



Fulbright Info Session

April 17, 2019

What is Fulbright?

Goal

To increase **mutual understanding** between people of the U.S. and people of other countries through exchange.

Fulbright U.S. Student Program

English Teaching Assistantship (ETA)

- Help teach English and U.S. culture in the classroom
- ~75 countries
- 1200+ awards
- 8-10 months

Study/Research Grant

- Independent research, study, or arts projects abroad
- ~140 countries
- 900+ awards
- 8-10 months

Eligibility Requirements

- Be a U.S. citizen at the time of application.
- Have a bachelor's degree before the start of the grant.
- Be in good health.
- Have sufficient language proficiency to carry out the work. Language requirements vary by country.
- Can apply for several years after graduation, depending on the circumstances.

Benefits of Doing a Fulbright

K College Grads and Fulbright



- **Dejah Crystal '17**
- Studied abroad in Beijing
- ETA in Taiwan
- Crystal's Fulbright-application process began as a first-year student when she heard another student was applying for a similar opportunity.



- **Ellie Cannon '15**
- Fulbright ETA in Galicia, Spain
- Biology, Psychology major, Spanish minor
- Interested in international health care



Riley Cook '15

- German and Philosophy
- Fulbright research grant
- Deferred acceptance to law school



Sapana Gupta '17

- German, CS, Math
- Fulbright ETA



Choosing a Country

<https://us.fulbrightonline.org/countries/regions>

<https://www.profellow.com/tips/8-must-know-fulbright-eta-statistics-for-2017-2018/>

<https://us.fulbrightonline.org/study-research-eta-statistics>

Application Timeline

Prepare Application	April – September
Campus Deadline #1	September 6, 2019
Campus Deadline #2	September 20, 2019
Campus Interviews	Sept 23 – Oct 4, 2019
National Application Deadline	October 8, 2019
National Screening Committees	November / December
Commissions/Embassies Foreign Scholarship Board	January – May
Final Notification	March - June

Parts of the Application

- Biographical Data
- Statement of Grant Purpose
- Personal Statement
- Affiliation Letter (study/research only)
- Foreign Language Forms (due Sept 20)
- Recommendations (due Sept 20)
- Transcripts

Upcoming Events

5th Week Fulbright Essay-Writing Workshops

Wednesday, May 1, 4:00-5:00 PM, ULC 305

Wednesday, May 1, 7:00-8:00 PM, ULC 305

6th Week Luce Scholars Program Info Session

Thursday, May 9, 7:00-8:00 PM, TBD

8th Week Fulbright Application Workshop

Wednesday, May 22, 4:00-5:00 PM, ULC 305

Wednesday, May 22, 7:00-8:00 PM, ULC 305

Questions?

Tips – Biographical Data

- **Complete all required fields:** You should take care to accurately complete all of the required fields in this section.
- **Use proper capitalization and punctuation:** This is a formal grant application and you are advised to follow the English language rules on capitalization and punctuation.
- **Provide an informative project title and abstract:** These sections are a quick reference for screening committees and other reviewers. They should be able to determine the basic who, what, when, where, why and how of your project by reading this abstract. The project title should be informative, as well.

Tips – Statement of Grant Purpose (ETA)

- Why do you wish to undertake an ETA opportunity?
- Why are you applying to this specific country?
- What do you bring to the classroom that will enrich the learning experience of English language learners overseas?
- What specific ideas do you have for engaging with students and helping them to learn English?
- What specific qualifications, training, or experiences do you have to prepare you to serve as an ETA?
- How do you expect to benefit from the assignment?
- What plans do you have for civic engagement outside the classroom?

Tips – Statement of Grant Purpose (con't)

- Be clear and concise.
- Get to the point about the 'who, what, when, where, why and how' of the project. Avoid discipline-specific jargon.
- Organize the statement carefully.
- Don't make reviewers search for information.
- Have several people read and critique the Statement of Grant Purpose, including a faculty adviser, a faculty member outside your discipline, a fellow student, and/or a colleague.

Tips – Personal Statement

Make it Personal: This statement provides you with an opportunity to introduce yourself to the screening committee members on a personal level. The style is up to you, but the content should convey your background and your motivation for applying to the specific Fulbright Program in question and how this background relates to the proposed project and your future goals.

Do not repeat information from other parts of the application.

Tips – Letters of Recommendation

- Select the three individuals who can best speak to your ability to serve as an ETA or to carry out the research/study project
- Provide recommenders with copies of your Statement of Grant Purpose and Personal Statement.
- Give recommenders at least 3-4 weeks to complete the recommendation forms.
- Provide your recommenders with instructions for recommendation writers available on the Fulbright website. All recommendation forms must be completed in English.

Stay in touch!

- Let me know if you plan to apply
- Send drafts before the campus deadline
- Email if you have questions
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