

# Fulbright Workshop

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# What is the Fulbright US Program?

- International, educational exchange program that sends US students abroad to study and teach English in over 140 countries
- Founded in 1945
- Funded by a Congressional Act
- Works to foster cultural exchange and bilateral relationships between the US and host countries

# What do Fulbright recipients do?

- Complete Graduate Studies
- Conduct Independent Research
- Teach English
- Engage with and learn from host communities
- Complete community engagement projects
- Represent the US abroad

# Types of Fulbright Grants

# Study/Research Grant

## Open Research

***Supports independent research on any topic in any Fulbright country***

### **Applicant must**

- Outline a feasible research or creative project that can be completed in one year
- Secure affiliations to provide equipment, guidance, and other resources needed to complete the project.

*(Named and subject-specific grants are available)*

# Study/Research Grant

## Graduate Degree Grants

*Supports students as they pursue a graduate degree, typically a Master's Degree, at a university in a Fulbright country*

- Variety of named awards for specific schools and degrees
- Open Study awards that allow you to propose academic study/coursework at any institution in the country.

# English Teaching Assistantship

***Grant to teach English in a Fulbright country for one year.***

- Teaching placements can vary from K12 to college
- Required level of language competency varies by country.
- Locations range from rural to urban settings
- Provides living expenses

# Supplemental Grants

*Designed to enhance the work and experience of students selected for Fulbright.*

**National Geographic Storytelling:**

provides students training in storytelling as part of the Fulbright experience

**Critical Language Enhancement Award:**

provides grantees up to 6 months of intensive language study to enhance their Fulbright experience.



# Benefits for Fulbright Recipients

## **All Fulbright U.S. Student grants include:**

- round-trip transportation to the host country
- funding to cover room, board, and incidental costs, based on the cost of living in the host country
- Accident & Sickness Health Benefits
- 24/7 support line for urgent and non-urgent situations

## **In some countries, grants may also include:**

- book and research allowances\*
- mid-term enrichment activities
- full or partial tuition
- language study programs
- pre-departure and in-country orientations

# Applying for a Fulbright Grant

# Eligibility

Fulbright applicants must

- Be a US citizen
- Hold a Bachelor's degree or, for the arts, have four years of professional training at the start of the grant
- Be in good health
- Have sufficient written and spoken language ability necessary for carrying out the grant

# Preferred Attributes

- Strong academic record
- Substantial extracurricular or campus involvement
- Language skills
- Majority of undergraduate work done in the US
- Limited experience living or working in the country selected for Fulbright

*Typical study abroad experiences do not count against you for coursework or living and working experience.*

# Application Components

- Biographical Data
- Program Information
- Statement of Grant Purpose
- Personal Statement
- 3 Recommendation Letters
- Language Evaluation forms
- Letter of Affiliation (research and study grants)

# Finding Your Award

## **1. Decide what kind of award you would like to pursue**

Consider how an award fits into your education and career plan and what skills and experiences might make you a good fit for the award.

## **2. Find a region or country that fits your interests**

Consider the regions of the world you would like to teach/research in based on the language you speak (ETA) or the relationship between your own research or study and a country's history, culture or innovations.

# Finding Your Award Cont.

## **3. Narrow your options**

Use the Fulbright country profiles to discover the types of awards offered in each country in the region you've selected

## **4. Know your odds**

Use statistics tab on the Fulbright website for information about the number of applications and awards given for each country

# Resources

**Fulbright Website:**

<https://us.fulbrightonline.org>

**NCA Blog:** [blogs.cofc.edu/nationalawards/](https://blogs.cofc.edu/nationalawards/)

**NCA Office Hours:**

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