FULBRIGHT
INFORMATION SESSION
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Fulbright: The Basics

• Established in 1946 by the U.S. Congress to “enable the government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.”

• 1,000 research/study grants and 800 English teaching assistantships annually to enable students to pursue international graduate study, research, and teaching worldwide

• Purpose: To increase MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING between people of the US and people of other countries through exchange
Fulbright: Grant Types

• 2 Main Grants:
  • English Teaching Assistantship
  • Study/Research Grants*

• Special Programs
  • The J. William Fulbright-Hillary Rodham Clinton Fellowship will allow fellows to serve in professional public-policy-related placements in foreign government ministries or institutions
  • Fulbright mtvU Awards center around research on an aspect of international musical culture, and should focus on contemporary or popular music as a cultural force for expression
  • During the Fulbright–National Geographic Digital Storytelling Fellowship fellows are trained, supported, and mentored by National Geographic Editors. Fellows will use new media platforms to help build ties across cultures while enhancing mutual understanding. The digital content that they produce will be featured online in various places, including, most prominently, a blog hosted by National Geographic.
Fulbright: Eligibility

Requirements:

- US citizen
- At least Bachelor’s degree or equivalent by start of grant
- Not a PhD, MD or other terminal degree
- Proficiency in language of host country (varies by country)

Other factors that are considered:

- Quality and feasibility of the proposal as described in the Statement of Grant Purpose
- Academic or professional record
- Personal qualifications and language preparation
- Extent to which the candidate and the project will help to advance the Fulbright aim of promoting mutual understanding among nations through engagement in the host community, among other activities
- Ability of the supervising agencies abroad to arrange/confirm supervision and facilitate research clearance, if necessary
Fulbright: Study/ Research Grants

• Applicants design their own projects and will typically work with advisers at foreign universities or other institutes of higher education. Program requirements vary by country.

• Developing an intellectually-compelling and feasible project is the most important factor in presenting a successful application. The project should be innovative and add something to academic inquiry in the field it represents.

• Evidence of significant independent research, language skills, and the specific training and skills necessary to carry out the project, as well as the support of a Vanderbilt faculty member, are also required.

• All candidates provide a letter of affiliation/admission as part of the application submission.
Fulbright: English Teaching Assistantship

• English Teaching Assistants help teach English language while serving as a cultural ambassador for U.S. culture. The age and academic level of classroom students varies by country, ranging from kindergarten to university level.

• ETA’s spend 20-30 hours a week helping to teach English and U.S. culture in the classroom. The remaining time spent on a community-focused project that emphasizes community engagement.

• Language proficiency is required in countries where German, Spanish, French and Italian are spoken.
## Fulbright: Application Timeline

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Fulbright: Resources

• **Online tutorials.** These up-to-date, accessible slideshow videos allow applicants to learn about the basics of the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

  - [Intro to the Fulbright U.S. Student Program](#)
  - [The Research / Study Award (Including Arts)](#)
  - [The English Teaching Assistantship (ETA)](#)

• Visit and subscribe to the [Fulbright U.S. Student Blog](#). The blog features tips and advice on applying, student testimonials, and a calendar with upcoming webinars and campus visits.

• The Fulbright Program attempts is available through a number of social media platform including [Facebook](#), [Google+](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#).
Fulbright: Next Steps

- Do your research: Chose a Country & Grant
- Get feedback: Meet with faculty, advisors and mentors for insight
- Think about: Letters of Recommendation
- Start to plan: Statement of Grant Purpose & Personal Statement
- Affiliation: If you need one, identify who to ask
- **Meet with me! Make an appointment online**
- Participate in the Weekly Writing Workshop Series to begin working on your application – first session is Monday April 4th @ 12PM in Usdan 110