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Grants for Study, Research, or Teaching Assistantships Abroad

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For General Fulbright Program Information:

us.fulbrightonline.org

(Administered by
Institute of International Education, New York)
Over 150 UD faculty, students, & alumni have received Fulbright awards to conduct research or teach English in 58 countries across 6 continents.

Four UD students and received Fulbrights in 2015!
## Eligibility

**Must have:**
- U.S. citizenship at time of application
- Bachelor’s degree at beginning of grant
- Good health
- Foreign language competency as necessary for project

**Cannot have:**
- Resident Alien status
- Ph.D. or other terminal degree
- Parents who work for U.S. State Dept.
- Dual-citizenship (some countries – check website)
- Extensive experience in host country (undergrad study abroad does NOT count)

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Fulbright Program

### About...

- 1946: Created by U.S. Congress
- Student Program administered in U.S. by IIE
- Administered overseas by bi-national commissions and U.S. embassies

### Goal

To increase *mutual understanding* between people of the U.S. and people of other countries through exchange

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## U.S. Student Program

### Two Types of Grants (5% increase in awards for 2016)

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<th>Research/Study (Full) Grant</th>
<th>English Teaching Assistantship (ETA)</th>
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<td>• 925 awards</td>
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<td>• ~140 countries</td>
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<td>• Independent research, study, or arts projects abroad</td>
<td>• Help teach English and U.S. culture in the classroom</td>
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UD deadline: Sept. 15  
Fulbright deadline: mid-October
Special Award Opportunities

**Fogarty Public Health Fellowship**
- Professional placements in foreign government ministries
- Placement is ~32 hrs/wk, independent project is ~8 hrs/wk
- Requires language fluency and additional essays
- Master’s, JD, or enrolled in PhD
- Limited to participating countries

**Fulbright-mtvU Award**
- Using the power of music to promote peace & mutual understanding
- Up to 4 awards worldwide
- **Field**: Does NOT need to be in music
- **Blog**: All grantees expected to report on experiences during grant and after (Outreach Plan part of app)

Application open: Nov. 1, 2015
UD deadline: February 1, 2016
Fulbright deadline: March 1, 2016
### Fulbright National Geographic Fellowship

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<th>Focus: Digital Storytelling</th>
<th>Features include:</th>
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<td>Experience in techniques essential</td>
<td>• Pursue Fulbright Project centered on Themes</td>
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<td>Open to all degree levels/countries/fields of study</td>
<td>• Trained, supported, and mentored by National Geographic Editors</td>
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<td>Over 800 applications in inaugural year</td>
<td>• Grantee’s digital content featured online in NatGeo blog</td>
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Special Award Opportunities

Fulbright Clinton Fellowship

- Professional placements in foreign government ministries or institutions
- ~32 hrs/wk at placement, ~8 hrs/wk on research independent project
- Master’s or JD, or enrolled in doctorate
- Open in 11 countries only
- 150 applications/25 grants

Preference factors:

- Fluency in the local working language(s)
- Deep knowledge of the host country/region (history, culture, etc.)
- Strong service orientation and a high degree of versatility, resourcefulness, and creativity
- Applicable professional experience
- Advanced communication skills

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Research / Study Grants

General Qualifications

- Well-developed project and/or study plan (for Master’s program)
- High level of academic and/or professional achievement
- Demonstrated leadership ability
- Sufficient language proficiency (varies by country)
- Community engagement-service orientation

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Critical Language Enhancement Award

- Combined with traditional research award
- 3-6 months intensive language training prior to or concurrent with grant
- Available to: China, Indonesia, Jordan, Morocco, Egypt, India, Russia
- Focus on languages of high value to U.S. security interests
- May need minimal prior language study
- Commitment to further language study/use in career
- Language study must be critical to research
- Includes tuition, monthly stipend, health insurance, book allowance

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English Teaching Assistantship

Improve students’ understanding of English language & U.S. culture

• Assistant teach 20-30 hours/week
• Excellent communication skills
• Flexibility, adaptability, openness
• Demonstrated leadership & service
• Host language proficiency varies by country
• Mexico has recently doubled in ETA’s from 30 to 60

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Application Components

1. **Online app** – send as one-page pdf

2. **Essays**
   - Personal Statement: 1 page
   - Statement of Grant Purpose
     - Research/Study: 2 pages
     - ETA: 1 page

3. **References/Evals (uploaded by Sept. 15)**
   - Foreign Language Evaluation forms
   - Three references – choose wisely!

