

USC Office of Academic Programs
Academic Honors and Fellowships

FULBRIGHT

U.S. STUDENT PROGRAM

Writing Workshop Series 2026

Session One

The Fulbright Program

Program Goal

Our mission is to foster mutual understanding between nations, advance knowledge across communities, and improve lives around the world

History and Administration

- Created in 1946 by U.S. Congress
- Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)
- U.S. Student Program administered in the U.S. by IIE
- Administered overseas by bi-national Commissions and U.S. Embassies

Fulbright U.S. Student Eligibility

OPEN TO:

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

BASIC ELIGIBILITY:

- U.S. Citizen by the application deadline
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent by the start of the 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+

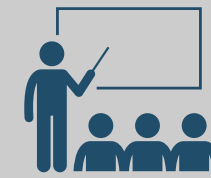
Awards

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

Award Benefits

Pre-Grant & In-Country



- Round-trip airfare
- Monthly stipend (varies depending on grant and host country)
- Accident and sickness benefits
- Other possible benefits (varies depending on grant and host country)

Post-Grant



- Fulbright network of alumni
- State Department's alumni website
- Eligible for 12 months of noncompetitive eligibility (NCE) hiring status within the federal government
- Lifetime Fulbright email address
- Fulbright Association



Application Components

**Biographical Data &
Program Information**

**Statement of Grant
Purpose &
Short Answer
Responses**

3 Recommendations

Transcripts

**Foreign Language
Evaluation***
(if applicable)

**Supplemental
Materials***
(if applicable)

Statement of Grant Purpose

Outlines the **Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How** of what you propose for your Fulbright year. It is required for all Fulbright grant types with slight variation in format.

The two big award categories are: Study/Research and English Teaching Assistant program.

Study/Research

- **Maximum 6,000 characters (about 2 pages)**
- Clearly describe your proposed research, creative project, or graduate study in the host country, including your goals, approach, and institutional fit, and explain how it will engage the local context and foster meaningful cross-cultural exchange.

English Teaching Assistant

- **Maximum 3,000 characters (about 1 page)**
- Clearly describe what you will bring to the classroom in the host country and explain any ideas you have on reaching students from different pedagogical tradition

Locating Statement of Grant Purpose Prompt

**FULBRIGHT**
U.S. Student Program

I am: Choose...

Contact Us

AboutCountriesApplicantsCurrent FulbrightersAlumniFulbright Program Advisers



Getting Started

Types of Awards

Search for a Fulbright Program Adviser

Award Search

Application Components

Study/Research: Academic

Study/Research: Creative & Performing Arts

ETA

Fulbright-National Geographic Award Program

Virtual Webinars

Fulbright Online Application

Application Components & Checklists

The 2027-2028 Competition is now open. The national deadline is Tuesday October 6, 2026 at 5 pm Eastern Time

Application components vary depending upon the type of application. Please refer to the below pages for your chosen award type.

Study/Research

- [Study/Research: Academic Components & Checklist](#)
- [Study/Research: Creative & Performing Arts Components & Checklist](#)

English Teaching Assistant

- [English Teaching Assistant Components & Checklist](#)

Special Programs

- [Fulbright-National Geographic Components & Checklist](#)



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Short-Answer Prompts

Abstract/Summary of the Proposal *(1,750 character limit):*

[English Teaching Assistant] Concisely detail why you wish to be a Fulbright grantee and undertake an English Teaching Assistant opportunity and why you have chosen to apply to the specific country.

[Open Study/Research] A concise description of the what, where, and why of the proposed project. If you are proposing the pursuit of a graduate degree program, summarize the program and relevance to your career/education plans.

Flexibility & Adaptability *(2,000 character limit):*

Please explain how you will adapt to working and living in a new environment in the host country.

Community Engagement *(2,000 character limit):*

How will you integrate within and engage with your host community?

Impact of Fulbright Award *(1,000 character limit):*

Describe your career and/or educational plans after completing a Fulbright grant.



