Fulbright U.S. Student Program

Scholar Development and Fellowships Advising
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### Fulbright Program

**About...**

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

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**Goal**

To *increase mutual understanding* between people of the U.S. and people of other countries through exchange

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For more information, visit:

- [http://fulbright.state.gov](http://fulbright.state.gov)
- [http://us.fulbrightonline.org](http://us.fulbrightonline.org)
## Eligibility

### Open to:
- Graduating seniors
- Recent graduates
- Graduate students
- Early career professionals, including creative and performing artists/musicians

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

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## Two Types of Grants

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<th>Study/Research Grant</th>
<th>English Teaching Assistantship (ETA)</th>
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<td>• 950+ awards</td>
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<td>• 8-10 months</td>
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<td>• ~140 countries</td>
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<td>• Independent research, study, or arts projects abroad</td>
<td>• Help teach English and U.S. culture in the classroom</td>
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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
• Open minds to new perspectives
• Inspire others to engage in the conversation

Photo: 2014-15 Fellow, Daniel Koehler, Botswana
# Special Award Opportunities

## The Critical Language Enhancement Award

- Supplementary funding for Fulbright U.S. Student Program grantees
- 3-6 months intensive language study
- Only in select languages/host countries.

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<td>China (mainland China program only), Egypt, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Morocco, Russia</td>
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<th>Eligible Languages:</th>
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<td>Arabic (all dialects), Bahasa Indonesia, Bangla/Bengali, Mandarin Chinese, Gujarati, Hindi, Marathi, Punjabi, Russian, and Urdu.</td>
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The number of eligible countries and languages supported by the CLEA is subject to change based on future budget allocations and U.S. Department of State priorities.
Factors in Selection

- Quality & feasibility of the proposal as described in the *Statement of Grant Purpose*
- Academic or professional record
- Personal qualifications
- Language preparation

- Extent to which the candidate and the project will help to advance the Fulbright goals
- Requirements of the program in individual countries
- Desirability of achieving diversity

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Other Considerations

- Why/How is the Fulbright a next logical step in your academic and career trajectory?
- Why (country)? In other words, why do you need to have this experience in Spain, Poland, Macau, or (fill in the blank)?
- Community engagement. How will you fulfill the Fulbright mission of increased cultural understanding through exchange?

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Application Components

1. General Biographical Data
2. Essays
   1. Statement of Grant Purpose
   2. Personal Statement
3. Foreign Language Forms
4. Recommendations
5. Transcripts
6. Affiliation Letter (Research Only)
7. Portfolio (Arts Only)

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How to Apply

- Application Tips section can be found in Applicants section on us.fulbrightonline.org

- Check events section for upcoming live webinars.

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Grant Benefits

• Round-trip Airfare
• Monthly 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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http://us.fulbrightonline.org
Post-Grant Benefits

- The Fulbright Network for Alumni
  - State Dept. Alumni Website
  - Lifetime e-mail address
  - Fulbright Association

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<td>Design Project, Prepare Application</td>
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<td>Campus Deadline</td>
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<td>IIE Application Deadline</td>
<td>October 9, 2018</td>
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<td>National Screening Committees</td>
<td>Nov / Dec</td>
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<td>Commissions/Embassies</td>
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<td>Foreign Scholarship Board</td>
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<td>Final Notification</td>
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Temple University Application Timeline

- **April 2, 2018:** Fulbright competition opens for 2018-2019. As soon as possible, create an account on the [Fulbright Embark platform](#). This is a recommended (not required) deadline.

- **June 30, 2018:** Submit official or unofficial transcripts to the [Fulbright Embark platform](#). This is a recommended (not required) deadline.

- **August 20, 2018:** Preliminary deadline. Submit the following application materials by the preliminary deadline and receive feedback on your application’s strengths and weaknesses from members of the Fulbright Campus Committee. You will then have the opportunity to revise your application before the official campus deadline. This is a STRONGLY recommended (not required) deadline.
  - Abstract of the *Statement of Grant Purpose*
  - Host country engagement
  - Brief explanation of your future plans upon returning to the U.S.
  - Statement of Grant Purpose
  - Personal Statement

- **September 7, 2018:** Official campus deadline for Temple applicants. The application, including all supporting documents, must be in the Fulbright Embark on-line application system. Be sure to give your references this deadline, not the national deadline. Must also complete the Temple Waiver. This is a required deadline.

- **September/October 2018:** Campus Interviews. The campus committee will evaluate your application based on a review of your materials and a brief 20 minute interview. The committee completes a campus evaluation, which is submitted with your application.
Tips to Become More Competitive

• **Language.** If you haven’t already done so, start studying the primary language of your proposed host country, even if language proficiency isn’t required.
  o Self-study
  o Temple courses
  o Local college courses near your home town in the summer

• **Teaching and Tutoring Experience (for ETA applicants in particular)**
  o Writing Center (tutors and conversation partners)
  o Diamond Peer Teachers Program
  o Center for Learning and Student Success tutoring
  o Resnick Academic Support Center tutoring
  o Volunteer to teach/assist ESL classes at local organizations like:
    o [Nationalities Service Center](#)
    o [Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians](#)
    o See [College of Education’s list](#)
Tips to Become More Competitive

• **Gain independent research experience**
  
  o For undergraduates: Diamond Research Scholars Program, CARAS Program, and many more (see Fellowships Advising list of research opportunities)

• **Follow current events** in your proposed host country; Read about US and world news through your proposed country’s media

• **Start early!**
  
  o Expect to write multiple drafts
  o Seek input from faculty, Fellowships Advising, Writing Center
  o Participate in one of our Fulbright Workshops in late spring/early summer
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FULBRIGHT WORKSHOPS

Are you planning to apply for the Fulbright US Student Program in the next cycle? Our workshops will help you to prepare a more competitive application.

**Fulbright April Workshop:** Wednesdays, 4-5:30 p.m., April 18 & 25 (an abbreviated two-session workshop for students who will not be in the area during the summer)
To register: [fulbrightaprilworkshop.youcanbook.me](fulbrightaprilworkshop.youcanbook.me)

**Fulbright May Workshop:** Wednesdays, 4:30-6:00 p.m., May 16, 23, 30
To register: [fulbrightmayworkshop.youcanbook.me](fulbrightmayworkshop.youcanbook.me/)

**Fulbright June Workshop (A):** Mondays, 5-6:30 p.m., June 4, 11, 18
To register: [fulbrightjuneaworkshop.youcanbook.me](fulbrightjuneaworkshop.youcanbook.me/)

**Fulbright June Workshop (B):** Tuesday, 3:00-4:30 p.m., June 5, 12, 19
To register: [fulbrightjunebworkshop.youcanbook.me](fulbrightjunebworkshop.youcanbook.me/)

Space is limited and registration is required. Priority is given to students who can participate in the entire workshop. Questions? Contact Barbara Gorka at barbara.gorka@temple.edu
Next Steps

• Don’t wait until you hear the outcome of your Fulbright application to consider alternatives! You can find several options here.

• Take advantage of the resources on the Fulbright program website. Here you can find application tips, statistics, factors in selection, Fulbright Alumni Ambassadors, directory of past grantees, as well as other useful information.

• Start brainstorming your Fulbright proposal/plans.

• Consider who you will ask for a letter of reference.

• Schedule an advising session in advance of the August rush.
Questions? Follow-up?

- **General questions**
  - feladv@temple.edu, barbara.gorka@temple.edu
  - 215-204-0708 (Director: Barbara Gorka)

- **One-on-one Advising** (for specific scholarships and personal statement review)
  - Can be scheduled online

- **LinkedIn Fellowships Advising Group**
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