



FULBRIGHT
U.S. Student Program

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INFORMATION SESSION

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The Fulbright Program 2027-2028

Program Goal

Our mission is to foster mutual understanding between nations, advance knowledge across communities, and improve lives around the world.

History and Administration

- Created in 1946 by U.S. Congress
- Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)
- U.S. Student Program administered in the U.S. by IIE
- Administered overseas by bi-national Commissions and U.S. Embassies





The Fulbright Program

- Fulbright seeks applicants and participants from a wide range of backgrounds that reflect U.S. society and societies abroad.
- Fulbright participants are individuals whose academic pursuits and professional interests meet the high standards of this program and contribute to its mission.
- Fulbright works intentionally to encourage, engage, and support all individuals throughout and beyond their Fulbright Program experience.



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Fulbright U.S. Student Eligibility

OPEN TO:

- Graduating seniors
- Recent graduates
- Graduate students
- Career professionals, including creative, and performing artists/musicians

BASIC ELIGIBILITY:

- U.S. citizen by application deadline
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent by start of grant
- No doctorate at the time of application
- Country-specific requirements





Program Award Types



Study/Research Award

Independent research, study, or arts projects abroad



800+
Awards



6-12
Months



~140
Countries

English Teaching Assistantship (ETA)

Help teach English and U.S. culture in the classroom



1,000+
Awards



8-10
Months



~75
Countries





Award Benefits

Pre-Award & In-Country

- Round-trip airfare
- Monthly stipend*
- Accident and sickness benefits
- Online TESOL Fundamentals Course (ETA only)
- Other **possible** benefits*
 - Support for dependents
 - Research / Teaching materials allowance
 - Tuition
 - Language lessons
 - Enhancement activities
 - Disability-related accommodations

Post-Award

- The Fulbright network of alumni
- State Department's alumni website
- Eligible for 12 months of noncompetitive eligibility (NCE) hiring status within the federal government
- Lifetime Fulbright email address
- Fulbright Association

* *Varies depending on grant and host country.*



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Application Components

1. Basic Personal Data & Program Information

- Abstract, Host Country Engagement, Future Plans

2. Short Answer Questions Fulfilling the Fulbright Mission

- Flexibility & Adaptability (2,000 characters)
- Community Engagement (2,000 characters)
- Impact of Fulbright Award (1,000 characters)

3. Statement of Grant Purpose (6,000 characters study/research OR 3,000 characters ETA)

Reports / References

- Foreign Language Evaluation
- Three (3) References

4. Transcripts

5. Other

- Research/Study: Affiliation Letter(s)
- Arts: [Supplementary Materials](#)

IMPORTANT:
Applicants can only
apply to one country.



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Application Timeline

MARCH 31, 2026	APPLICATION OPENS
APRIL–SEPTEMBER	DESIGN PROJECT AND PREPARE APPLICATION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026	CAMPUS DEADLINE (3 WEEKS BEFORE NATIONAL DEADLINE)
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026	NATIONAL APPLICATION DEADLINE, DUE BY 5:00 P.M. ET
NOVEMBER–DECEMBER	U.S. REVIEW: NATIONAL SCREENING COMMITTEES
JANUARY–MAY	HOST COUNTRY REVIEW: FULBRIGHT COMMISSIONS AND/OR U.S. EMBASSY
MARCH–JUNE	FINAL SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION: FULBRIGHT FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIP BOARD





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