

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program provides grants for individually designed study/research projects or for English Teaching Assistant Programs. 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.

During their grants, 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.

I. Eligibility

- Be US citizens at the time of application
- Be Recent Graduates (graduating seniors and recent bachelor's-degree recipients) or Master's and doctoral students
- Have a conferred bachelor's degree or the equivalent before the start of the grant
- Applicants must be in good health. Grantees will be required to submit a satisfactory Medical Certificate from a physician.
- Have sufficient proficiency in the written and spoken language of the host country sufficient to communicate with the people and to carry out the proposed study/research. This is especially important for projects in the social sciences and the humanities.
- For most programs, applicants who have had extensive previous foreign experience in the host country are at a competitive disadvantage, but are still eligible to apply.

II. Types of Grants

1. Study/Research Grants

- a. Enroll graduate-level program or research projects in both academic and arts fields
- b. Obtain "affiliation letter" from the host university or other institution
- c. Require 1-page personal statement and 2-page grant proposal

2. ETA (English Teaching Assistant) Grants

- a. Provide assistance to the local English teachers (Kindergarten – university level)
- b. Serve as cultural ambassadors
- c. Require 1-page personal statement and 1-page

3. Special programs

- a. **Fulbright-Clinton Fellowships** – serve in professional public-policy-related placements in foreign government ministries or institutions (African Union, Bangladesh, Burma, Cote d'Ivoire, Haiti, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Malawi, Nepal, Peru, Samoa, Timor-Leste)

- b. **Fulbright-mtvU Awards** – Projects should center around research on an aspect of international musical culture, and should focus on contemporary or popular music as a cultural force for expression or change.
- c. **Fulbright-National Geographic Digital Storytelling Fellowship** - undertake an in-depth examination of a globally relevant issue, comparing and contrasting how that issue is experienced across borders. Utilizing a variety of digital storytelling tools, including text, photography, video, audio, graphic illustrations, and/or social media, Fellows will tell their stories, or the stories of those they meet, publishing their work on a dedicated blog hosted on the National Geographic.

III Awards

- 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
- In some countries awards include
 - Book and research allowances
 - Full or partial tuition
 - Language Study programs

IV. Application Package

- Online application form
- Personal Statement (1 page)
- Statement of Grant Purpose (1 for ETA | 2 pages for study/research)
- 3 references
- Affiliation letter (not for ETA)
- Transcripts (unofficial is accepted)

V. Selection Process

- Online application open – March 31, 2017
- **UNM Deadline – September 6, 11:59 pm**
- UNM Interview – Mid-September
- Fulbright Deadline – Mid-October
- National Screening Committee Review – November – December
- Recommendation Notifications – Mid- January
- Final Selection Notification – March – June

VI. Helpful Link

- Fulbright website - <http://www.us.fulbrightonline.org/>
- Application components - <http://www.us.fulbrightonline.org/applicants/application-components>
- Available Countries - <http://www.us.fulbrightonline.org/countries/regions>
- Online Application Form - <https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/usa>
- Past Stats - <http://us.fulbrightonline.org/statistics>