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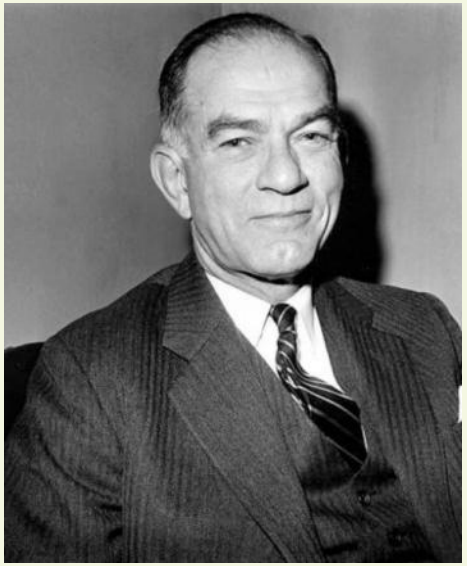

Senator J. William Fulbright
ARKANSAS

- 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

Research/Study Grant

- 900 awards
- 8-10 months
- ~140 countries
- Independent research, study, or arts projects abroad

English Teaching Assistantship (ETA)

- 900 awards
- 8-10 months
- ~70 countries
- Help teach English and U.S. culture in the classroom

What is New

or Noteworthy

for 2015-2016

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General

- Expanded list of countries where presence in country in 2013 makes one ineligible for 2014-15 (not study abroad)
- Fulbright-National Geographic Digital Storytelling – Fall Deadline
- Fulbright-Clinton Fellowship – Fall Deadline

Near East & Africa

Near East & North Africa

- **ETA**: Bahrain, Jordan, Morocco, and Oman
- **Gulf Countries** (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, United Arab Emirates) tend to be undersubscribed

Sub-Saharan Africa

- All Awards now 9 months in duration
- **ETA**: Available in Ivory Coast
- **Field**: Most countries welcome candidates in a wide range of fields
- **South Africa**: Candidates may want to consider less-competitive countries (Lesotho, Swaziland, Namibia, Botswana)

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East Asia / Pacific

- **Taiwan**: 5 new MA Degree Program Grants
- **Korea:** new 10 Korean Studies Graduate Degree Awards (undersubscribed)
- **Indonesia:** Research, Science and Technology (FIRST) awards
- **Australia:** CSIRO award (undersubscribed)
- **ETAs (All Countries)**: No side research projects
- **Singapore**: Urban Planning & Sustainable Design Awards (undersubscribed)
- **New Zealand**: Fulbright-American NZ Assoc. U.S. Graduate Award (u)

South & Central Asia / Germany

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- **India**: ETAs to New Delhi, Calcutta, and Chennai
- **Nepal**: ETA is a homestay only
- **Turkmenistan & Uzbekistan & Sri Lanka**: undersubscribed
- Applicants must exemplify maturity & flexibility
- Highly recommended to have some background in the local language & culture before applying (Russian)

Germany

- **Language: *Essential***, esp. for ETAs and S/R Grants in the fields of German studies, philosophy, language & literature
- **Affiliation**: Letter of invitation important
- **Project**: Master's degree seekers welcome (1st only)
- **All Study/Research Grantees:** Will be matriculated (official affiliation) with a university
- Dual Citizens (U.S./Germany) **ineligible**
- Applicants in the **ARTS** will have different instructions than worldwide applicants in the Arts

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Europe & Eurasia

- **Netherlands**: Fulbright Fellowship for Childhood Cancer (0/2)
- **Research France:** 4 awards Ecole Normale Superieure de Cachan Awards (2 app)
- **Finland:** All awards. Excellent graduate and doc.
- **Spain**: Inst. Empresa (und.) & Com. or Social and Behavioral Science (0)
- **UK**: listing number of apps for each award
- **Luxemburg**: Graduate Degree
- **EU Study/Research** – Incredibly unique award / high quality applicants
- **Austria**: All Awards; Combined ETA & Research
- **UK - LAMDA Award** in Classical Acting
- **UK - Aberystwyth University Award** in International Relations.
- **UK – Strathclyde** -5 Ph.D., MPhil, MRes only awards. Not enough applicants this year.
- **Undersubscribed:** Slovak Republic, Hungary, & Albania
- **More ETA Applications needed:**
  - Bulgaria
  - Kosovo
- **Ireland**: Taught MA in Creative Writing at University College Cork

