

Fulbright Quick Tips for HGSE

Career Services Office - Harvard Graduate School of Education

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program:

Largest U.S. exchange program for students and graduates

Operates in more than 140 countries

Awards approximately 1,900 grants annually in:

International graduate study, advanced research,
teaching in university, secondary and primary schools

Fulbright U.S. Student alumni populate a range of professions including ambassadors, members of Congress, judges, heads of corporations, university presidents, journalists, artists, professors, and teachers.

HGSE offers two types of Fulbright Grants during this completion deadline to students and recent alumni:

- **English Teaching Assistant (ETA) Awards**

This program places grantees in schools overseas to supplement local English language instruction and to provide a native speaking presence in classrooms. The age and academic level of the students varies by country, ranging from kindergarten to university level. Each country has its own language requirements, so be sure to check level of language needed. Offered in 75 countries. You can apply to only one country in the ETA program.

- **Open Study/Research Awards**

In this program you will design your own project and typically work with advisers at foreign universities. This grant takes longer to prepare than an ETA because you are responsible not only for the design of the project but also for securing an affiliation with a higher ed institution before applying. It is imperative that you read the host country's requirements. Each country varies by length, start date, focus, eligibility and affiliation. Offered in 140 countries.

Timeline

April thru early Sept. – Design Project, Prepare Application
August 10, 2017 – Due Date for Fulbright Intent to Apply Survey
August 31, 4pm – Application Review Q&A with CSO Staff
September 8, 2017 – Application due in Embark IIE online
September 12, 2017 – Faculty Review of Applications
September 13 - 27 (date TBA), 2017 – Candidate Interviews with HGSE Fulbright Faculty Committee
October 6, 2017 – Faculty Committee recommendations to Institute of International Education (IIE)
January 30, 2018 – Initial Notifications from IIE
March thru May 2018 – Final Selection Notifications
Start dates vary by Country

Resources

Office Hours at CSO starting in July
HGSE Successful applications at Gutman Reserve Desk
GSAS Successful applications at Smith Campus Center, Scholarship Office
HGSE Alumni: LinkedIn Profiles of Fulbright Fellows (300+)
Application Review Q&A with CSO Staff on August 31, 4pm
Fulbright Grants: <http://us.fulbrightonline.org/>

Eligibility for the ETA and Research Awards at HGSE

Applicants must be U.S. citizens at the time of application. Permanent residents are not eligible. Please review website regarding ineligibility of dual citizens.

Applicants must 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.

Applicants must 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.

Strong preference for those who have not previously held a Fulbright grant. However, those who may have held an English Teaching Assistant Program may apply for a study/research grant, provided that at least 2 years have elapsed from the end of their ETA period, and they continue to meet all other eligibility requirements.

Preference will be given to applicants whose higher education was undertaken primarily at educational institutions in the United States. Foreign study during the junior year or other periods of undergraduate study that are integral parts of the curricula of American institutions will not be considered a disadvantage.

Candidates who have not resided or studied in the country to which they are applying for more than six months, not counting undergraduate study abroad are preferred. Duty abroad in the Armed Forces of the United States is not considered disqualifying within the meaning of this section.

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.

Factors in Selection

Quality and feasibility of the proposal as described in the Statement of Grant Purpose.

Academic or professional record.

Personal qualifications.

Language preparation.

Preference factors as established by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB) and the Fulbright Commissions/Foundation.

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.

Requirements of the program in individual countries. In some countries, advanced-degree candidates are preferred, and in some countries, certain fields of study are not recommended. Check with IIE before filing an application if you do not meet country specifications.

Desirability of achieving wide institutional and geographic distribution.