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

LaShyra Nolen, 2017 ETA to Spain
2019-2020 Minimum Eligibility Requirements*

- U.S. Citizenship by the national app deadline (October 9, 2018)
- 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/Research Awards

**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 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

- Nadine Iskandar, LMU Class of 2017, Semi-Finalist to Belgium
  - University of Leuven Master of European Studies- This one-year interdisciplinary program focuses on Europe as a continent of strong interactions across national boundaries and constant exchanges with the outside world.

- Master's in Management at the Instituto de Empresa (IE) Business School in Madrid
  - Recently graduated or professionals with no more than two years of work experience when the program begins will be considered. This program also provides the opportunity to specialize in International Business, Sales and Marketing or Digital Business. Applicants for the Master's in Management program must take the GMAT, GRE or the IE Admissions Test.

- University of Bristol Award
  - One award is offered to pursue a one-year Master’s degree (or the first year of a longer Master's or Ph.D. degree program) in any discipline.
Examples of Research/Creative Arts Awards

- Puja Iyer, 2018 Semi-Finalist to Morocco
  - Her research will focus on the intersection of language, gender, and education to examine how adolescent reproductive health (ARH) is internalized and acted upon in Agadir, Morocco. She will conduct a linguistic analysis of ARH education programs available to youth in the region and will collect both quantitative (surveys) and qualitative (interviews) data provided by youth about their understanding, their perceptions, and their personal practices regarding sexual health.

- 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
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 personal interests and community engagement.
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

- **National Geographic Digital Storytelling Fellowship** - An academic year of overseas travel and storytelling in one, two, or three countries on a globally significant theme.

*Based on the 2018-19 Grants*
Application Components

- Personal Statement
- Statement of Grant Purpose
- 3 Letters of Reference
- Unofficial Transcript(s)
- 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?

- Individuals who understand, embody, and wish to further the Fulbright mission
  - The promotion of mutual understanding among nations
  - And especially those 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 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)
March 14: Scholarships for Postgraduate Study in the UK and Ireland
March 16: Where to Begin? A Research/Creative Arts Awards Webinar
March 23: Researching Postgraduate Programs Abroad Info Session
April 2: Fulbright U.S. Student Program application opens
April 10: Crafting a Competitive Fulbright ETA Application
May 1: LMU Pre-application form due (online)
May-June: LMU applicants are assigned a Faculty Mentor
July 1: Required Checkpoint- application drafts due to ONIF
August 31: Campus Deadline, all app materials submitted in Embark
September: Campus Interviews
October 9: National Application Deadline
Resources

- Fulbright [website](#)
  - Tutorials
  - Upcoming webinars
- ONIF [website](#)
  - Schedule a Fellowship Advisement Appointment
  - Learn about past LMU Fulbrighters
- Faculty
  - LMU Faculty Fulbright Alums
- [Career Professional Development](#)
- [Mango Languages App, Duolingo Languages App, Rosetta Stone](#)
- [Penn State's Fulbright Essay Tips and Samples](#)
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