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The U.S. Fulbright Student Program awards approximately 1,450 grants annually and currently operates in over 140 countries worldwide. Fulbright full grants generally provide funding for round-trip travel, maintenance for one academic year, health and accident insurance and full or partial tuition. Fulbright travel-only grants are also available to limited countries.

Since its inception in 1946, the Fulbright Program has provided more than 286,000 participants worldwide with the opportunity to observe each others' cultural institutions, exchange ideas and embark on joint ventures of importance to the general welfare of the world's inhabitants. In the past 62 years, over 108,000 Americans have benefited from the Fulbright experience.

Art projects have involved a filmmaker using a camera to document AIDS survivors' personal stories in Tanzania, a painter who created a resource center for American art in Tbilisi, Georgia and another painter who taught at the National College of the Arts in Lahore, Pakistan.

TIMELINE

Applications due October 1 to Alexis Akagawa, Student Affairs Office.
MCAD Review Committee application.

Specialist Review Committee reads applications, rating them from highly recommend, recommend, or do not recommend.

U.S. Peer Review Committee screens the Specialist Review reports that accompany applications.

Applicants receive notice of their recommended or not recommended status November through January.

Recommended candidates names are forwarded to host countries for selection and to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, which has the final approval.

Applicants are notified as approvals are given February through May.

ELIGIBILITY

U.S. citizens at the time of application
Hold a BFA at the beginning of the grant
No felonies



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SUBMITTING A COMPETITIVE APPLICATION

Your expertise should match the award and qualifies you for all activities

Follow instructions and format precisely

Write a clear, focused project statement: focus on what you plan to do—not your biography

Write so that people outside your field can understand your project and why it is important

Get three strong, current reference letters: from your supervisor or teacher, from someone not at MCAD, and from a colleague who knows your work well

Meet all eligibility requirements and application deadlines

PROJECT STATEMENT

Must be persuasive and explain what you propose to do

How it will be done

Why it is important to do it in this particular country

Why you want to do it

How you will face the challenge of research in a foreign language

WHAT REVIEWERS LOOK FOR

Sustainability for award

If it is a good match

Ability and record

Experience in relation to career stage

Applicant's adaptability and cultural sensitivity

Merits of proposal: innovative projects and methodology, feasibility, value to discipline, scholar, host country and institution

Demonstrated need to be in country for project

TIPS

Research host country and institution and award particulars

Limit discussion on project background, use bibliography instead

Know that collaborative projects are more compelling

Use language that matches award description

Language requirements: Latin American countries may require Spanish or Portuguese, Francophone Africa generally requires French, some awards in the Middle East require Arabic

MAKING CONTACTS ABROAD

Most awards don't require a letter of invitation from an overseas institution, although some "All Disciplines" awards do

Use www.braintrack.com or www.petersons.com

Use the online Visiting Scholar or U.S. Scholar directories for contact information or former grantees