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# Funding Opportunities *for* International Studies Research

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## Fulbright U.S. Student Program



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## 1. Name and Info URL

Name of Fellowships: Fulbright U.S. Student Fellowship

URL: <http://www.fulbrightonline.org/us/about.html>

## 2. Deadline

The deadlines are:

- Sept. 12: Cornell submission
- Oct. 20: Institute for International Education (IIE) submission
- Jan: Applications of recommended students are sent to Commissions/Embassies and to the State Department for approval
- Jan. 31: IIE notifies applicants of their status (recommended or non-recommended)
- Feb/Mar: Commissions/Embassies notify IIE and State Department regarding their principals, alternates, and non-selects

## 3. Eligibility

- Must be U.S. citizen at time of application. Permanent residents are not eligible.
- Hold at least a B.A. degree or equivalent before the start of the grant.
  - Applicants **who have not earned a B.A. degree** or the equivalent, but who have extensive professional study and/or experience in fields in which they wish to pursue a project, may be considered.
  - In the **creative and performing arts**, four years of professional study and/or experience meets the basic eligibility requirement.
- Have sufficient proficiency in the written and spoken language of the host country to communicate with the people and to carry out the proposed study. This is especially important for projects in the social sciences and the humanities.
- Be in good health. Grantees will be required to submit a satisfactory medical Certificate of Health from a physician.

## 4. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Adequate formal training for the proposed study or research is essential.
- Graduating seniors (those who will receive a bachelor's degree by the beginning date of the grant) will generally be expected to attend regular university lectures, but they should describe the study programs they wish to follow in terms as specific as possible. They should not expect close academic supervision, and should be prepared to supplement lectures with independent work.
- Advanced degree candidates proposing research for theses and dissertations will be expected to work independently without close supervision.
- Language skills must be commensurate with the requirements of your project, and are an element of its feasibility. Additional language training may be available.
- The Fulbright Program has an opportunity through the Critical Language Enhancement Award for pre-grant language training in targeted languages.

## 5. Description

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, the Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers opportunities for recent graduates, pre-doctoral candidates, and developing professionals and artists to conduct career-launching study, research, and teaching abroad.

The types of grants available are:

- Full grants
- Travel Grants
- Special Programs - Determine if you wish to flag your application for a Special Program. These are listed on Page 1 of the Application Form, and include:
  - Business Grants
    - Mexico Binational Business Grants
    - International MBA Program, Spain;
  - Critical Language Enhancement Awards
  - English Teaching Assistantships
  - mtvU

## 6. Application Procedure

Online application: Go to: <http://us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html> and click on the “How To Apply” link for instructions

- Currently enrolled students must apply through the campus Fulbright Program Advisor (FPA )
- Applicants who have already graduated may apply through their alma mater, provided the campus FPA will accept applications from alumni.

Application components:

- Online application form
- Statement of proposed study
- Personal Statement— not a resume! Personal/intellectual biography in narrative form
- Letter of affiliation from an institution in destination country
- Foreign language report, if applicable
- Three letters of references
- Supplemental forms
  - Creative and Performing Arts supplemental Material Record Card
  - mtvU Award Documentation and Outreach Plan form
- Transcripts

## 7. Tips for Completing the Application

Thoroughly review the IIE website, [http://us.fulbrightonline.org/howtoapply\\_tips.html](http://us.fulbrightonline.org/howtoapply_tips.html).

## 8. FAQ's

Visit [http://us.fulbrightonline.org/thinking\\_faq.php](http://us.fulbrightonline.org/thinking_faq.php), this is a searchable database and the topics are also ranked by the number of views.

## 9. Selection Criteria

- Academic or professional record.
- Language preparation. Check the website for list of countries offering supplemental language training, <https://us.fulbrightonline.org/glossary.html#additional>.
- Feasibility of the proposed study/research/teaching assistantship project.
- Personal qualifications.
- Preference factors as established by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FSB) and the Fulbright Commissions/Foundations.
- Extent to which the candidate and the project help to advance the Fulbright mission
- Ability of the supervising agencies abroad to arrange supervision.
- Requirements of the program in individual countries.
- Ratio of the number of awards offered in a country to the number of applications received.

For example, the competition for some countries is especially keen, and many well-qualified applicants cannot be accommodated. Therefore, if your project can be accomplished in a less competitive country, your chances for success in the competition **may be** enhanced by applying in the less stringent country competition. Consult last year's [competition statistics](#) for comparative country statistics.

- Desirability of achieving wide institutional and geographic distribution.

Other qualifications being equal, veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces receive preference.

## 10. Funding Period

Most grants are for one academic year, or 9– 12 months.

## 11. Grant Benefits

Most grants offered in the U.S. Student Program are Full or Teaching Assistantship grants. Generally, these grant benefits will include.

- Round-trip transportation to the host country
- Maintenance for the academic year, based on living costs in the host country
- Book and research allowances \*
- Health benefits package
- Mid-term enrichment activities in many countries or regions
- Full or partial tuition, in most cases (see relevant Country Summary for details)
- Language or orientation courses, where appropriate

## 12. Contact Details

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