Fulbright U.S. Student Program Introductory Webinar

2022-2023 Cycle
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

• 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.
***Congrats to LMU’s 18 Semi-Finalists!***

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- 18 Lions have been selected as Semi-Finalists for the **2021-2022 Fulbright U.S. Student Program**
- Our previous campus record was 12 (last year)!
- Semi-Finalists will learn if they’ve been selected between March and May!!
- Keep an eye out for a celebratory post in the Loyolan!
COVID-19 Safety Concerns

• For the U.S. Department of State, safety of students is their number one priority.

• On August 6, 2020, the Department of State lifted the Global Level 4 Health Advisory which advised U.S. citizens to avoid all international travel due to the global impact of COVID-19.

• We do not know if/how the Coronavirus will affect future fellowship cycles.

• HOWEVER, students should not pause their application development!

• ONIF virtual and phone appointments are available.
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 by grant and host country

Jesse Jovel ’12 & ‘14
2018 ETA to Colombia
2022-2023 Eligibility

- U.S. Citizenship by the national app deadline (October 2021)
- No minimum GPA requirement*
- Bachelor’s degree or equivalent by August 2022
- Graduate students who are willing to take a year off from their studies may apply before they graduate
- No doctorate at the time of application
- Country specific requirements*, e.g., language proficiency, teaching experience, etc.

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Study/ Research Awards

Study or Graduate Degree Awards

- Typically funds a one-year master’s or first year of a PhD program
- Offered in over eighty countries, including: Australia, Argentina, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Finland, France, Jordan, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, UK*…
- 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

*Varies by application cycle
Recent LMU Study Recipients

• **Anna Joyce, 2019 Grantee to Israel**
  • Tel Aviv University, MA in Conflict Resolution and Mediation
  • Watch Anna share her experience in ONIF’s November 2020 IEW panel

• **Nadine Iskandar, 2018 Grantee to Belgium**
  • University of Leuven, MA in European Studies
LMU Research/Creative Arts Proposals

• Ginger Guin, 2019 Semi-Finalist to Germany
  • A thorough exploration of the German origins (natality) of philosopher/political theorist Hannah Arendt. She planned to analyze Arendt’s early, unpublished/untranslated German texts; conducts site-specific studies of locations associated with Arendt’s natality; and showcases research at Freie Universität Berlin colloquia and in the Young Arendt Scholars conference, for which she was responsible for coordinating.

• Alex Napior, 2017 Grantee to El Salvador
  • He conducted a biodiversity study on Acelhuate River that runs through San Salvador and that was currently subject to major restoration efforts.
English Teaching Assistant (ETA) Programs

• ETA’s help teach English language while serving as cultural ambassadors for the U.S.
• Age and academic level of the students varies by country, ranging from kindergarten to university level
• Applicants for the ETA Program can apply to only one country
• Host country language proficiency requirements vary
• Over 40 countries have no host country language requirements
• ETAs are typically in the classroom 20 hours per week
• Remaining time to pursue personal interests and community engagement
Other Unique Fulbright Grants

Mexico Binational Internship Program

• Internships in Mexico at for-profit multinational businesses or non-governmental organizations (NGOs).
• Grantees also enroll in part-time graduate coursework.
• Must speak advanced-level Spanish.

Carlos Mesa-Baron ‘19
2019 Binational Internship to Mexico
Other Unique Fulbright Grants

• 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 within the Think Tank.

• 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

• National Geographic Digital Storytelling Fellowship - An academic year of overseas travel and storytelling in one, two, or three countries on a globally significant theme. Not a stand-alone award!
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 with the host country
• Foreign Language Evaluation (FLE) forms, if applicable
• Letter(s) of Affiliation, if applicable
• Creative Arts portfolio, if applicable
Where to Begin?

- Explore the Fulbright website
  - **Note:** the 2022-2023 application cycle will open in early April

- 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
  - If you do not speak the language and it’s **required OR recommended**
  - If you do not have 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)
Resources

✓ Fulbright website
✓ ONIF website
  • Appointments
  • Additional Fulbright-like opportunities
  • LMU Fulbrighter Directory
✓ LMU Faculty
  • Faculty Fulbrighter Directory
✓ Writing Center
✓ Career Professional Development
✓ Fulbright Application Resources
✓ Dr. Karen’s Foolproof Grant Template
ONIF Application Timeline

January- June:  Additional ONIF info sessions
Early April:  2022-2023 Application Opens
April- June:  Research host countries and grant types
June 1:  LMU Intent-to-Apply Due (will open in March 2021)
Mid June:  Applicants receive access to self-paced Brightspace course
August 31:  Campus Deadline, all app materials submitted in Slate
Mid Sept:  Foreign language evaluations due in Slate, if applicable
Mid Sept:  Campus Interviews
Early October:  National Application Deadline
Questions

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