



# The Fulbright Program



**Please use chat to let me know where you are in the Fulbright Application Process.**

- A. I would like to get general information about the Fulbright Program.**
- B. I know the country and program I would like to apply but haven't started working on the essays yet.**
- C. I have started drafting the essays and need more guidance.**





**FULBRIGHT**

U.S. Student Program



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## Program Goal

*Our mission is to*

- *foster mutual understanding between nations,*
- *advance knowledge across communities, and*
- *improve lives around the world*



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## Fulbright U.S. Student Eligibility

Open  
to:

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

- ▶ U.S. citizen by the application deadline
- ▶ Bachelor's degree or equivalent by start of grant
- ▶ No doctorate at the time of application
- ▶ Country-specific requirements





# Program Award Types

**2,150+**

Awards

**140+**

Countries Worldwide

## 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



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## Award Benefits



- ▶ Funds one year for your academic research, study abroad or teaching English abroad.
- ▶ Round-trip airfare
- ▶ Monthly stipend\*
- ▶ Accident and sickness benefits
- ▶ Other ***possible*** benefits\*
  - Support for dependents
  - Research allowance
  - Tuition
  - Language lessons
  - Enhancement activities

*\* Varies depending on grant and host country.*



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# Application Components

## 1. Three Short Essays

- Abstract of “Statement of Grant Purpose”
- Host Country Engagement
- Future Plans

## 2. Essays

- Statement of Grant Purpose
  - Research/Study (6,000 character limit)  
Mission/feasibility/contribution
  - English Teaching Assistantship (3,000 character limit)  
country choice/qualification



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# Application Components

## 3. Evaluator & References

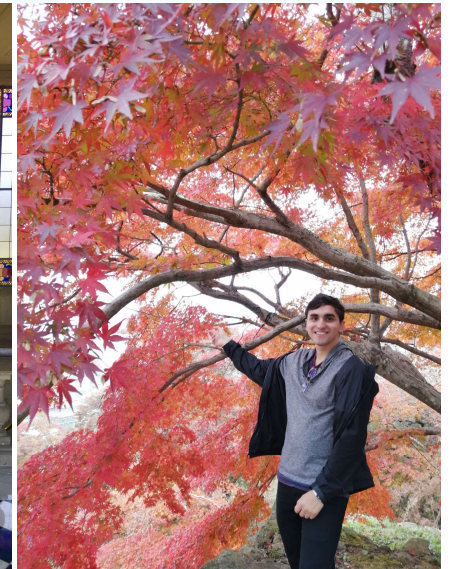
- Foreign Language Evaluation
  - “Required” “Recommended”
- Three (3) References
  - Research/Study – 3 letters
  - ETA – 3 people answering 5 questions

## 4. Transcripts

Unofficial transcripts accepted

## 5. Other

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



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# Statement of Grant Purpose

Research	Study	ETA
<p>Your research proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Research question</li><li>- Importance and impact of your research</li><li>- Affiliation</li><li>- Your qualification</li><li>- Cultural Exchange/Mutual Understanding</li><li>- Feasibility/Accessibility</li><li>- Contribution</li></ul>	<p>Your school and program choice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Why are you interested in this program?</li><li>- How does this degree help you achieve your future goal?</li><li>- Why not US?</li><li>- Your qualification</li><li>- Research the program – faculty, facility, research centers, etc.</li></ul>	<p>Why did you choose this country?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Why are you interested in?</li><li>- What is your connection to it?</li><li>- What do you know about it?</li></ul> <p>What qualifications do you have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Have you taught in classroom?</li><li>- Did you mentor or tutor?</li><li>- Did you learn different languages?</li></ul>



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## 1. Three Short Essays

- **Research/Study**
  - Flexibility & Adaptability (2,000 character limit)
  - Community Engagement (2,000-character limit)
  - Impact of Fulbright Award (1,000-character limit)
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  - Community Engagement (2,000-character limit)
  - Impact of Fulbright Award (1,000-character limit)

