

## FULBRIGHT-AT-LIBERTY FAQs

### 1. What is the Fulbright program?

Fulbright is the most widely recognized and prestigious international exchange program in the world, supported for more than half a century by the American people through an annual appropriation from the U.S. Congress and by the people of partner nations.

Since its creation in 1946, the Fulbright program has fostered bilateral relationships and partnerships in which citizens and governments of over 140 countries work with the U.S. to set joint partnerships and shape the program to meet shared needs.

### 2. What kinds of grants does Fulbright offer?

Fulbright offers multiple kinds of grants. At Liberty University, applicants typically apply for **Fulbright U.S. Student program** and **Fulbright U.S. Scholar program**.

The Fulbright Student program consists of the *Study/Research Grant* and the *English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) Grant*. You are encouraged to apply to the Study/Research Grant if you are seeking to conduct research or study abroad at the graduate level. You are also encouraged to apply to the Fulbright ETA grant if you are seeking to engage in a highly rewarding cultural exchange opportunity while teaching English to students from primary school all the way to higher education for 20-30 hours a week.

The Fulbright Scholar program is available to college and university faculty and administrators as well as for professionals, artists, journalists, scientists, lawyers, independent scholars and many others. The Fulbright Scholar program offers approximately 470 teaching, research or combination teaching/research awards in over 125 countries.

All grants provide round-trip transportation, book and research allowances, maintenance for the academic year based on living costs in the host country, supplemental health and accident coverage, tuition (in some cases), and language or orientation courses where appropriate.

### 3. How and When do I apply for Fulbright?

At Liberty, students seeking to apply to the Fulbright Student program are encouraged to contact the Fulbright Program Advisor, Professor Edna Udobong, from their sophomore year of college.

Nonetheless, students can apply to the Fulbright Student Program as an enrolled undergraduate/graduate student or within five (5) years of graduation. Applying through Liberty gives you the advantage of the having your application undergo a campus committee support and interview review process.

For the Fulbright Scholar Program, applicants must apply be U.S. faculty, administrator or professional willing to conduct research abroad for a year in an academic or professional field.

#### **4. What is the “ideal” candidate like?**

The ideal Fulbright candidate is: *intelligent, interested in others, involved, determined, and can show all of these qualities in their writing.*

#### **5. What is the difference between a Fulbright Student and a Fulbright Scholar?**

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers undergraduate and graduate students, and young professionals within five (5) years of graduation to conduct research and study or teach English abroad in a country of choice.

The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program offers American faculty members, administrators and professionals who seek to lecture or conduct research abroad for up to a year.

#### **6. Who is eligible to apply?**

Applicants must be citizens or nationals of the United States of America at the time of application. Permanent residents are not eligible.

There is no age limit on the Fulbright U.S. Student Program award.

The official GPA requirement is a 3.0.

Anyone who has resided abroad for five or more consecutive years in the six-year period preceding the national application deadline is ineligible to apply.

#### **7. I am a dual citizen of U.S and another country. Am I still eligible to apply?**

Yes. However, it may not be feasible for dual nationals of the following country to apply the countries due to host country law or policy:

Australia	Germany	New Zealand
South Korea*	Belgium	Iceland
Norway	Spain	Colombia
Japan*	Russia	Taiwan
Denmark	Netherlands	Slovenia

Ukraine (*Countries with asterisk\* should refer to country summary on website*)

**8. How many applications can I submit in a year?**

You can only submit one application each application cycle. However, unsuccessful applicants can always re-apply in subsequent years.

**9. How many countries can I apply to in an application cycle?**

You can only select one country during an application cycle and tailor your application specifically to that country.

In selecting a country, take to mind identifying a country that will be best fit for you, as much as you make sure you meet the country's language requirement, and your interests and abilities match the country's needs. You are encouraged to consult the [country statistics](#) tool on the Fulbright website when narrowing down your country choices, however, that should not be your only reason for selecting a country.

**10. How competitive is the Fulbright Scholarship?**

The acceptance rate for the Fulbright Scholarships is 20%, although this varies by a few percentage points year by year. Nonetheless, being a Fulbright recipient should not be thought of as an out-of-reach goal.

*For more information about the Fulbright award at Liberty, please email [internationalscholarships@liberty.edu](mailto:internationalscholarships@liberty.edu).*