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# Fulbright Program

## What is it?

- The U.S. Government’s flagship educational and cultural exchange program
- Approximately 8,000 grants awarded each year
- Opportunities for students, professionals, artists and scholars to study, research, and teach in 155+ countries around the world

## Goal

To increase *mutual understanding* between people of the U.S. and people of other countries through exchange

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Fulbright Program

About...

- 1946: Created by U.S. Congress
- Student Program administered in U.S. by IIE
- Administered overseas by NGOs and U.S. embassies

Sponsor

U.S. Department of State
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

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# Types of Grants

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Eligibility

• U.S. citizen by application deadline
• At least bachelor’s degree for US Student Program
• PhD or equivalent experience for US Scholar Program
• Proficiency in language of host country (varies by country)

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Grant Benefits

- Round-trip airfare
- Stipend *
- Accident & Sickness Insurance
- Other possible benefits *
  - Support for dependents
  - Research allowance
  - Tuition
  - Language lessons
  - Enhancement activities
  - Disability-related accommodations

* Varies, dependent on grant and host country

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## U.S. Student Program

### Two Types of Grants

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<td>• Independent study/research projects in academic &amp; arts fields</td>
<td>• Help teach English and U.S. culture in the classroom</td>
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Fulbright National Geographic Digital Storytelling Fellowship

U.S. State Department National Geographic Complementary Missions:

• Fulbright “increases mutual understanding”
• National Geographic “inspires people to care about the planet”

Fulbright-National Geographic Digital Storytelling Fellows will:

• Examine relevant issues abroad
• Report stories digitally (content featured online in NatGeo blog)
• Open minds to new perspectives
• Inspire others to engage in the conversation
• Receive training, support, and mentorship by National Geographic Editors

4-5 grants annually; experience in techniques essential

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Critical Language Enhancement Award

- 3-6 month pre-grant add-on for study of a “critical language”

http://us.fulbrightonline.org/critical-language-enhancement-awards

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### Fulbright U.S. Student Program

- Begin searching by world region or country
- Currently enrolled students must apply through UW:
  - **UW deadline: Sept. 6**
  - Campus interview required: Sat, Sept 23
  - **National deadline: Oct. 6**

Alumni who are not currently enrolled are not required, but are strongly encouraged, to apply through UW.

### Considerations

- Length and timing of grant
- Language proficiency
- Candidate profile / desired experience and qualifications
- Project feasibility
- Competitiveness

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U.S. Scholar Program

Main Types of Grants

Core
- 800+ awards
- Research or teaching
- 3-9 months
- Flex Option allows multiple visits to host country

Specialist
- 3-12 weeks
- Research, teaching or special projects
- Must first apply to be on roster, then placements are made

International Education Administrators Seminars
- 2-week networking trips to France, Germany, India, Japan or Korea

For more information, visit:
www.cies.org | fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org
### Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

**Core:** [www.cies.org/program/core-fulbright-us-scholar-program](http://www.cies.org/program/core-fulbright-us-scholar-program)

- Search catalog by discipline, region, qualifications, program type, or keyword [https://awards.cies.org/](https://awards.cies.org/)
- Apply by August 1 for most grants

**Specialist:** [fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org](http://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org)

- Search catalog by discipline, region, qualifications, program type, or keyword
- Rolling deadline

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Application Components

Completely Online Process
1. Basic Personal Data
2. Essays
   • Statement of Purpose / Grant Proposal
   • Personal Statement / CV
3. Reports / References
   • Foreign Language Evaluation
   • Three (3) References
4. Transcripts
5. Other
   • Affiliation Letter(s): Research/Study only
   • Arts: Supplementary Materials
   • Special Opportunities have additional requirements

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Research / Study Grants

General Qualifications

- Well-developed project and/or study plan
- High level of academic and/or professional achievement
- Demonstrated leadership ability
- Sufficient language proficiency (varies by country)
- Community engagement-service orientation

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English Teaching Assistantship

Improve students’ understanding of English language & U.S. culture

• Assistant teach 20-30 hours/week
• Excellent communication skills
• Flexibility, adaptability, openness
• Demonstrated leadership & service
• Host language proficiency varies by country

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Statement of Grant Purpose

For Research/Study Grant:
- 2 pages, single-spaced (Students)
- 3-5 pages (Scholars)
- Answer: what, where, how, when, who, why
- Demonstrate knowledge of the field
- Demonstrate awareness of your needs in the host country
- Directly address any potential concern about project feasibility or your ability
- Free time community engagement idea(s)

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Statement of Grant Purpose

For ETA Grant:

- 1 page, single-spaced (Students only)
- Explain how you will reach your goals as an ETA, and why you would like to be an ETA in that country
- Describe a small, supplemental research or community engagement project (not location specific)
- Demonstrate, through your experiences, your sincere desire to teach English to non-native speakers

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Personal Statement

- 1 page, single-spaced
- Context for your application
- Your academic, professional, other key experiences that have prepared you
- Expand on critical elements of your resume
- Where this research/teaching will lead you in the future
- Personal, but not too personal

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Letters of Affiliation

- Signed letter, on letterhead
- Host country contact who will advise and/or mentor you
- Professional at a university, laboratory, library, community org, etc.
- Requirements vary by country

Resources:
- UW faculty & staff
- Your networks
- Cies.org
- Fulbright alums
- Research & cold contacts

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Letters of Recommendation

- Submitted electronically, but should still be signed & on letterhead
- ETA recommenders answer specific questions rather than write a traditional letter
- Read the online instructions for both the applicant and the recommender
- Be strategic about who you ask
- Make sure they can meet our campus deadline
- Provide information and details about yourself, your project/plan, the country, the Fulbright program, etc.

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National Screening Committee (NSC) Review Guidelines 2017-2018

Review Categories and Elements for Study/Research in Academic Fields

| Project Proposal/Grant Purpose | • Plan, timeline  
| • Methodology  
| • Affiliation  
| • Feasibility |
| --- | --- |
| Applicant’s Qualifications & Background/Experience | • Academic background/training/experience  
| • Accomplishments/extracurricular activities/work experience |
| Applicant’s Personal Attributes & Fit with Fulbright Mission | • Adaptability/flexibility  
| • Motivation  
| • Future Plans  
| • Community Engagement  
| • Advances Diversity in the Program |
Tips from a National Selection Committee Member

1. Committee composition
   - Faculty from diverse colleges/universities – big, small, public, private
   - Deep knowledge of region/country (except Arts committees – field specific)
   - Write with authority to a well-informed audience of skeptics

2. Don’t come across as naïve
   - Do your homework – feasibility, best location, contingencies
   - Demonstrate that you are smart, capable, an ambassador

3. Affiliation letters are critical
   - Should show substantial communication with you, not just pro forma
   - Should demonstrate that the host understands your project

4. Language skills and/or significant cultural competency
   - Previous cross-cultural or language experience
   - That you’re interested in connecting with host community in a meaningful way