4. **Transcripts** – all, unofficial OK

5. **Other**
   - Arts ONLY: Supplementary Materials
   - Affiliation Letter (NOT for ETA)

- Send as attachments to UD by 5:00 pm Sept. 15
- **DO NOT SEND PIECEMEAL! Only complete dossiers will be accepted!**
Statement of Grant Purpose

Research Award:

- Two-page essay that answers what, where, how, when, and why
- Demonstrates knowledge of the proposed field
- Demonstrates awareness of needs in host country
- Demonstrates need for Master’s degree from that specific institution
- Any potential concern about project feasibility or your ability should be addressed directly

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Letters of Affiliation

Study / Research Only

- Signed letter (on letterhead)
- Host country contact who will advise and/or mentor you
- Professional at a university, laboratory, library, community org., etc.
- Requirements vary by country
- REQUEST EARLY
- ETAs DO NOT secure affiliations

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Statement of Grant Purpose

ETA:

• One-page essay that explains how you will reach your goals as an English Teaching Assistant, and why you would like to be an English Teaching Assistant in that particular country
• Description of a small, supplemental research project (focused on community involvement)
• Should not be location-specific within country
• Demonstrates a sincere desire to teach English to non-native speakers
• Demonstrates interest in/knowledge of host country

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Personal Statement

One page narrative
Make it personal
• Who are you?
• How did you get to this point?
• Family background
• Life experience
• Compelling story
• Intellectual/creative development

Community engagement
• How will you interact?
• For ETA: NOT site specific

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## References

### Research/Study Grant

- Three free-form letters with cover
- Speak with referees ahead of time
- Choose each with a purpose:
  - Ability to engage in independent research
  - Scholarly significance of project
  - Relevance to graduate work/future education
  - Adaptability/resourcefulness
- Ensure that references are submitted on time
- Grad students: all should be from faculty

### ETA

- Three reference forms
- Speak with referees ahead of time
- Choose each with a purpose:
  - Ability to engage youth/children
  - English language skills
  - Ability to convey concepts to others
  - Adaptability and resourcefulness
- Ensure that references are submitted on time

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Award Package

- Round-trip Airfare
- Monthly Stipend *
- Limited Accident & Sickness Benefits
- Other Possible Benefits *
  - Support For Dependents
  - Research Allowance
  - Tuition
  - Language Lessons
  - Enhancement Activities
  - Disability-Related Accommodations

* Varies, depending on grant and host country

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Things to Consider

- Is your project feasible? Does your project “fit” the country to which you are applying?
- Do you have/can you secure a solid affiliation?
- Do you have requisite language skills? (Critical Language Enhancement award eligibility?)
- Have you demonstrated your ability to carry out your proposed project?
- Have you anticipated & answered all committee’s questions?
- What are the competition statistics?

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Applications open in March.

See UD’s page for specific instructions and resources:
http://www.udel.edu/global/studyabroad/information/additionalops.html
Application Timeline

Design Project, Prepare Application

Priority Deadline

Campus Deadline

Campus Interviews

IIE Application Deadline

National Screening Committees

Commissions/Embassies

Foreign Scholarship Board

Final Notification

April-Aug

July 1

5:00 pm Thurs Sept. 15

Sept. 19 - Oct. 7

Mid-October (TBA)

Nov / Dec

Jan - May

Mar - June

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How UD Helps You

- The UD Fulbright Society was founded in 2014 to honor and engage UD’s 150+ Fulbright recipients!

- A team of faculty, staff, and advisors will assist you in your Fulbright application, via:
  - Information Sessions
  - Exploring the Fulbright Workshops
  - Fulbright Spring Lecture Series
  - Summer Mentorship
  - Campus Interviews and Feedback

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