



**FULBRIGHT**

U.S. Student Program



# The Fulbright Program

## Program Goal

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*Our mission is to foster mutual understanding between nations, advance knowledge across communities, and improve lives around the world*

## History and Administration

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- 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

## Basic Eligibility

Open  
to:

- ▶ Graduating seniors
- ▶ Recent graduates
- ▶ Graduate students
- ▶ Early career professionals, including creative, and performing artists/musicians

- U.S. citizen by 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 (1pg max)

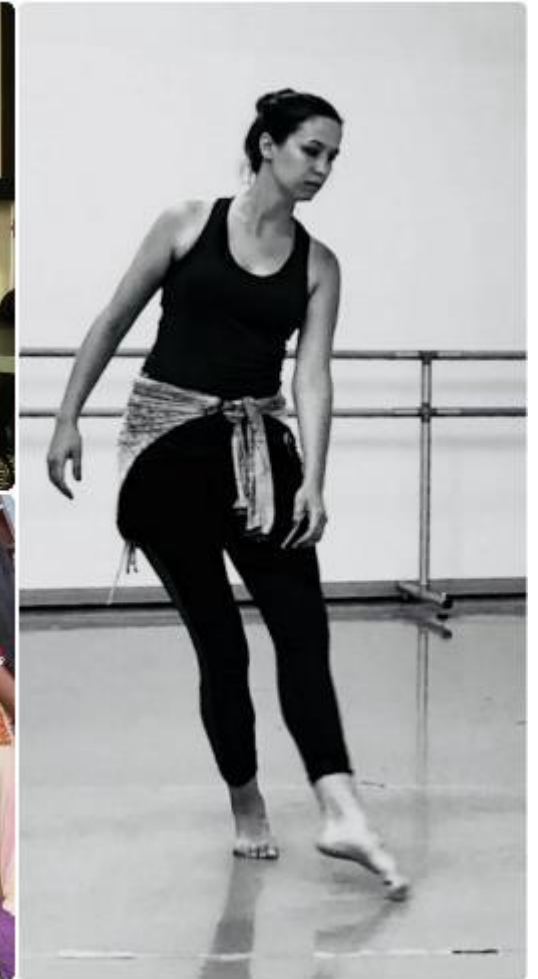
## 3. Reports / References

- Foreign Language Evaluation
- Three (3) References

## 4. Transcripts

## 5. Other

- **Research/Study: Affiliation Letter(s)**
- **Arts: Supplementary Materials**



# Eastern Europe & Eurasia

## Regional Trends

- Interest in combatting disinformation in the region
- Media Literacy - another topic to highlight
- Program suspensions in Belarus/ Russia/Ukraine

## Undersubscribed Awards

- ▶ Armenia
- ▶ Azerbaijan
- ▶ Georgia
- ▶ Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia
- ▶ Slovak Republic: Open Study/Research
- ▶ Moldova ETA





# East Asia-Pacific

## Regional Trends

- ▶ More Study/Research applications needed – particular interest in Arts candidates
- ▶ ETA applicants must demonstrate a sincere interest in teaching and in the host country

## Award Updates

- 2 New Graduate Degree Awards: Taiwan
- 1 New ETA Award: Papua New Guinea
- New Award Requirements: Indonesia ETA

## Undersubscribed Awards

- ▶ **Study/Research:** Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Mongolia
- ▶ **ETA:** Indonesia, Laos, Timor-Leste, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea
- ▶ **Graduate Degree Grants:** Korea & Taiwan





# Western Europe

## Regional Trends

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👉 Reminder: university applications and requirements vary, students should read award descriptions closely.

## New Awards

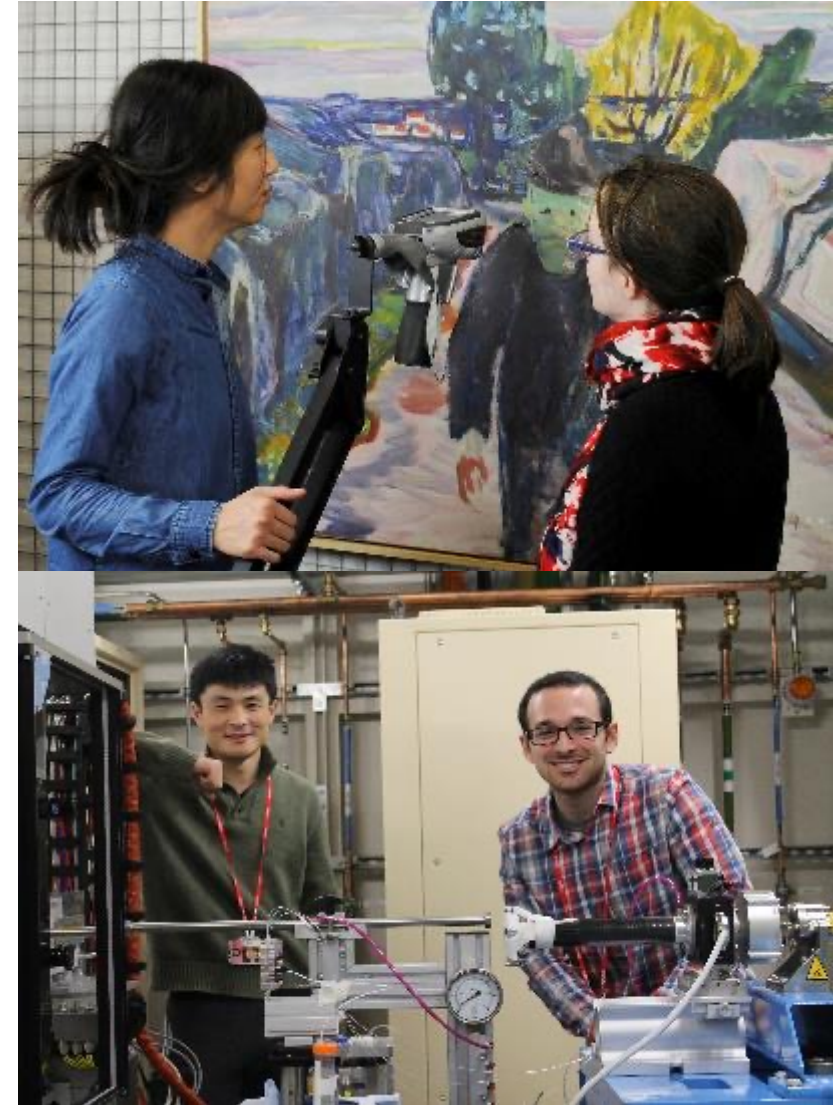
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- 👉 NAF-Fulbright/Heersink Family Foundation Fellowship in Global Health
- 👉 NAF-Fulbright Gree Polder and Charles Stapper Fellowship in Dutch and Netherlandish Art
- 👉 Fulbright/Northumbria University Award in Art & Design

