

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 (6,000-character limit including spaces and punctuation for Academic/Research & 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 including spaces and punctuation)
- 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-National Geographic Award Program** - best suited to applicants whose proposed projects align with the missions of both the Fulbright Program and the [National Geographic Society](#), and who have a strong commitment to communicating their work. Originally focused on digital storytelling projects, the program now supports projects across research, technology, education, and storytelling.

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 – Late August**
- UNM Interview – Early September
- Fulbright Deadline – **Early October**
- National Screening Committee Review – October – December
- Recommendation Notifications – Mid- January
- Final Selection Notification – March – June

UNM's Recent Awardees:

William Burris 2025 Neuroscience in Japan
Christopher Dollesin 2025 Music in Poland
Madeline Griffin, 2025 ETA in Brazil
Isela Rendon, 2025 ETA in South Korea
Donovan Roberts, 2025 Neuroscience Hungary
Laura-Martin Alasandagutti, 2023 ETA
Cameroon
Charlotte Gates, 2023 ETA Germany
Miguel Sabol, 2023 ETA Brazil

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

Solana Armijo, 2022 ETA in Germany