‘Fulbright stretches the idea of who you are and gives you the inspiration to reach for bigger things in life.’

Fulbright awards programme
Scholarships and grants for academic exchanges to the US
About

The US-UK Fulbright Awards Programme provides grants for British and American postgraduates, researchers and professionals to study or conduct research in the United States and United Kingdom. This flagship international educational exchange programme is funded by the respective governments, universities, research charities and a number of other sponsors, and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the United Kingdom. Fulbright Awards provide the opportunity to study, exchange ideas and develop joint solutions to global concerns. A team of educational advisors also provides information and holds events for members of the public interested in US study. Since its establishment in 1948, the Fulbright Awards Programme has been the scholarship of choice for 30,000 individuals to engage their strong academic, leadership and ambassadorial skills.

‘From the beginning, my hope with the Fulbright exchanges was to generate a deeper understanding – especially on the part of potential leaders – of the differing cultures and peoples of the world.’

Senator J. William Fulbright

‘This has been a time of great personal and professional development.’
**Award categories**

Fulbright Awards offer generous financial support for academic projects in the US.

**Awards for postgraduates**

Scholarships are offered for master’s or PhD study, or to undertake a period of independent research in any subject, at any accredited US institution. Funding typically covers a year’s tuition, plus a living stipend. Applicants apply to Fulbright for funding, and separately for admission to their chosen institution.

**Awards for scholars**

Grants are provided to cover US institutional fees, travel to/from the US, accommodation and general maintenance costs. Funding and additional benefits for scholar awards vary between each award category.

**Benefits**

Beyond its financial offerings, a Fulbright Award is an opportunity for a transformative cultural and educational experience.

A number of free memberships, health benefits, and US visa sponsorship are provided. The Fulbright Awards Programme offers pre-departure support, including a Finalists’ Workshop (March) and a three-day Orientation Programme (July). Once in the US, further support is offered by two cooperating agencies, the Institute of International Education (IIE) and the Council for the International Exchange of Scholars (CIES).

Receiving a Fulbright Award provides unparalleled global networking opportunities. Over 300,000 Fulbright Awards have been given globally since the Programme’s inception, and alumni have the opportunity to stay engaged through our extensive alumni networks, including the British Fulbright Scholar Association (BFSA). Alumni also remain connected to the Programme through ongoing social and cultural events, volunteer opportunities, mentoring schemes and much more.
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### Timeline*

1 August  
15 November  
November - January  
mid-January  
late January - mid February  
late February  
mid-March  
March - June  
early July  
From mid-July - late April  

- Applications become available
- Application deadline
- Applications evaluated, short-list drawn up
- Short-listed candidates invited to interview
- Panel Interviews
- Notification
- Fulbright Finalist’s Workshop
- Fulbright and visa paperwork
- Fulbright Pre-Departure Orientation
- Independent departures,
  Fulbright exchange begins

Upon returning to the UK, candidates will be invited to participate in Fulbright alumni activities including our annual Returners’ Workshop as well as informal social events, soirees and other activities.

*Some Fulbright Awards follow different timelines including schemes for Harvard MBA seekers and Fulbright-Schuman EU-related projects. Please see the Fulbright website for updated information.

For more information: [www.fulbright.org.uk](http://www.fulbright.org.uk)
Selection criteria

Fulbright looks not only for academic excellence but also:

- Ambassadorial skills with evidence of cultural sensitivity and a genuine desire to learn more about the United States and share with American citizens aspects of British culture.
- Experience and interest in a range of extracurricular and community activities.
- Leadership potential.
- A desire to further the Fulbright Programme and give back to your home country upon returning to the UK.

Eligibility for Fulbright Awards:

- UK citizens (resident anywhere except the United States) or Irish citizens normally resident in the UK.
- Must not be US citizens, dual UK-US citizens, nor have a US residence permit (‘green card’).
- Postgraduate candidates must hold or expect to obtain a minimum 2:1 honours undergraduate degree or the equivalent prior to enrolment with a US university.
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