

Fulbright Program for U.S. Students

Purpose	Established in 1946 to <i>increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries</i> . Sponsored by the U.S. State Dept.
Award	
<i>Tenable</i>	Study or research possible in more than 140 different countries. Many countries now also offer English Teaching Assistantships as an option.
<i>Number & Amount</i>	About 1900 awards to US students annually. Different numbers of grants allotted to each host country. Essentially full funding for most expenses associated with tenure abroad (amount will vary from one host country to another).
<i>Duration</i>	Generally one academic year.
Eligibility	
<i>Who</i>	U.S. citizen. All majors (but each country outlines priority and/or restricted fields of study). Can pass a required health inspection.
<i>When</i>	No age limit. Graduating seniors, recent graduates and Masters/PhD students are eligible. Individuals who hold a PhD or other terminal degree may not apply.
<i>Selection Criteria</i>	No stated GPA threshold but 3.5 or higher is helpful. Plan for study/research that is feasible and fits goals. Good rationale for host country. Maturity and desire to engage host society. Language proficiency commensurate with stated expectations of the host country (quite variable).
Campus Deadline	Generally late August. Ideally make contact with Beth in April or May.
Deadline	Early October. A campus committee interviews each applicant after the campus deadline in order to complete required Campus Committee Evaluation form.
Application	Online application form. Three references. Plan of study and/or research. Personal statement. Transcripts. Language proficiency exam if applicable. Campus Committee Evaluation form. Letter of affiliation from host country in some cases. Applicants can propose a unique research plan (in which case a letter of affiliation is typically important). But students may also propose enrollment in degree programs. In addition, many grants are now allotted for English Teaching Assistantships (ETA). The ETA category has grown dramatically in recent years.
Contact	Beth Powers is the Fulbright Program Advisor (FPA) at Kansas State University. She can be reached at 207 Leadership Studies or (785) 532-3422.
Other	More information available at http://us.fulbrightonline.org/ . You only compete against others applying to the same destination, which means that the competitive odds vary with the number of grants/applicants directed towards a host country.

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