What is the Fulbright U.S. Student Program?

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program provides grants for individually designed Study/Research or Arts projects or for English Teaching Assistant Programs. Study/Research can include graduate study abroad, independent research, or a combination of both. Arts projects are defined in specific areas such as creative writing, specific areas in music, dance, visual art, and require that candidates submit work samples in their applications. A candidate will submit a Statement of Grant Purpose defining activities to take place during one academic year in a participating country outside the U.S. that is fully funded by the Department of State and the host country.

Fulbrighters will meet, work, live with, and learn from the people of the host country, sharing daily experiences. The program facilitates cultural exchange through direct interaction on an individual basis in the classroom, field, home, and in routine tasks, allowing the grantee to gain an appreciation of others' viewpoints and beliefs, the way they do things, and the way they think. Through engagement in the community, the individual will interact with their hosts on a one-to-one basis in an atmosphere of openness, academic integrity, and intellectual freedom, thereby promoting mutual understanding.

Grant lengths, dates, and opportunities vary by country. Please consult the specific country summary for details: [http://us.fulbrightonline.org/countries/regions](http://us.fulbrightonline.org/countries/regions)

Applicants for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program include:

**Current juniors and seniors** Applicants must have their BA degrees in hand by the start of the grant, which is usually at least one year from the time of application. Recipients usually have some undergraduate preparation and/or direct work or internship experience related to the project.

**Recent graduates** Graduating seniors and recent bachelor's-degree recipients usually have some undergraduate preparation and/or direct work or internship experience related to the project.

**Master's and doctoral candidates** Graduate-level candidates must demonstrate the capacity for independent study or research, together with a general knowledge of the history, culture, and current events of the countries to which they are applying.

**Young professionals**, including writers, creative and performing artists, journalists, and those in law, business, and other professional fields who have up to five years of professional study and/or experience in the field in which they are applying will be considered. Those with more than five years of experience should apply to the Council for International Exchange of Scholars in the Fulbright Scholar Program. Competitive applicants to the Fulbright U.S. Student Program will not have recent extensive experience abroad (excluding recent undergraduate study abroad), especially in the country of application. This is usually defined as no more than six months in the desired country in the year prior to application; also, the candidate may not reside in the country at the time of application.

Learn more about the UI Fulbright application process: [https://international.uiowa.edu/funding/students/awards/fulbright](https://international.uiowa.edu/funding/students/awards/fulbright)