



FULBRIGHT

U.S. Student Program



The Fulbright Program

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





Diversity and Inclusion

Fulbright strives to ensure that it reflects the diversity of U.S. society and societies abroad. We encourage the involvement of people from traditionally underrepresented audiences in all our grants, programs and other initiatives.

Opportunities are open to people regardless of their race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, geographic location, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.





Fulbright U.S. Student 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





Program Award Types



Study/Research Grant

Independent research, study, or arts projects abroad



950+

Awards



8-10

Months



~140

Countries

English Teaching Assistantship (ETA)

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



1,250+

Awards



8-10

Months



~75

Countries





Award Benefits



Pre-Grant & In-Country

- Round-trip airfare
- Monthly stipend*
- Accident and sickness benefits
- Other **possible** benefits*
 - Support for dependents
 - Research allowance
 - Tuition
 - Language lessons
 - Enhancement activities
 - Disability-related accommodations

* *Varies depending on grant and host country.*

Post-Grant

- 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





Application Components

1. Basic Personal Data & Program Information

- Abstract, Host Country Engagement, Future Plans

2. Essays

- Statement of Grant Purpose
 - Research/Study (2 pg *max*)
 - *English Teaching Assistantship* (1 pg *max*)
- Personal Statement (1 pg *max*)

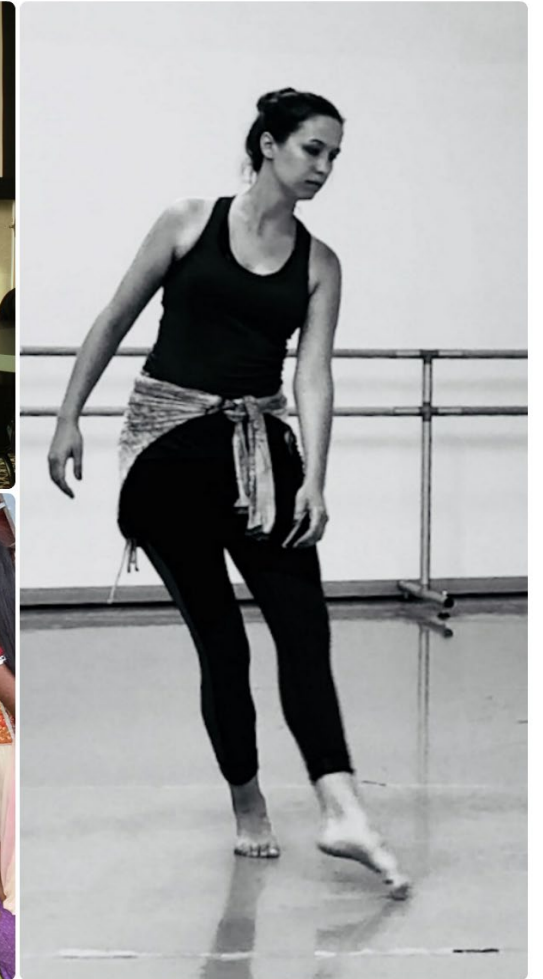
3. Reports / References

- Foreign Language Evaluation
- Three (3) References
- Campus Committee Evaluation

4. Transcripts

5. Other

- **Research/Study: Affiliation Letter(s)**
- **Arts: Supplementary Materials**





Factors in Selection

- ▶ Quality and feasibility of the proposal
- ▶ Academic or professional record
- ▶ Personal qualifications
- ▶ Language preparation
- ▶ Preference factors as established by Foreign Fulbright Scholarship Board
- ▶ Extent to which the candidate and the project will help to advance the Fulbright Program goals
- ▶ Requirements of the program in individual countries
- ▶ Desirability of achieving diversity



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Application Timeline

APRIL–SEPTEMBER

Design Project and Prepare Application

AUGUST–SEPTEMBER

Campus Deadline

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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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