Fulbright Program for U.S. Students

Purpose
Established in 1946 to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. Sponsored by the U.S. State Dept.

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Study or research possible in more than 140 different countries. Many countries now also offer English Teaching Assistantships as an option.

Number & Amount
About 1900 awards to US students annually. Different numbers of grants allotted to each host country. Essentially full funding for most expenses associated with tenure abroad (amount will vary from one host country to another).

Duration
Generally one academic year.

Eligibility

Who
U.S. citizen. All majors (but each country outlines priority and/or restricted fields of study). Can pass a required health inspection.

When
No age limit. Graduating seniors, recent graduates and Masters/PhD students are eligible. Individuals who hold a PhD or other terminal degree may not apply.

Selection Criteria
No stated GPA threshold but 3.5 or higher is helpful. Plan for study/research that is feasible and fits goals. Good rationale for host country. Maturity and desire to engage host society. Language proficiency commensurate with stated expectations of the host country (quite variable).

Campus Deadline
Generally late August. Ideally make contact with Jim in April or May.

Deadline
Early October. A campus committee interviews each applicant after the campus deadline in order to complete required Campus Committee Evaluation form.

Application
Online application form. Three references. Plan of study and/or research. Personal statement. Transcripts. Language proficiency exam if applicable. Campus Committee Evaluation form. Letter of affiliation from host country in some cases.

Applicants can propose a unique research plan (in which case a letter of affiliation is typically important). But students may also propose enrollment in degree programs. In addition, many grants are now allotted for English Teaching Assistantships (ETA). The ETA category has grown dramatically in recent years.

Contact
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Other
More information available at http://us.fulbrightonline.org/. You only compete against others applying to the same destination, which means that the competitive odds vary with the number of grants/applicants directed towards a host country.

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http://www.k-state.edu/nationalscholarships