Alternatives to the Fulbright U.S. Student Grant

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While you are unlikely to find other opportunities offered in as many countries and with the amount of flexibility as the Fulbright, below you will find other highly competitive and widely recognized alternatives that take place abroad. Don’t wait until you hear the outcome of your Fulbright application to apply for an alternative!

For more program specific information and exact application deadlines, please click on the website links.

Applying for the Fulbright ETA? Be sure to check the Fellowships Advising website for a list of government-supported English teaching opportunities.

Ph.D.-level students should review the list of external dissertation fellowships.

Post-Undergraduate Opportunities to Study Abroad or Conduct Research

American-Scandinavian Foundation
Deadline: Early November
ASF offers scholarships (up to $23,000) and grants (up to $5,000) to pursue research, study, or creative arts projects in one or more Scandinavian country for up to one year. Priority is given to candidates at the graduate level for dissertation-related study or research.

Asian Cultural Council Individual Grants
Deadline: Fall (check website in August for more details)
Funding to conduct research, study, receive specialized training, or pursue non-commercial creative activity in Asia. They seek artists and scholars who hope to grow in their craft or their field. The grants are process-oriented, not product-oriented. They are intended for exploration, not exhibition. Check the list of disciplines funded.

Australia Awards–Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships
Deadline: Late June
Endeavour awards are the Australian Government’s competitive, merit-based scholarships and fellowships providing opportunities for overseas citizens to undertake study, research or professional development overseas in Australia (and similar opportunities for Australian citizens to do the same abroad).

Boren Fellowships (National Security Education Program)
Deadline: End of January
Boren Fellowships provide up to $24,000 to U.S. graduate students to support study and research in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. national security interests, including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East, with a focus on studying less commonly taught languages. It draws on a broad definition of national security, recognizing that the scope of national security has expanded to include not only the traditional concerns of protecting and promoting American well-being, but also the challenges of global society, including: sustainable development, environmental degradation, global disease and hunger, population growth and migration, and economic competitiveness. Boren Fellowship awards are made for a minimum of 12 weeks and maximum of 24 months.
**Critical Language Scholarship**

**Deadline:** November

With the goal of broadening the base of Americans studying and mastering critical languages and building relationships between the people of the United States and other countries, CLS provides opportunities to a diverse range of students from across the United States at every level of language learning.

The CLS Program is a program of the [U.S. Department of State](https://www.state.gov). 10 weeks of intensive language study during the summer in a country in which the language is spoken. Can be used the summer following senior year. Graduate students also eligible.

**DAAD Scholarships for Study and/or Research in Germany**

**Deadline:** Varies

Germany offers multiple types of scholarships to study and conduct research at all university levels (undergrad through graduate students).

**Gates Cambridge Scholarships**

**Deadline:** October

Gates Cambridge Scholarships are highly competitive full-cost scholarships. They are awarded to outstanding applicants from countries outside the UK to pursue a full-time postgraduate degree in any subject available at the University of Cambridge.

**German Chancellor Fellowship**

**Deadline:** Mid-September

The German Chancellor Fellowship allows recent university graduates (including current Master's and PhD students) to spend one year conducting a project of their design with the host of their choice in Germany. The project can be in any field, but should be research-based and create a positive social impact. Benefits include full financial support, a language course, and a study tour culminating with meeting Chancellor Angela Merkel.

**Marshall Scholarships**

**Campus Deadline:** July 15 annually

[Campus Nomination Instructions](https://www.state.gov/relns/ed/usmission.htm)

Open to U.S. citizens holding a bachelor's degree at the time of award, funds one to three years of study at an institution in the United Kingdom. Scholars are selected on the basis of distinction of intellect (3.7+ GPA) and character, potential to significantly contribute to society, UK-US ambassadorial potential, and seriousness of purpose. The award covers university fees, cost of living expenses, annual book grant, thesis grant, research and daily travel grants, and fares to and from the United States. Seniors, graduate/professional students, and graduates are eligible to apply within two years of their undergraduate education. Up to 40 awards annually.

**George J. Mitchell Scholarship**

**Campus Deadline:** July 15 annually

[Campus Nomination Instructions](https://www.state.gov/relns/ed/usmission.htm)

Up to twelve Mitchell Scholars between the ages of 18 and 30 are chosen annually for one year of postgraduate study in any discipline offered by institutions of higher learning in Ireland and Northern Ireland. Applicants are judged on three criteria: scholarship, leadership, and a sustained commitment to community and public service. The Mitchell Scholars Program provides tuition, accommodations, a living expenses stipend, and an international travel stipend. Up to 12 awards annually.

