ENGAGING WITH THE WORLD
Grants for Study, Research, or Teaching Assistantships Abroad

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Program Overview:

• Types of Grants
• Eligibility
• Application Timeline

Preparing a Competitive Application:

• Developing & Writing a Strong Proposal
• Establishing Affiliations
• Letters of Recommendation

Q&A
## 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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## Types of Grants

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<td>• Strong academic and/or professional preparation</td>
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<td>• <strong>Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program</strong></td>
<td>• Demonstrated leadership ability</td>
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<td>• <strong>Fulbright U.S. Scholar Specialist Program</strong></td>
<td>• Less than 6 months spent in host country previously <em>(excluding undergrad study abroad)</em></td>
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<td>• Fulbright NEXUS Program</td>
<td>• Community involvement</td>
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# U.S. Student Program

## Two Types of Grants

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<th>Research/Study Grant (Full)</th>
<th>English Teaching Assistantship (ETA)</th>
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<td>• 900 awards</td>
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<td>• ~140 countries</td>
<td>• ~70 countries</td>
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<td>• Independent research, study, or arts projects abroad</td>
<td>• Help teach English and U.S. culture in the classroom</td>
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# U.S. Scholar Program

## Two Main Types of Grants

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<th><strong>Core</strong></th>
<th><strong>Specialist</strong></th>
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<td>• 800+ awards</td>
<td>• 3-12 weeks</td>
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<td>• 3-9 months</td>
<td>• Research, teaching or special projects</td>
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<td>• Research or teaching</td>
<td>• Must first apply to be on roster, then placements are made</td>
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Critical Language Enhancement Award

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

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<th>Language</th>
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<td>Arabic</td>
<td>Egypt, Jordan, Morocco</td>
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<td>Bahasa Indonesia</td>
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<td>Bangla/Bengali</td>
<td>India</td>
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<td>Chinese (Mandarin only)</td>
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<td>Gujarati</td>
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<td>Hindi</td>
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<td>Marathi</td>
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<td>Punjabi</td>
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<td>Russian</td>
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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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Application Components

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

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### Getting Started

Research available opportunities to find a match

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<td>• Apply by August 1 for most grants</td>
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Considerations

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

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## How to Apply

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<th>Complete On-line Application</th>
<th>Currently-Enrolled Student Applicants</th>
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<td>• References &amp; Language Report submitted by your referrers</td>
<td>• Must apply through campus</td>
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<td>• <strong>Letters of affiliation</strong> scanned &amp; uploaded by you</td>
<td>• <strong>UW deadline:</strong> Sept. 9</td>
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<td>• <strong>Transcripts</strong> (unofficial) uploaded by you</td>
<td>• Campus interview required</td>
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<td>• <strong>UW campus interviews:</strong> Saturday, Sept. 26</td>
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<td>• Campus Evaluations</td>
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<td>Alumni who are not currently enrolled are not required, but are strongly encouraged, to apply through UW.</td>
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Statement of Grant Purpose

For Full Grant:
• 2 pages, single-spaced
• 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)
Statement of Grant Purpose

For ETA Grant:

• 1 page, single-spaced
• 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
• ETAs DO NOT secure affiliations

Resources:
• UW faculty & staff, IPE
• 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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<td>Design Project, Prepare Application</td>
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<td>Campus Deadline</td>
<td>September 9, 2015</td>
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<td>October 13, 2015</td>
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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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