

## **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 - <https://us.fulbrightonline.org/>
- Fulbright Webinars - <https://us.fulbrightonline.org/applicants/information-sessions>
- Application components - <https://us.fulbrightonline.org/applicants/application-components>
- Available Countries - <https://us.fulbrightonline.org/countries>
- Online Application Form - <https://apply.iie.org/apply/>
- 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 statement of grant purpose (3,000-character limit for Academic/Research, 6,000-character limit for Creative & Performing Arts)
- d. Short answers prompts: Fulfilling the Fulbright Mission
  - i. Flexibility & Adaptability (2,000 character limit)
  - ii. Community Engagement (2,000-character limit)
  - iii. Impact of Fulbright Award (1,000-character limit)
- e. Portfolio (Only for Creative & Performing Arts)

##### 2. ETA (English Teaching Assistant) Grants

- a. Provide assistance to the local English teachers (Kindergarten – university level)
- b. Serve as cultural ambassadors
- c. Require statement of grant purpose (3,000-character limit)
- d. Short answers prompts: Fulfilling the Fulbright Mission
  - i. Flexibility & Adaptability (2,000 character limit)
  - ii. Community Engagement (2,000-character limit)
  - iii. Impact of Fulbright Award (1,000-character limit)

##### 3. Special programs

- a. **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.
- b. **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
- Statement of Grant Purpose
- 3 short answer responses
- 3 references
- Affiliation letter (not for ETA)
- Transcripts (unofficial is accepted)
- Portfolio (Only for Creative & Performing Arts)

#### VI. Selection Process

- **UNM Deadline – September 6, 2025, 11:59 pm**
- UNM Interview – Mid-September
- Fulbright Deadline – **October 7, 2025**
- National Screening Committee Review – October – December
- Recommendation Notifications – Mid- January
- Final Selection Notification – March – June



UNM's Recent Awardees:

Laura-Martin Alasandagutti, 2023 ETA Cameroon  
Charlotte Gates, 2023 ETA Germany  
Miguel Sabol, 2023 ETA Brazil  
Solana Armijo, 2022 ETA in Germany  
Arthur Lopez, 2022 ETA in South Korea  
Jane Tabet-Kirkpatrick, 2022 ETA in Spain  
Korey Tillman, 2022 Sociology in South Africa

Noelani Villa, 2022 Civil Engineering in Netherlands  
Emily Hayes-Rich, 2021 Anthropology in Morocco  
Brooke Sheldon, 2021 ETA in Portugal  
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