**Rhodes Scholarship**

**Campus Nomination Deadline:** July 15 annually

[Campus Nomination Instructions](https://www.state.gov/relns/ed/usmission.htm)

The Rhodes funds one to three years of study leading to a degree at Oxford University. The Rhodes is for U.S. citizens or citizens of Australia, Bermuda, Canada, Commonwealth Caribbean, China, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Kenya, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, United Arab Emirates, Zambia or Zimbabwe under the age of 24 who are seniors, graduate/professionals, and graduate students. Eligible non-U.S. citizens may apply from their home country on the basis of degrees from U.S. universities and may have an earlier deadline. The Rhodes Trust selects 32 outstanding scholars each year.
scholars each year on the basis of academic excellence, commitment to public service, moral character, and leadership ability.

**Rotary Peace Fellowship**
**Deadline:** End of May
Each year, Rotary selects up to 100 individuals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships at one of our peace centers. These fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, and RT transportation. Two types of fellowships are available: (1) 15-24 month master’s degree fellowships at universities in fields related to peace and conflict prevention and resolution (Rotary Peace Centers are currently located in Japan, England, Australia, and Sweden), and (2) 3-month fellowships for experienced professionals working in peace-related fields at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand. For more information, contact your local Rotary club or the Rotary Peace Centers Department at The Rotary Foundation.

**Schwarzman Scholarship**
**Campus Deadline:** July 15 annually
**Campus Nomination Instructions**
**Campus Contact:** Barbara Gorka, Fellowships Advising
Designed to prepare the next generation of global leaders, Schwarzman Scholars was created to respond to the geopolitical landscape of the 21st Century. The program fully funds a one-year Master’s Degree at Tsinghua University in Beijing. Students live and study together on the campus of Schwarzman College, a newly-built, state-of-the-art facility, where all classes are taught in English. Students pursue degrees in one of three disciplines: 1) Public Policy, 2) Economics and Business, and 3) International Studies. Competitive students will have a minimum 3.7 GPA, be between the ages of 18-28, and demonstrate outstanding leadership, intellectual ability, and entrepreneurial spirit.

**U.S. Borlaug Fellows in Global Food Security Graduate Research Grant**
**Deadline:** Mid-April
The U.S. Borlaug Fellows in Global Food Security graduate research grant program supports exceptional graduate students who are interested in developing a component of their graduate research in a developing country setting. All topics that relate to food security (e.g., agriculture, nutrition, ecological resources, poverty) and are linked to the research strategies of the Feed the Future initiative are admissible. The grants have a maximum value of $15-$40,000 for 6-month to 2-year long international research stays.

**Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships**
**Deadline:** Early November
The Government of Canada supports the Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (Vanier CGS) to strengthen Canada's ability to attract and retain world-class doctoral students and establish Canada as a global centre of excellence in research and higher learning. Vanier Scholars demonstrate leadership skills and a high standard of scholarly achievement in graduate studies in the social sciences and/or humanities, natural sciences and/or engineering and health. Up to 167 scholarships ($50,000) are awarded annually. Selection is based on academic excellence, research potential, and leadership.

**Opportunities for Public/Community Service and Professional Development Abroad**

**Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals in Germany**
**Deadline:** Beginning of December
A full-year, reciprocal work-study fellowship providing 75 Americans, age 18-24, with an understanding of everyday life, education, & professional training in Germany. Includes RT transatlantic flight, university tuition, language training, living stipend, & program-related travel costs in Germany: 2 months language training in Germany, 4 months of study at German university, and a 5 month internship in a German-speaking work environment. Also Accommodation in a German home/student residence, seminars, in-country support during program & health & accident insurance.
Global Health Corps Fellowship
Deadline: Beginning of February
Global Health Corps is mobilizing a global community of emerging leaders to build the movement for health equity. We place talented individuals from a wide variety of backgrounds in paid, high impact roles in NGOs and government agencies in sub-Saharan Africa and the US for one year. During the fellowship year, fellows collaborate, innovate, and create sustainable and impactful change. Applicants can apply for up to 3 positions that match their interests and skills, from project management to monitoring and evaluation, engineering, communications and more. We are looking for people from a broad range of sectors and disciplines.