Factors in Selection

**Quality and
feasibility of
the proposal**

Language
Preparation

Desirability of
achieving
diversity

Requirements
of the program
in individual
countries

Extent to which the
candidate and
project will help to
advance Fulbright
Program goals

Personal
Qualifications

Preference factors
as established by
Foreign Fulbright
Scholarship Board

Academic or
professional
record

National Application Timeline



Connect with the Fulbright Team

- Visit their website at us.fulbrightonline.org
- Email at Fbstudent@iie.org
- Watch videos at vimeo.com/fulbright and youtube.com/fulbright program



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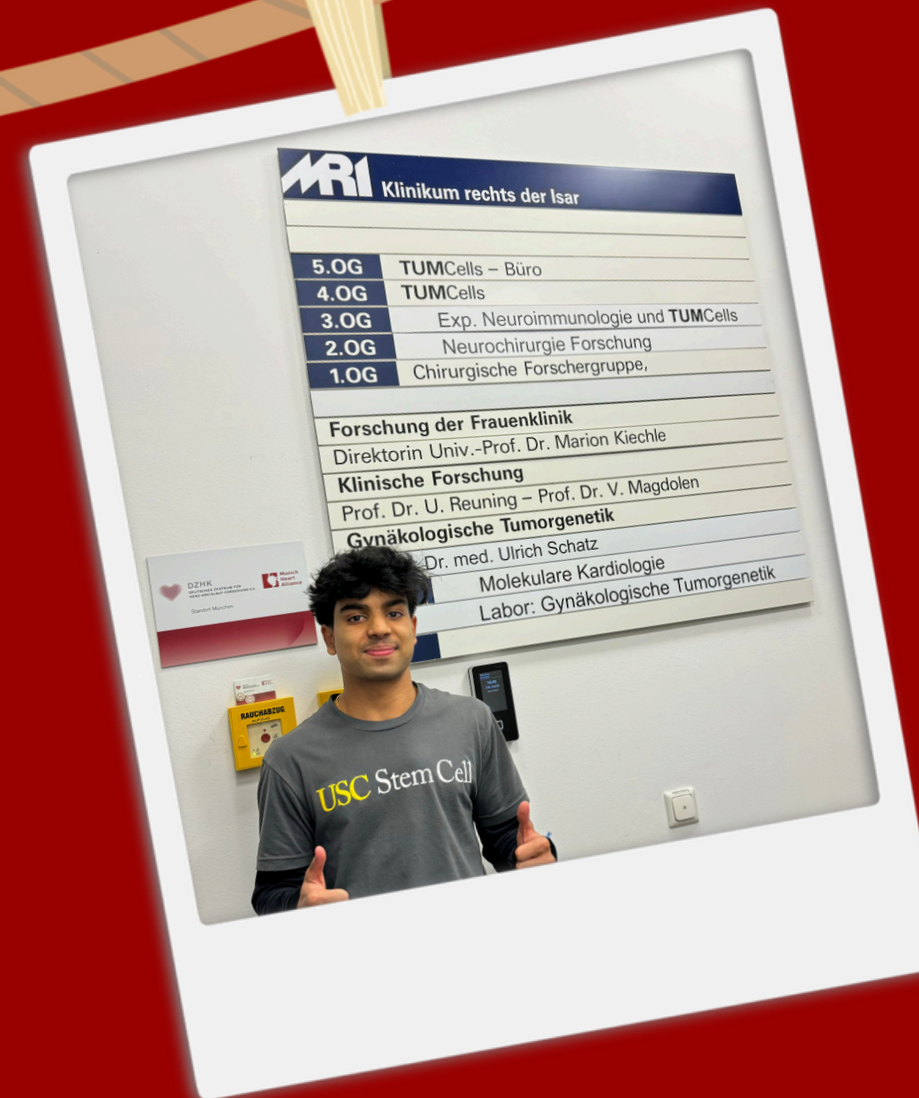


WHAT IS THE FULBRIGHT U.S. STUDENT PROGRAM?

