ENGAGING WITH THE WORLD THROUGH FULBRIGHT

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Sponsored by the US Department of State, the Fulbright Student Program annually offers over 2,000 awards to conduct research, study, or teach in one of over 140 countries around the world. Programs are typically 9-12 months in length and are open to graduating seniors, alumni, and graduate students from all academic backgrounds.
The UD Fulbright Initiative, facilitated by IGS, provides increased outreach about Fulbright opportunities to UD students, faculty, staff, and alumni. In addition, IGS provides formal assistance throughout the application process by hosting events, workshops, information sessions, and networking opportunities with UD Fulbright Society Members and other expert faculty and staff.

The UD Fulbright Society was founded in 2014 to honor and engage UD’s 200+ Fulbright recipients!
BENEFITS OF THE FULBRIGHT

- Award covers 100% of travel and living expenses
- Life-long connections to other Fulbright Students & Scholars
- In-depth global experience
- Prestige value opens doors to other opportunities
- Chance to mentor Future Fulbrighters & sit on review panels

James Robert White, Costa Rica, 2015
STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

Must Have:

- U.S. Citizenship at the time of application
- Bachelor’s degree by the start of the program
- Foreign language competency as necessary for the project

Note:

- **No minimum GPA required but a strong academic record is a must.**
- Those who are not eligible include: resident aliens & terminal degree holders.
- Students from all academic backgrounds are welcome.
- Fulbright actively seeks a diverse applicant pool.
RESEARCH / STUDY GRANTS

925 awards available in over 140 countries

General Qualifications
- Well-developed project &/or study plan
- High level of academic &/or professional achievement
- Demonstrated leadership ability
- Sufficient language proficiency (varies by country)
- Community engagement-service orientation

Critical Language Enhancement Award
- Additional 3-6 months intensive in-country language training
- Focus on languages of high value to U.S. security interests

UD Fulbright Society Member, Kimberly Stevenson, AS 11 (United Kingdom)
Gerti Wilson
Political Science (‘16)
Fulbright Research Award to Kenya

• **On-Campus Engagement:** Served as a member of CPAB and Student Alumni Ambassadors

• **Study Abroad:** Applied for & Won a Benjamin A. Gilman Award for Study Abroad in South Africa.

• **Global Research:** Won a 2015 Plastino Award to Pursue Research in Ghana.

• **Post-Grad:** Completed an internship with U.S. Senator Chris Coons.

• **Future Plans:** Law School
WILL LESCAS
International Relations ('16)
Fulbright Study Award to Denmark

- **On-Campus Engagement:** AHPP Partner, Deconstruction Magazine, WVUD DJ, Phi Sigma Pi Member, EPSCoR Summer Scholar, Honors Peer Tutor
- **Study Abroad:** DIS Copenhagen
- **Research:** Senior Thesis on Integration of member nations into the EU.
- **Future Plans:** Policy Analyst or Ph.D. Program
ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP

• 1100 Awards in over 75 countries
• Goal: To improve students’ English language & knowledge of U.S. culture
• ETA teaches 20-30 hours per week
• Applicants should demonstrate:
  • Excellent communication skills
  • Flexibility, adaptability, openness
  • Leadership & service experience
• Host language proficiency varies by country
• All majors are encouraged to apply

2018-19 Fulbright Winners: Amanda Abrom, Jennifer Lawrence, Rickey Egan, Taylor Tewksbury and Gerti Wilson
AMANDA ABROM
Economics & English (‘16)
2018 ETA to Spain

- **On-Campus Engagement**: Communications Internships with Honors & more.
- **Undergrad Teaching & Mentorship Experience**: SUSI-WL & MEPI Peer Mentor, RA, Writing Tutor
- **Study Abroad**: Summer Session in Spain & internships in Chile, Dominican Republic
- **Post-Grad**: White House Intern, UN Youth Forum Delegate, English Teacher with Chilean Ministry of Education, International English Camp Counselor
- **Future Plans**: Graduate School in International Development
APPLICATION COMPONENTS

Research / Study Awards

Online Application

Essays
• Personal Statement: 1 page
• Statement of Grant Purpose: 2 pages
• References/Evals
  • Foreign Language Evaluation forms
  • Three references

Transcripts – All, unofficial OK

Letter of Institutional Affiliation

UD Fulbright Society Member & Chemical Engineer, Henry Richmond (Germany, 1965)
FULBRIGHT APPLICATION TIMELINE

- Applications Open
- Design Project & Prepare Application
- Priority Deadline
- **Campus Deadline**
- Campus Interviews
- **IIE Official Application Deadline**
- National Screening Committees
- Commissions/Embassies Foreign Scholarship Board
- Final Notification
- Grant Begin Date

April 1
April-August
July 10th
**September 15th**
September-October
**October 8, 2019**
November-December
January-May
April-May
September*

*Grant begin date may vary based on your host country.
WHERE CAN YOUR DREAMS BECOME REALITY?

Explore a World of Opportunities
us.fulbrightonline.org

See Where you Stand: Statistics
http://us.fulbrightonline.org/statistics

Special Opportunities

Special Opportunities are available in each country above and beyond a set number of general Research/Study and ETA awards. To navigate through these options, visit specific country pages on the Fulbright site above, or see the Fulbright Timeline & Snapshot handout we’ll share with you.

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(17W Thailand/Myanmar)
1. Schedule an individual appointment with an UD Fulbright advisor.
2. Keep building your UD Global resume by:
   - Attending an international coffee hour
   - Sitting in on an internationally-focused lecture or film
   - Joining an RSO
   - Becoming a Delaware Diplomat
   - Studying Abroad
   - Internationalizing your studies
   - & so much more
3. Juniors, Seniors & Grad Students, meet the July 10th Priority Application Deadline by submitting drafts of your essays and the names, titles & email addresses of your three recommenders to Katharine Kerrane at kck@udel.edu.
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CONGRATULATIONS!

To the newest UD winners of a Fulbright U.S. Student Program Award:

Mackenzie Campbell (Andorra)
Meghan Jusczak (Romania)
Julianna Ly (Netherlands)
Natalie Medlock (Brazil)
Megan Pacitti (Brazil)
Rebecca Pedersen (Georgia)
Christian Pirhalla (Brazil)

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(18W Argentina SPTM)