultural exchange and bilateral relationships between the US and host countries
What do Fulbright recipients do?

- Complete Graduate Studies
- Conduct Independent Research
- Teach English
- Engage with and learn from host communities
- Complete community engagement projects
- Represent the US abroad
Study/Research Grant

Open Research

Supports independent research on any topic in any Fulbright country

Applicant must

- Outline a feasible research or creative project that can be completed in one year
- Secure affiliations to provide equipment, guidance, and other resources needed to complete the project.

(Named and subject-specific grants are available)
Study/Research Grant

Graduate Degree Grants

Supports students as they pursue a graduate degree, typically a Master’s Degree, at a university in a Fulbright country

- Variety of named awards for specific schools and degrees
- Open Study awards that allow you to propose academic study/coursework at any institution in the country.
English Teaching Assistantship

Grant to teach English in a Fulbright country for one year.

- Teaching placements can vary from K12 to college
- Required level of language competency varies by country.
- Locations range from rural to urban settings
- Provides living expenses
Supplemental Grants

*Designed to enhance the work and experience of students selected for Fulbright.*

**National Geographic Storytelling:**
provides students training in storytelling as part of the Fulbright experience

**Critical Language Enhancement Award:**
provides grantees up to 6 months of intensive language study to enhance their Fulbright experience.
Benefits for Fulbright Recipients

All Fulbright U.S. Student grants include:

- round-trip transportation to the host country
- funding to cover room, board, and incidental costs, based on the cost of living in the host country
- Accident & Sickness Health Benefits
- 24/7 support line for urgent and non-urgent situations

In some countries, grants may also include:

- book and research allowances*
- mid-term enrichment activities
- full or partial tuition
- language study programs
- pre-departure and in-country orientations
Applying for a Fulbright Grant
Eligibility

Fulbright applicants must

- Be a US citizen
- Hold a Bachelor’s degree or, for the arts, have four years of professional training at the start of the grant
- Be in good health
- Have sufficient written and spoken language ability necessary for carrying out the grant
Preferred Attributes

- Strong academic record
- Substantial extracurricular or campus involvement
- Language skills
- Majority of undergraduate work done in the US
- Limited experience living or working in the country selected for Fulbright

*Typical study abroad experiences do not count against you for coursework or living and working experience.*
Application Components

- Biographical Data
- Program Information
- Statement of Grant Purpose
- Personal Statement
- 3 Recommendation Letters
- Language Evaluation forms
- Letter of Affiliation (research and study grants)
Finding Your Award

1. Decide what kind of award you would like to pursue

   Consider how an award fits into your education and career plan and what skills and experiences might make you a good fit for the award.

2. Find a region or country that fits your interests

   Consider the regions of the world you would like to teach/research in based on the language you speak (ETA) or the relationship between your own research or study and a country’s history, culture or innovations.
3. Narrow your options

Use the Fulbright country profiles to discover the types of awards offered in each country in the region you’ve selected.

4. Know your odds

Use statistics tab on the Fulbright website for information about the number of applications and awards given for each country.
Resources

Fulbright Website: https://us.fulbrightonline.org

NCA Blog: blogs.cofc.edu/nationalawards/

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