Humanity in Action Fellowship
Deadline: Early January
The Humanity in Action Fellowship brings together international groups of Fellows to study minority rights and produce original research exploring how and why individuals and societies, past and present, have resisted intolerance and protected democratic values. Separate programs take place for five weeks every summer in Amsterdam, Atlanta, Berlin, Copenhagen, Sarajevo, and Warsaw. Undergraduates and recent graduates from universities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, the Netherlands, Poland, Ukraine and the United States are eligible to apply.

International Parliamentary Scholarship in Germany
Deadline: Late June
The German Bundestag collaborates with the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Freie Universität Berlin and Technische Universität Berlin to run its International Parliamentary Scholarships (IPS) program. The program involves fifteen-week placements with Members of the German Bundestag. The participants are introduced to the wide variety of tasks carried out in a Member’s office. For example, they may find themselves drafting speeches, articles and letters or doing preparatory work for plenary sittings. Candidates must be American citizens with advanced German proficiency no older than 30 years of age by the time the program begins. They must also have received a bachelor's degree by December before the start of the program, and have a demonstrated interest in social and political engagement. All majors are eligible.

Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows Program
Deadline: End of January
During each two-year fellowship cycle, 12-15 Leland Fellows are placed with international development organizations that include international and local NGOs, U.S. government agencies and multilateral organizations. Host organizations in the past have included Concern Worldwide, the UN World Food Program, Catholic Relief Services, Mercy Corps, and many more. Fellows work on a variety of food security issues, such as agricultural development, nutrition, natural resource management, agribusiness development and women’s empowerment. Includes a monthly stipend, health insurance and travel expenses.

Peace Corps
Deadline: Ongoing
The Peace Corps sends Americans abroad to tackle the most pressing needs of people around the world. Peace Corps Volunteers work at the grassroots level toward sustainable change that lives on long after their service—at the same time becoming global citizens and serving their country. When they return home, Volunteers bring their knowledge and experiences—and a global outlook—that enriches the lives of those around them. Typically requires two years of post-graduate service abroad working on economic, environmental, community development, and education initiatives, among others. Benefits include travel to and from country of service, a monthly living and housing allowance, and full medical and dental coverage.

Princeton in Africa (PiAF)
Deadline: Late October
Princeton in Africa develops young leaders committed to Africa’s advancement by offering yearlong fellowship opportunities with a variety of organizations that work across African continent. Approximately 30 paid fellowships are awarded each year. Fellowships are awarded on a needs-blind basis. Graduating seniors and young alumni from any accredited U.S. college or university are eligible to apply. Please note that prior Africa experience is NOT a requirement.
Princeton in Asia

Deadline: Mid-November
Princeton in Asia (PiA) sponsors over 150 fellowships and internships in 21 countries and is the oldest and largest organization of its kind, unique in its scope, size, century-long expertise and emphasis on service. The essence of PiA is to provide transformative, service-oriented experiences for bright, talented graduates and to serve the needs of Asia as determined by our host institutions and Asian partners. PiA arranges fellowships and internships with Asian host organizations that contribute to important global issues at the local level: education, public health, environmental sustainability, access to information/media, economic development and social justice. Fellowships are the means of fostering person-to-person diplomacy, enhancing mutual understanding, contributing to communities with unmet needs and providing transformative experiences for fellows and host communities.

Princeton in Latin America

Deadline: Beginning of November
Princeton in Latin America (PiLA) seeks to connect recent college graduates with one-year, service-oriented positions at NGOs and community based service organizations in Latin America. For most positions, some knowledge of the local language (Spanish, Portuguese, or French) is necessary. In addition, applicants who feel that they might need to strengthen their language skills may indicate that they plan on taking language classes prior to starting their fellowship. PiLA is currently open to graduating seniors and young alumni of Princeton and other universities.

Samuel Huntington Public Service Award

Deadline: Early January
The Samuel Huntington Public Service Award provides $15,000 to a graduating college senior to pursue one year of public service anywhere in the world. The award allows recipients to engage in a meaningful public service activity for one year before proceeding on to graduate school or a career.

William J. Clinton Fellowship for Service in India

Deadline: January
William J. Clinton Fellowship for Service in India is a 10 month leadership fellowship that pairs a select number of young professionals from the U.S. and India with NGOs and social enterprises in India in order to accelerate impact and create effective projects that are replicable, scalable, and sustainable. Applicants must be between the ages of 21 and 34 and completed an undergraduate degree. AIF provides a round trip ticket to India, insurance coverage, and a monthly stipend to each Fellow.