Fulbright US Student Program
2019-2020 Application for Institutional Review

INTENT TO APPLY DEADLINE: JULY 1, 12:00 NOON
INTERNAL APPLICATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 12:00 NOON

As a currently enrolled student or recent alum of BU, you will submit your full application on the Fulbright/Embark website. Following our campus review process, we will “un-submit” your application for editing before the national Fulbright deadline in October.

- By July 1, we invite you to indicate your intent to apply by emailing bufellow@bu.edu with a brief message including your name, class year, school, major, summer contact info, and tentative Fulbright plans: country, ETA or research/study (and tentative field/topic). This is simply to ensure that we’re prepared to offer you as much support and guidance as possible as you develop your Fulbright application. You can also establish your application account any time: https://iie.embark.com/apply/usstudent. When you identify as a BU student/alum in the application portal, we’ll gain access to your application materials.

- Carefully consider the Fulbright application tips and adhere to the proper formats: https://us.fulbrightonline.org/applicants/application-tips

- Order official transcripts through the Registrar’s Office: https://www.bu.edu/reg/academics/transcripts/. If you studied abroad on an external program, you will also need those transcripts.

- Concerning the language evaluation: “For programs where language skills are required, you must submit both a Language Self Evaluation [Form 7, found in the online application] and a Foreign Language Evaluation Form [Form 8], which is completed by a professional language teacher. Submission of both forms is mandatory, even if you have advanced skills or native speaker ability. We can discuss this if you have any questions!
  For programs where language skills are recommended but not required, if you possess some language skills you should submit both a Language Self Evaluation and a Foreign Language Evaluation Form. It will be advantageous to have your language ability documented, even though it is not required.
  For programs in countries where English is one of the national languages, you do not need to submit any foreign language forms unless a foreign language is required for your project.”

- Affiliations: “A majority of Fulbrighters undertaking study/research awards will affiliate with universities, although in some countries it is possible to affiliate with other types of organizations, such as research institutes, NGOs, or government ministries. Affiliation requirements vary by country, so before starting the application you should note the specific requirements for the proposed host country.”

- SUBMIT your complete Fulbright application by August 1: https://apply.iie.org/fulbrightusstudent

This deadline applies to the personal statement, statement of grant purpose, all three letters of recommendation and transcript(s). Language evaluation and affiliation letters (as needed) are helpful, but we understand if additional time is needed to secure these materials. https://us.fulbrightonline.org/applicants/application-components

Questions? Please contact Jeff Berg, Director of National & International Scholarships: berg@bu.edu; 617-358-8061.

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Fulbright Program Description
http://us.fulbrightonline.org/

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program is the largest U.S. exchange program offering opportunities for students and young professionals to undertake international graduate study, advanced research, university teaching, and primary and secondary school teaching worldwide. The program operates in more than 140 countries.

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program provides grants for individually designed study/research projects or for English Teaching Assistantships. 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.

Grant lengths and dates vary by country. Please consult the specific country summary for details. Country summaries can be found at http://us.fulbrightonline.org/countries/regions.

Basic Eligibility for Application through BU:

- U.S. citizen
- BU student (graduating senior or graduate student). Recent alums should contact bufellow@bu.edu.
- Undergraduate degree by the beginning of the Fulbright award
- Language skills necessary to complete the proposed project
- Good health. Grantees will be required to submit a satisfactory Medical Certificate from a physician.
- Enrolled students must apply through the BU institutional process.

Fulbright selection is made on the basis of:

- Quality and feasibility of the proposal
- Academic or professional record
- Personal qualifications (maturity, adaptability, communication skills, ambassadorial qualities)
- Language qualifications (as specified by country and as needed by project)
- Extent to which the candidate/project will help to advance the Fulbright mission of promoting mutual understanding among nations through engagement in the host community
- Ability of the supervising agencies/"affiliations" abroad to arrange and confirm supervision and facilitate research clearance, if necessary
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See below for an overview of the Statement of Grant Purpose requirements. Fulbright applications also include a Personal Statement, three recommendation letters, a language evaluation, official transcript(s), and affiliation letters (when specified). Review all guidelines and requirements at https://us.fulbrightonline.org/applicants.

**English Teaching Assistantship Grant**
This 1-page document outlines why you are interested in teaching English to non-native speakers as well as why you have chosen to apply to a particular country. You should describe clearly what you will be able to bring to the classroom in the host country, as well as explain any ideas you have on how to reach students coming from a different pedagogical tradition. The proposal should indicate a clear commitment to and description of how you will engage with the host country community. Format: Single spaced, 12 point Times New Roman, 1 inch margins. https://us.fulbrightonline.org/applicants/application-components/eta

**Academic/Research Grant**
This 2-page document outlines the Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How of what you are proposing. If you are pursuing a research project, developing a strong, feasible and compelling project is the most important aspect of a successful Fulbright application. Familiarize yourself with the program summary for your host country in order to verify the type of grant you can propose. Depending on the country, applicants may also propose to complete a graduate degree program. In this case, applicants should focus on demonstrating the reasons for pursuing the proposed program at a particular institution in the host country. Whether you are applying for a research project or a degree program, the proposal should indicate a clear commitment to the host country community and a description of how you will engage with it. Format: single spaced, 12 point Times New Roman, 1 inch margins. https://us.fulbrightonline.org/applicants/application-components/academic

**Creative & Performing Arts Grant**
This 2-page document outlines the Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How of what you are proposing for your Fulbright year. Arts grants are for practitioners in your discipline to further your craft, not observers. For studying the craft of a country or its cultural elements, apply for an Academic Study/Research award. Developing a strong, feasible and compelling project is the most important aspect of a successful Fulbright application. The first step is to familiarize yourself with the program summary for the host country. The program design will vary somewhat depending upon the country and the field of study. The proposal should indicate a clear commitment to and description of how you will engage with the host country community. Format: single spaced, 12 point Times New Roman, 1 inch margins. https://us.fulbrightonline.org/applicants/application-components/arts

**National Geographic Storytelling Fellowship**
This document of no more than 3 pages should outline who, what, when, where, why, and how of your Fulbright project proposal. Developing a strong, feasible and compelling project proposal is the most important aspect of a successful Fulbright application. This aspect of your application is reviewed not only for the content that it conveys, but also as the various review committees’ first impression of your writing style and ability as a storyteller to convey a story about the Fellowship that you envision carrying out.

Candidates should propose projects that focus on storytelling related to one or more of the eligible themes. Storytellers are expected to explore their chosen theme through research, observation, analysis and interviews, and relate their findings on a dedicated National Geographic blog utilizing one or a combination of storytelling tools and media, which may include text, photography, video, audio, graphic illustrations, and/or social media. Projects may be based in one, two, or three countries. The National Geographic Society believes in the power of science, exploration, education and storytelling to change the world. The broad themes of this year’s competition fall under National Geographic’s three lenses: The Human Journey, Our Changing Planet, and Wildlife & Wild Places. https://us.fulbrightonline.org/applicants/application-components/fulbright-national-geographic