## 2. Essays

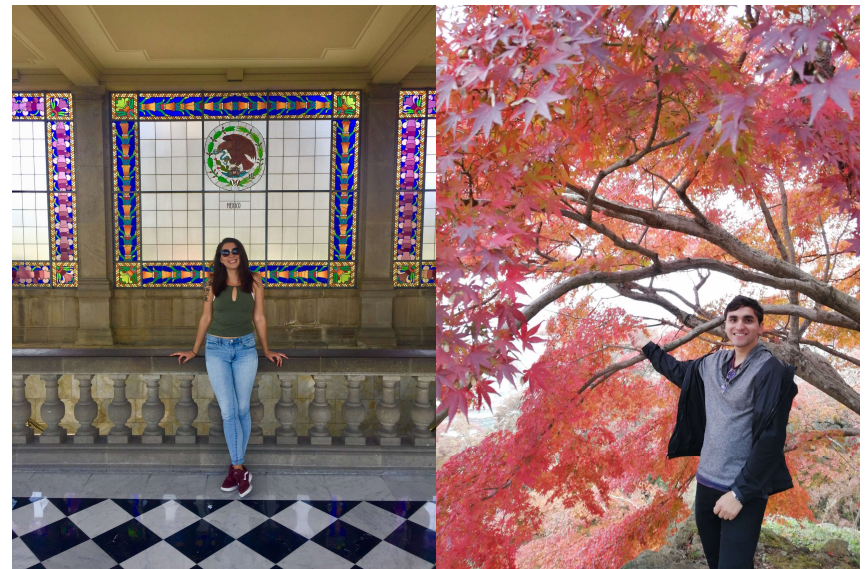
- **Statement of Grant Purpose**
  - Research/Study (2 page)
  - English Teaching Assistantship (1 page)  
country choice/qualification
- **Personal Statement (1 page)**

## 3. Evaluator & References

## 4. Transcripts

## 5. Other

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



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# Factors in Selection

- Quality and feasibility of the proposal
- Academic or professional record
- Personal qualifications
- Language preparation
- Advancing the Fulbright Program goals
- Requirements of the program in individual countries
- Experience in host countries



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# Application Timeline

<b>SEPTEMBER 5</b>	<b>UNM Deadline, 3:00 pm MST</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 12-16</b>	<b>UNM Fulbright Committee Interview</b>
<b>OCTOBER 7, 2025</b>	<b>National Application Deadline, due by 5:00 p.m. ET</b>
<b>NOVEMBER–DECEMBER</b>	<b>U.S. Review: National Screening Committees</b>
<b>JANUARY–MAY</b>	<b>Host Country Review: Fulbright Commissions and/or U.S. Embassy</b>
<b>MARCH–JUNE</b>	<b>Final Selection &amp; Notification: Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board</b>



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## UNM Fulbright Achievement

2023 – Named Fulbright Hispanic Serving Institution Leader  
2022 – Named Fulbright Hispanic Serving Institution Leader  
2021 – Named Fulbright Hispanic Serving Institution Leader  
2020 – Named a Top Producer of Fulbright US Scholars & Students

## UNM Students

2025 – 5 recipients (12)  
2024 – 4 recipients (16)  
2023 – 3 recipients (7)  
2022 – 5 recipients (13)  
2021 – 2 recipients (16)

2020 – 5 recipients (15)  
2019 – 6 recipients (20)  
2017 – 2 recipients (11)  
2016 – 2 recipients (8)



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## Fulbright Application Support

- Email [Fulbright@unm.edu](mailto:Fulbright@unm.edu) for supplemental resources.

Contact: Undergraduate Support at the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL)  
[ctl@unm.edu](mailto:ctl@unm.edu)

[Online Writing Lab \(OWL\) :: Center for Teaching & Learning | The University of New Mexico](#)

### Individual Writing Consultations



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