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Western Hemisphere

- **New:** Uruguay ETA awards
- **Brazil, Chile, Mexico**: Seeking STEM applicants (language requirements reduced)
- **Mexico**: Binational Business Grants (31/13) &
  S/R Graduate Degrees (all disciplines) (7/2) seeking more applications

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Special Award Opportunities

Fulbright-Clinton 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

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)

DEADLINE: March 1, 2014

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Fulbright – National Geographic Digital Storytelling Fellowship

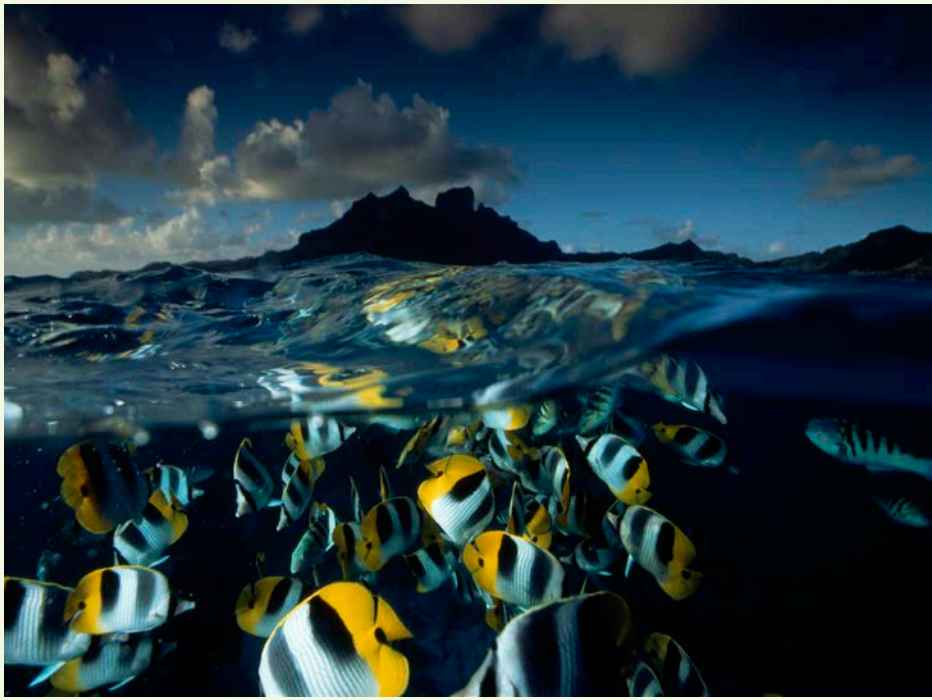
Fulbright and National Geographic: Innovation through Partnership

U.S. State Department & National Geographic Complimentary Missions:

- Fulbright "increases mutual understanding"
- National Geographic "inspires people to care about the planet"

Fulbright-National Geographic Digital Storytelling Fellows will:

- Examine relevant issues abroad
- Report stories digitally
- Open minds to new perspectives
- Inspire others to engage in the conversation



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2014-15 Themes

Biodiversity

Cities

Climate Change

Cultures

Energy

Food

Oceans

Water

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Application Components

1. **Basic Personal Data**
2. **Essays**
   - Statement of Grant Purpose
     - Research/Study: 2 pages
     - ETA: 1 page
   - Personal Statement: 1 page
3. **Reports / References**
   - Foreign Language Evaluation
   - Three (3) References
4. **Transcripts**
5. **Other**
   - Arts ONLY: Supplementary Materials
   - Research/Study: Affiliation Letter(s)

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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
- ETAs DO NOT secure affiliations

Grant Benefits

- 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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Application Timeline

Design Project, Prepare Application	May - Sept
Campus Deadline	Sept / Oct
IIE Application Deadline	October 14
National Screening Committees	Nov / Dec
Commissions/Embassies Foreign Scholarship Board	Jan - May
Final Notification	Mar - June

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