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Grants for Study, Research, or
Teaching Assistantships Abroad



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Agenda

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- Types of Grants for Students and Scholars
- Eligibility
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Preparing a Competitive Application

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

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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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Fulbright Program

About...



Senator J. William Fulbright
ARKANSAS

- 1946: Created by U.S. Congress
- Student Program administered in U.S. by IIE
- Administered overseas by NGOs and U.S. embassies

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Types of Grants

For US citizens

- **Fulbright U.S. Student Program**
- **Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program**
- **Fulbright U.S. Scholar Specialist Program**
- Fulbright NEXUS Program
- Fulbright Classroom Teacher Exchange Program
- Distinguished Fulbright Awards in Teaching
- Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship Program
- Fulbright-Hays Exchange Programs

Selection factors

- Strong academic and/or professional preparation
- Demonstrated leadership ability
- Less than 6 months spent in host country previously (*excluding* undergrad study abroad)
- Community involvement



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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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U.S. Student Program

Two Types of Grants

Study/Research

- 950+ awards
- 8-10 months
- 140 countries
- Independent study/research projects in academic & arts fields

English Teaching Assistantship (ETA)

- 1,200+ awards
- 8-10 months
- ~75 countries
- Help teach English and U.S. culture in the classroom



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Special Award Opportunities

Fulbright National Geographic Digital Storytelling Fellowship

U.S. State Department National Geographic Complementary Missions:

- Fulbright “increases mutual understanding”
- National Geographic “inspires people to care about the planet”

Fulbright-National Geographic Digital Storytelling Fellows will:

- Examine relevant issues abroad
- Report stories digitally (content featured online in NatGeo blog)
- Open minds to new perspectives
- Inspire others to engage in the conversation
- Receive training, support, and mentorship by National Geographic Editors

4-5 grants annually; experience in techniques essential



Photo: 2014-15 Fellow, Daniel Koehler, Botswana



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Critical Language Enhancement Award



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

<http://us.fulbrightonline.org/critical-language-enhancement-awards>

Language	Countries / Territories
Arabic	Egypt, Jordan, Morocco
Bahasa Indonesia	Indonesia
Bangla/Bengali	India
Chinese (Mandarin only)	China
Gujarati	India
Hindi	India
Marathi	India
Punjabi	India
Russian	Russia
Urdu	India



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Application Process: Students

Fulbright U.S. Student Program

<http://us.fulbrightonline.org/>

- Begin searching by world region or country
- Currently enrolled students must apply through UW:
- **UW deadline: Sept. 6**
- Campus interview required: Sat, Sept 23
- **National deadline: Oct. 6**

Alumni who are not currently enrolled are not required, but are strongly encouraged, to apply through UW.

Considerations

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



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U.S. Scholar Program

Main Types of Grants

Core

- 800+ awards
- Research or teaching
- 3-9 months
- Flex Option allows multiple visits to host country

View 2017-2018 Catalog of Awards	
Total Awards*	502
Africa, Sub-Saharan	66
East Asia / Pacific	56
Europe	250
Middle East / N. Africa	47
South, Central Asia	18
Western Hemisphere	64

* Many awards produce more than 1 grant. 500 award listings will yield approximately 800 grants.

Specialist

- 3-12 weeks
- Research, teaching or special projects
- Must first apply to be on roster, then placements are made

International Education Administrators Seminars

- 2-week networking trips to France, Germany, India, Japan or Korea



For more information, visit:

www.cies.org | fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org



Application Process: Scholars

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

Core: www.cies.org/program/core-fulbright-us-scholar-program

- Search catalog by discipline, region, qualifications, program type, or keyword <https://awards.cies.org/>
- Apply by August 1 for most grants

Specialist: fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org

- Search catalog by discipline, region, qualifications, program type, or keyword
- Rolling deadline

Considerations

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



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Application Components

Completely Online Process

1. Basic Personal Data

2. Essays

- Statement of Purpose / Grant Proposal
- Personal Statement / CV

3. Reports / References

- Foreign Language Evaluation
- Three (3) References

4. Transcripts

5. Other

- Affiliation Letter(s): Research/Study only
- Arts: Supplementary Materials
- Special Opportunities have additional requirements



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Research / Study Grants



General Qualifications

- Well-developed project and/or study plan
- High level of academic and/or professional achievement
- Demonstrated leadership ability
- Sufficient language proficiency (varies by country)
- Community engagement-service orientation



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English Teaching Assistantship



Improve students' understanding of English language & U.S. culture

- Assistant teach 20-30 hours/week
- Excellent communication skills
- Flexibility, adaptability, openness
- Demonstrated leadership & service
- Host language proficiency varies by country



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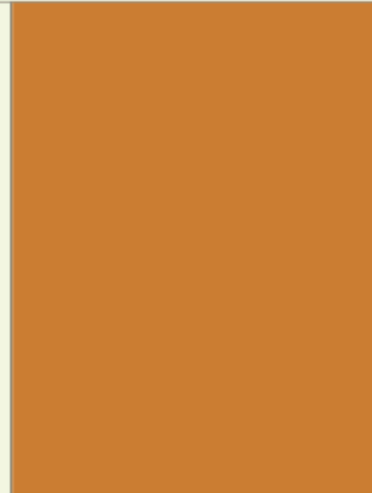
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Statement of Grant Purpose

For Research/ Study Grant:

- 2 pages, single-spaced (Students)
- 3-5 pages (Scholars)
- 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)



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Statement of Grant Purpose

For ETA Grant:

- 1 page, single-spaced (Students only)
- 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

Resources:

- UW faculty & staff
- 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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Application Timeline

	Design Project, Prepare Application	March - August
	Scholar National Deadline Student Campus Deadline	August 1, 2017 September 6, 2017
	National Application Deadline	October 6, 2017
	National Screening Committees	Nov / Dec
	Commissions/Embassies Foreign Scholarship Board	Jan - May
	Final Notification	Mar - June




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National Screening Committee (NSC) Review Guidelines 2017-2018

Review Categories and Elements for **Study/Research in Academic Fields**



Project Proposal/Grant Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plan, timeline• Methodology• Affiliation• Feasibility
Applicant's Qualifications & Background/Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academic background/training/experience• Accomplishments/extracurricular activities/work experience
Applicant's Personal Attributes & Fit with Fulbright Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adaptability/flexibility• Motivation• Future Plans• Community Engagement• Advances Diversity in the Program

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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