## Undersubscribed Awards

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- 👉 Partnership awards are great opportunities for students to apply to very competitive countries.
- 👉 Doctoral awards across the region. Especially in Greece, France, Finland, Iceland, Ireland.
- 👉 Swiss ETA: Please take note of the updated language requirements on the award description



# Middle East & North Africa

## Regional Trends

- ▶ Applicants should be culturally sensitive, flexible, adaptive, patient, and self-sufficient.
- ▶ Most countries within the region require government and/or research clearances that may need additional documents and time, particularly Oman and Egypt.
- ▶ S/R affiliation letter requirements vary by country – may be required or recommended at the application deadline, semi-finalist stage, etc.
- ▶ Most applications and grants go to Jordan, Morocco, and Israel.

## Undersubscribed Awards

- ▶ Bahrain S/R
- ▶ Kuwait S/R
- ▶ Saudi Arabia ETA

## New Awards

- ▶ Egypt Arabic Language Study at CAASIC



2021-22 research grantee Tomas Valdes at Abu Dhabi's Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, a UAE iconic landmark.

# Sub-Saharan Africa

## Regional Notes & Highlights

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- Strong applicant interest in the region's ETA programs.
- Applicants should be adaptable, patient, and mature.
- Study/Research applicants should read the award descriptions carefully, as the degree level requirements and affiliation letter guidelines vary by country.

## Undersubscribed Awards

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- Benin S/R
- Cote d'Ivoire
- Eswatini
- Zimbabwe





# South & Central Asia

## Regional Trends

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- ▶ Continued growth in ETA Programs to Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan.
- ▶ ETA Program to India is suspended starting in 2024-2025.
- ▶ General focus on English Teaching and Disinformation and Media Literacy in Central Asia.
- ▶ Foreign language proficiency recommended (but not required) in several Central Asia region countries.

▶ SCA region requires flexibility and indication that the applicant understands the challenges of the country and has realistic expectations.

## Undersubscribed Awards

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- ▶ Study/Research awards generally undersubscribed to all of Central Asia, as well as for Sri Lanka





# Western Hemisphere

## Regional Highlights

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- ETA in Brazil: 10 awards (down from 20)
- Grants to Bolivia remain two-country grants

## New Awards

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- None

## Undersubscribed Awards

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- Bolivia S/R
- El Salvador S/R
- Honduras (both awards)
- Paraguay (both awards)
- Trinidad & Tobago S/R
- COMEXUS Public Policy Initiative Award
- Chile Science Initiative Award
- Ecuador S/R
- Uruguay S/R



Abraham Waserstein  
Talamanca, Costa Rica



### PROGRAM MISSION

- Partnership with the Fogarty International Center of the U.S. National Institutes of Health
- Promote the expansion of research in public health and clinical research in resource-limited settings

### MORE DETAILS

- Program for individuals currently enrolled in medical school or in a graduate-level program who are interested in global health
- Eligible countries: **Ecuador**, Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, **Malaysia**, **Thailand**, Uganda, Jamaica, Peru, Nepal, Vietnam



*Community engagement is for all grantees.*

# Fulbright-National Geographic Award



## Enhancement Award

Open to Fulbright U.S. Student Program Open Study/Research Award semi-finalists who express interest

Researchers, conservationists, educators, technologists, or storytellers who require additional funds to broaden or deepen their Fulbright project or build a science communication component

Join National Geographic Explorer Community, gaining access to a global network of Explorers and specialized resources

Mentorship by National Geographic Explorers

Additional grant funds from the National Geographic Society to expand your research and/or help bring your story to life for up to \$20,000

Semi-finalists will be invited to submit additional materials for National Geographic in late January/early February 2025.



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# 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	Campus Deadline
<b>OCTOBER 8<sup>th</sup> 2024</b>	National Application Deadline, due by 5:00 p.m. ET
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

