Fulbright U.S. Student Program Introductory Webinar

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The Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers research, study, and teaching opportunities in over 140 countries to recent graduates and graduate students.

Provides approximately 2,000 grants for individually designed study/research projects or for English Teaching Assistant Programs.

During their grants, Fulbrighters will meet, work, live with and learn from the people of the host country, sharing daily experiences.

The program facilitates cultural exchange through direct interaction on an individual basis in the classroom, field, home, and in routine tasks, allowing the grantee to gain an appreciation of others’ viewpoints and beliefs.
Award Benefits

- Round-trip Airfare
- Monthly 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
2019-2020 Minimum Eligibility Requirements*

- U.S. citizenship by the *national* app deadline (early October)
- No minimum GPA requirement*
- Bachelor’s degree or equivalent by **August 2019**
  - Graduate students willing to take a year off from their studies may apply before they graduate
- No doctorate at the time of application
- Country specific requirements such as language proficiency

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Study or Graduate Degree Awards

- Typically funds a one-year master’s or first year of a PhD program
- Offered in Australia, Argentina, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Finland, France, Jordan, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, United Kingdom, and more*
- Includes the standard benefits (monthly living stipend, health benefits and round-trip airfare) plus tuition coverage for the graduate degree program
- Program requirements vary by country
  - Letter of affiliation or admissions letter is required

Research Awards

- Applicants design their own projects and will typically work with advisers at foreign universities, NGOs, or other institutes of higher education
- Available in approximately 140 countries
- Program requirements vary by country
  - Letter of affiliation(s) is required

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The English Teaching Assistant (ETA) Programs place Fulbrighters in classrooms abroad to provide assistance to the local English teachers.

ETA’s help teach English language while serving as cultural ambassadors for the U.S.

The age and academic level of the students varies by country, ranging from kindergarten to university level.

Applicants for English Teaching Assistant Programs can apply to only one country.

Host country language proficiency requirements vary:
- Over 30 countries have no host country language requirements.
Other Unique Fulbright Awards/Programs*

- **Mexico Binational Internship Program** - Internships in a for-profit multinational business or NGO
- **Hungary Fulbright/Antall József Fellowship Award at Corvinus University of Budapest** - The fellow will take part in the daily activities of the international relations office
- **Austria Fulbright Community-Based Combined Awards** - Community-Based Combined Grants facilitate community service, internships, capacity-building and other community-based projects
- **Germany Young Professional Journalist Program** - Grantees usually spend the first few months studying and conducting independent research. This is followed by one or more internships or guest journalist positions at German newspapers, publishers, or television and radio stations
- **Iceland Fulbright/National Science Foundation Arctic Research Awards** - Grantees are expected to conduct Arctic-related research in Iceland

*Based on the 2018-19 Grants*
Application Components

- Personal Statement
- Statement of Grant Purpose
- 3 Letters of Reference
- Unofficial Transcript
- Online Application via Embark
  - Summary of your proposal
  - Brief description of your community engagement plans with the host country
- Foreign Language Evaluation Forms, if applicable
- Letter(s) of Affiliation, if applicable
- Creative Arts portfolio, if applicable
Who Should Apply?

• Understand, embody, and wish to further the **Fulbright mission**
  - The promotion of mutual understanding among nations

• From underrepresented backgrounds
  - African-American, Asian-American, Hispanic/Latinx, Native American, American Indian, Native Alaskan, etc…
  - Students with disabilities
  - Military Veterans
  - STEM majors
  - Creative Arts applicants
  - First generation students
  - Male students, especially for ETA Programs
Where to Begin?

- Explore the Fulbright website
  - Jot down countries or awards that interest you
  - Eliminate countries or regions that do not interest you
    - But DO consider a wide range of regions and countries
  - Eliminate grants based on eligibility
    - You do not speak the language and it’s required OR recommended
    - You do not have research experience to conduct your proposed project (for research awards)
    - You do not meet the preferred academic level for the grant
    - You have extensive experience living in the host country
    - You do not meet the university admission requirements (for study awards)
• Fulbright website
  o Tutorials
  o Upcoming webinars
• ONIF website
  • Schedule a Fellowship Advisement Appointment
  • Learn about past LMU Fulbrighters
• Faculty
  • LMU Faculty Fulbright Alums- **not an exhaustive list**
• Career Professional Development
• Mango Languages App, Duolingo Languages App, Rosetta Stone
• Penn State's Fulbright Essay Tips and Samples
December 6: Fulbright Introductory Webinar at 4:30 p.m.

January-May: Additional Fulbright Info Sessions & Application Workshops

April: Fulbright U.S. Student Program application opens

May 1: LMU Pre-application due

May-June: LMU applicants receive a Faculty Mentor or enroll in a 6 week, ETA Summer Workshop course

July 1: Required Checkpoint- application drafts due to ONIF

August 31: Campus Deadline, all app materials submitted to Embark

September: Campus Interviews

Early October: National Application Deadline
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