U.S. Student Program funds American citizens to study, conduct research, or teach English abroad.

[Read More](#) 

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**Applying for the Fulbright U.S.
Student Program Through USC**

USC is a **Top Producer** of Fulbright
Students, highlighted in the
Chronicle of Higher Education



Resources for USC Applicants

AHF Programming

Scheduled workshops and advising events



Fulbright Writing Workshop Series
(April and May)



Summer 1:1 Essay Draft Advisement
(June – August)



Campus Evaluation and Feedback Meetings with USC faculty/staff committee
(mid-late September)

Online Resources

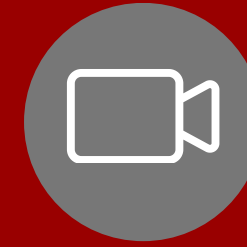
Accessible at any time



Faculty Mentors List



Digital Examples of Successful Essays



Archived USC Fulbright U.S. Student Program Recorded Workshops



designed study/research project in the United States. The Fulbright Program covers a wide range of fields of study, and operates in a number of countries. The program has fostered bilateral relationships between the United States and other countries, and has contributed towards mutual understanding and friendship between the people of the United States and other countries.

[Our Advising Portfolio](#)

USC Awards and Fellowships Database

Applicant Resources

Year By Year Timeline

Fellowship Recipients

Astronaut Scholarship

Boren Scholarships

Churchill Scholarship

CSPC Presidential Fellows Program

Fulbright U.S. Student Program

Goldwater Scholarship

Marshall Scholarship

Rhodes Scholarship

Truman Scholarship

Requirements

Eligibility Requirements

Application Components

USC Campus Process

Application Timelines

Online Resources

- [USC Fulbright Writing Workshop Series Videos](#) 
- [USC Writing Center Appointments](#) *(please be mindful of adjusted summer hours when making an appointment)*
- [Successful Fulbright Statements USC Examples](#) *(password protected – please contact AHF)*
- [Language Evaluation USC Contact Departments](#)
- [USC Fulbright Faculty Mentors:](#) A list of faculty willing to mentor Fulbright applicants.
- [Tips & Guidelines for Statement of Grant Purpose](#)
- [How to Choose a Fulbright Grant Type/Country Brainstorm](#)
- [Fulbright U.S. Student Program Upcoming Webinars](#) 
- [Fulbright U.S. Student Program Recorded Webinars](#) 



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USC Application Timeline

March 31, 2026

Mid-July

Late August

Mid-September

Mid-September

October 6, 2026

Fulbright Application Opens
for 2027-2028 grant year

Campus Deadline
to Register Application Through USC

Campus Deadline
to Submit Application

Study/Research:
Campus Evaluation and Feedback Meetings

ETA:
Campus Evaluation and Feedback Meetings

National Application Deadline
(due by 5PM ET)

Writing Workshop Series

Summer 1:1 Essay Draft Advisement

Meet your USC Fulbright Program Advisors (FPA's)



Katie Capra



Lisseth Murillo

Questions?

Email us at ahfstaff@usc.edu

Next Steps

Explore the national Fulbright U.S. Student Program and

us.fulbrightonline.org

AHF Fulbright websites

ahf.usc.edu/advising-portfolio/fulbright-u-s-student-program



Attend the second Writing Workshop session

(Friday, May 22 at 1:00pm)



Join us for Summer 1:1 Essay Draft Advisement

(June - August; exact dates TBD)

Questions?



Small Group Breakouts



1:30PM – 2:45PM (select one):

Independent Research:

Professor Elizabeth Durst

Graduate Study/Creative Arts:

Professor Taiyaba Husain

English Teaching Assistantship (ETA):

Professor Amanda Hobmeier

Exploring/Undecided

Professor Tamara Black

