



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 seeks applicants and participants who identify with any and all identity groups and who reflect the diversity of U.S. society and societies abroad.

Fulbright also works intentionally to encourage, engage, and support all individuals throughout their Fulbright Program experience, including recruitment and applications, selection and placement, post-selection preparations and pre-departure/post arrival orientations, throughout the exchange program, and as Fulbright Program alumni.





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



900+

Awards



6-12

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





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)

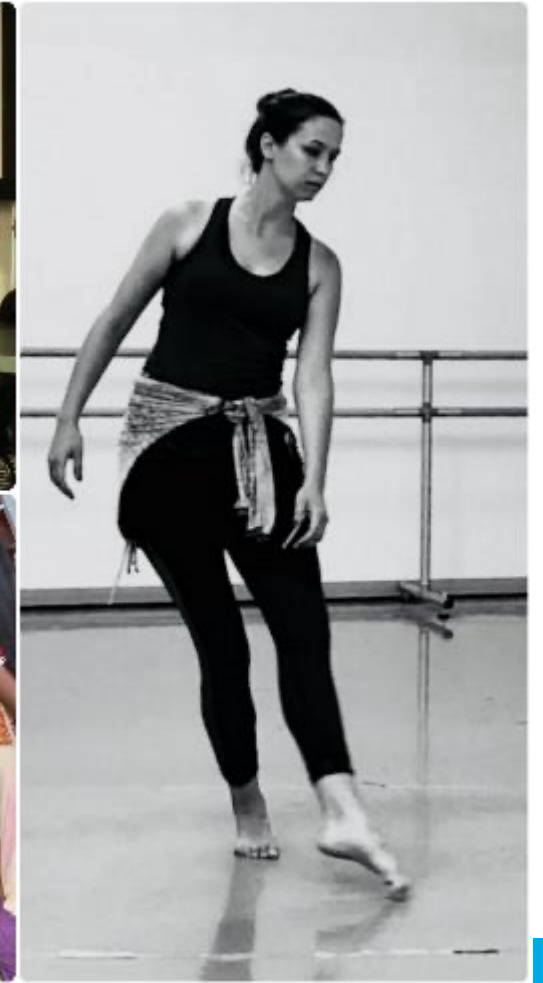
3. Reports / References

- Foreign Language Evaluation
- Three (3) References

4. Transcripts

5. Other

- Research/Study: Affiliation Letter(s)
- Arts: [Supplementary Materials](#)





Award Benefits

Pre-Grant & In-Country

- ▶ Round-trip airfare
- ▶ Monthly stipend*
- ▶ Accident and sickness benefits
- ▶ Online TESOL Fundamentals Course (ETA only)
- ▶ Other **possible** benefits*
 - Support for dependents
 - Research allowance
 - Tuition
 - Language lessons
 - Enhancement activities
 - Disability-related accommodations

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 Timeline

APRIL–SEPTEMBER	Design Project and Prepare Application
AUGUST–SEPTEMBER	UMBC Campus Deadline – August 30, 2023
OCTOBER 10, 2023	National Application Deadline, due by 5:00 p.m. EDT
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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Questions and Answers

