



Name of Policy: Fulbright U.S. Student Program
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### **Policy:**

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program is administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE) and sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Fulbright Grants are among the most sought after and prestigious fellowships offered to students in the United States. The Fulbright Commission offers grants for study, research or teaching assistantships abroad. Research/study grants allow Fulbrighters to design their own projects and work with advisors at foreign institutions or other institutions of higher education. English teaching assistantships place Fulbrighters in a classroom abroad to provide assistance to teachers of English to non-native English speakers. ETAs help teach the English language while serving as ambassadors for U.S. culture.

During their grants, Fulbrighters meet, work, live with and learn from the people of the host country, sharing daily experiences. The program facilitates cultural exchange through direct interaction on an individual basis in the classroom, field, home and in routine tasks, allowing the grantee to gain an appreciation of others' viewpoints and beliefs, the way they do things, and the way they think. Through engagement in the community individuals will interact with their hosts on a one-to-one basis in an atmosphere of openness, academic integrity and intellectual freedom, thereby promoting mutual understanding.

A Fulbright Grant can be used to fund a year of an MFA program.

In order to be eligible to apply for a Fulbright Grant you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen at the time of application (permanent residents, immigrants, and non-immigrants are not eligible)

- Have a Bachelor's degree conferred before the start of the grant (not before the start of the application process)
- Be in good health
- Have sufficient proficiency in the written and spoken language of the host country
- Fulbrights are awarded for the following academic year. Interested KCAI students should begin the application process during the summer between their junior and senior year in order to apply to have a grant in place for the academic year following their senior year.

Application Cycle:

- Early May through late September

**Procedure:**

More information on the Fulbright U.S. Student Program can be found on the Fulbright Program's website at [www.us.fulbrightonline.org](http://www.us.fulbrightonline.org).