

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. 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

III. Helpful Links

- Fulbright website - <http://www.us.fulbrightonline.org/>
- Fulbright Webinars - <https://us.fulbrightonline.org/applicants/information-sessions>
- 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>

IV. Types of Grants

1. Study/Research Grants (including creative & performing arts)

- 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-Fogarty Awards in Public Health** – research in public health and clinical research in Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, Uganda, or Guatemala. Must be a student in medical school or a graduate-level program.
- c. **Fulbright-National Geographic Digital Storytelling Fellowship (on hold)** - undertake an in-depth examination of a globally relevant issue. Utilizing a variety of digital storytelling tools, including text, photography, video, audio, graphic illustrations, and/or social media.

V. 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)

VI. Selection Process

- **UNM Deadline – September 6, 11:59 pm**
- UNM Interview – Mid-September
- Fulbright Deadline – **October 2021**
- National Screening Committee Review – October – December
- Recommendation Notifications – Mid- January
- Final Selection Notification – March – June

UNM’s Recent Awardees:

- Carter Barnwell, 2020 History in Spain
- Jacqueline Hirsh Greene, 2020 ETA in Germany
- Emmalee Johnston, 2020 ETA in Malaysia
- Laura Steele, 2020 Anthropology in Argentina
- Martin Watkins, 2020 Educational Linguistics in Italy
- Andrej Radic, 2019 History in Croatia
- Stephen West, 2019 Archeology in Japan
- Andrew Bernard, 2019 Urban Planning in Argentina
- Camille Dwyer, 2019 ETA in Malaysia
- Christian Skye Finke, 2019 ETA in Malaysia
- Evan Bleakly, 2019 ETA in Germany