2021-2022
Fulbright U.S. Student Program
Introductory Info Session

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About 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 Living Stipend*
- Accident & Sickness Insurance

Other Possible Benefits*
- Support For Dependents
- Research Allowance
- Tuition
- Language Lessons
- Enhancement Activities
- Disability-Related Accommodations

* Varies on grant and host country
2021-2022 Minimum Eligibility Requirements*

- U.S. Citizenship by the *national* app deadline (October 6, 2020)
- No minimum GPA requirement*
- Bachelor’s degree or equivalent by **August 2021**
  - 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

*Varies by grant*
IMPORTANT: App Opens March 31

- The 2021-2022 application will open March 31
- Although we recommend you begin to review the [Fulbright website](#) NOW, grant info may change
  - Countries may eliminate grants and/or
  - Additional country grants may be added
Study/Research Awards

Study or **Graduate Degree Awards**
- Typically funds a one-year master’s or first year of a PhD program
- Australia, Argentina, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Turkey, United Kingdom, and more*
- Generally includes standard benefits plus tuition coverage for the graduate program*
- Letter of affiliation and/or admissions letter is required

**Research/Creative Arts 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
- Letter(s) of affiliation is required

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Examples of Study Awards

- Hannah Lyford, 2020 Semi-Finalist Study to Australia
  - MS in Environmental Management at James Cook University

- Anna Joyce, 2019 Study to Israel Recipient
  - MA in Conflict Resolution and Mediation at Tel Aviv University

- Nadine Iskandar, 2018 Study to Belgium Recipient
  - MA in European Studies at the University of Leuven
Examples of Research/Creative Arts Awards

- Alex Napior, 2017 Research to El Salvador
  - He “performed a biodiversity study on Acelhuate River that runs through San Salvador and that is currently subject to major restoration efforts. With the help of local university students, [he] evaluate[d] sites along both restored and unrestored sections of the river to using biodiversity as an indicator of health with the goal of better integrating human needs with the needs of the ecosystem”.

- Hannah Bredberg, 2017 Semi-Finalist to the UK
  - As a musician, composer, & audiologist, she wanted to connect her experience with [Scottish] culture to the interdisciplinary realm of sonic art, creating a documentary solely utilizing the aesthetic of sound & visuals.

- Sarah Chaves, University of Massachusetts, 2015 Fulbright to Portugal
  - Cross Cultural Grief: A Memoir

- Andrew Hevia, Fordham University, 2015 Fulbright to Hong Kong
  - Here Comes Fair: A Documentary Film About Hong Kong Artists
English Teaching Assistant (ETA) Programs

- 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.
- ETAs are typically in the classroom 20 hours per week.
  - Remaining time to pursue other interests and community engagement!
LMU ETA Spotlights

Lauren Rowland
2018 ETA to Laos

Jacob Coronel
2016 ETA to Mexico

Andrea Castellanos
2018 ETA to Spain

Griffin Gosnell
2014 ETA to Thailand
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** - These grants facilitate community service, internships, capacity-building & 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.
Other Unique Fulbright Awards/Programs*

- **Iceland Fulbright/National Science Foundation Arctic Research Awards** - Grantees are expected to conduct Arctic-related research in Iceland.

- **Fulbright Debate Coach/Trainer Awards** - Help coach and build up debate programs at Taiwan’s top school.

- **Fulbright-Schuman Program** - Funds projects exclusively dealing with U.S.-EU relations, EU institutions, or EU policy.

- **Fulbright-National Geographic Storytelling Fellowship** - A component of the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, provides opportunities for selected Fulbright US Student grantees to participate in an academic year of storytelling on a globally significant theme.

- **Critical Language Enhancement Award (CLEA)** - A feature of the U.S. Student Fulbright Program, which provides an opportunity for some grantees to receive typically from three to six months of intensive language study as an enhancement to their Fulbright grants. CLEA is offered to students once they have been awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student grant which requires that they use one of the eligible languages for their Fulbright project and beyond.

- **Fulbright-Fogarty Awards in Public Health** - The program is designed for candidates who are currently enrolled in medical school or in a graduate-level program and who are interested in global health.

*Based on the 2020-2021 Grants*
Coronavirus & Other Safety Concerns

- Fulbright is a Department of State Program and the safety of its citizens is their number one priority
- We do not yet know if the Coronavirus will affect the 2021-2022 cycle
- Programs may be cancelled at any time due to safety/health concerns
- Grantees would be sent back to the U.S. as quickly as possible
Application Components

- Personal statement
- Statement of grant purpose
- 3 letters of reference
- Unofficial Transcript(s)
- Online application via Slate
  - Summary of your proposal
  - Brief description of your community engagement plans w/ host country
- Foreign language evaluation (FLE) forms, if applicable
- Up to 3 letter(s) of affiliation, if applicable
- Creative arts portfolio, if applicable
- LMU’s endorsement
  - Consider this a 4th letter of rec!
Who Should Apply?

- Individuals who understand, embody, and wish to further the Fulbright mission
  - The promotion of mutual understanding among nations
  - Previous study abroad participants
  - Bi/Multilingual individuals
  - And especially those from underrepresented backgrounds
    - African-American, Asian-American, Hispanic/Latinx, Native American, American Indian, Native Alaskan, etc…
    - Students with disabilities
    - Military Veterans
    - Community college transfer students
    - STEM majors
    - Creative Arts applicants
    - First generation students
    - Male applicants, 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)
Where to Begin?

- Create a list of questions
- **Schedule a meeting with ONIF**
  - Attend additional [ONIF Fulbright events](https://www.fulbrightonline.org/events) in the spring
- Research and Study applicants
  - Email potential affiliates abroad
  - Connect with LMU faculty
- ETA applicants
  - Participate in teaching or teaching-like experiences, e.g. tutoring, mentoring, TAing
  - [826LA](http://826la.org) & [Idealist.org](https://www.idealist.org)
- If needed, strengthen your language skills
  - Mango, Duolingo, Rosetta Stone (borrow from local library)
SUMMER = GO TIME!

- Applicants will complete an online, self-paced course
  - Accessed via Brightspace
  - Course is free
  - Will open June 1, 2020
  - Must complete by August 31, 2020
  - Applicants must attend 1 of 6 essay workshops
    - 3 will be online, 3 will be on campus
April 1: Fulbright U.S. Student Program application opens
June 1: LMU Intent-to-Apply form due online
June 8: Applicants receive access to the self-paced (required) Brightspace course
July 31: Required checkpoint- essay drafts due to ONIF
Aug 31: Campus deadline, all app materials submitted in Slate
Mid Sept: Campus interviews (can be virtual)
Sept 21: Foreign language evaluation deadline, if applicable
Oct 6: National application deadline, final app materials submitted!
Resources

- Fulbright [website](#)
  - [Tutorials](#)
- ONIF [website](#)
  - Schedule a [Fellowship Advisement Appointment](#)
  - Learn about past [LMU Fulbrighters](#)
  - Join [LinkedIn ONIF Connections](#)
  - [Additional Fulbright-like opportunities](#)
- Faculty
  - [LMU Faculty Fulbright Alums](#)
- [Career Professional Development](#)
- [Mango Languages App](#), [Duolingo Languages App](#), [Rosetta Stone](#)
Questions

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