ENGAGING WITH THE WORLD  Grants for Study, Research, or Teaching Assistantships Abroad
### 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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http://eca.state.gov/fulbright
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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## Main Types of Grants

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| **Fulbright Student Program**  
For recent alumni to pursue graduate study, an independent project, or teach English; 8-10 months | • Strong academic and/or professional preparation |
| **Fulbright Scholar Program**  
For academics and professionals at all levels to conduct research and/or teach in their discipline; 3-9 months | • Demonstrated leadership ability |
| **Fulbright Specialist Program**  
For expert consultants on curriculum, faculty development, institutional planning, etc.; 2 to 6 weeks | • Community involvement |
|                                      | • *Typically*, less than a year spent in host country previously (*excluding* undergrad study abroad) |

*Similar Fulbright opportunities also exist for non-U.S. citizens who do not have extensive experience in the U.S. Details can be found on U.S. Embassy websites. For more information, visit:  
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### Other Fulbright Grants

#### For U.S. citizens

- Fulbright Regional Network for Applied Research (NEXUS) Program
- Fulbright Classroom Teacher Exchange Program
- Distinguished Fulbright Awards in Teaching
- Fulbright Public Policy Fellows
- Fulbright-Hays Exchange Programs

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Eligibility

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

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Grant Benefits

- Round-trip airfare
- Cost of living stipend *
- Accident and 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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# Application Timeline

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# U.S. Student Program

## Two Main Types of Grants

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<th>Study/Research</th>
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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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Special Award Opportunities

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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## Fulbright U.S. Student Program

- [http://us.fulbrightonline.org/](http://us.fulbrightonline.org/)

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- Begin searching by world region or country
- Narrow down by type of grant
- Currently enrolled students must apply through UW:
  - **UW application deadline: early September**
  - Required campus interview on Sat in late September
  - **National deadline: early October**
- Alumni who are not currently enrolled are not required, but are strongly encouraged, to apply through UW.

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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
# Application Process: Scholars

## 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 mid-Sept for most grants

**Specialist:** [fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org](http://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org)
- Search catalog by discipline, region, qualifications, program type, or keyword
- Applications accepted on a rolling basis

## Considerations
- Length and timing of grant
- Language proficiency
- Candidate profile / desired experience and qualifications
- Project feasibility
- Competitiveness
- Affiliation with appropriate host country institution

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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. Other
   • Affiliation Letter(s)
   • Arts: Supplementary Materials
   • Special opportunities may 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
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
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**

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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

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