

# **2021 Fulbright US Student Program “Getting Started” Session**

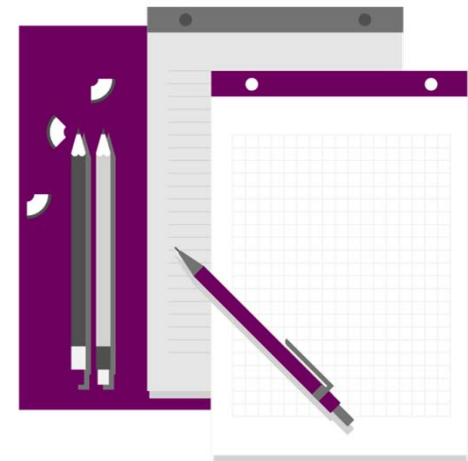
Tips and information for students and alumni  
applying for a 2022-23 Fulbright grant

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## Topics to Cover Today

- Assumptions
- Review of the Fulbright US Student program
- Timeline
  - Overview, important dates and deadlines
- Getting Started
- Choosing Your Award
- Beginning Your Application
- Next Steps



## Assumptions



- You are eligible for Fulbright US Student award
  - Program requirements
  - Host country requirements
- You attended or have viewed a pre-application information session
  - Missed it? Check MSU Fulbright website for recordings
- You plan to apply for a Fulbright this year
  - Or you're just really planning ahead for next year!

## Review of the Fulbright US Student Program

- Created by Congress in 1946
- Sponsored by the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
- US Student Program administered in the US by the Institute of International Education (IIE)
- Administered overseas by bi-national Fulbright Commissions and US Embassies



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## Review of Application Timeline



Winter into Spring: Research grant type, select country, competition opens in late March



Summer: Prepare application, meet interim MSU deadlines



September: MSU application deadline, campus committee interview



October: National application deadline



November-December: US review, National Screening Committees



January-May: Semi-finalist notifications (January), host country review for semi-finalists



March-June: Final selection and notification

## Important Dates and Deadlines

- March 31 → Competition opened
- **Ongoing throughout summer** → **Weekly office hours, communications from me, “write-ins” and other application sessions**
- **Ongoing until deadline** → **Keep an eye on upcoming IIE webinars**
- May 31 → Draft of personal statement due
- June 15 → Draft of statement of grant purpose due
- July 15 → Draft of “Host Country Engagement” section due
- July 31 → Draft of “Plans Upon Return to the US” section due
- August 15 → Draft of “Abstract” section due
- **September 1 by 11:00pm \*** → **MSU deadline (entire application, including letters)**
- Throughout September → Campus interviews
- **October 12 by 5:00pm** → **National deadline**



\* All times Eastern Time Zone

## Getting Started: The IIE Website

- The [IIE website](#) is a comprehensive resource for applicants.
- Mini tour of website:
  - About
  - Countries
  - Applicants
  - Current Fulbrighters
  - Alumni
  - Fulbright Program Advisors
  - Statistics
  - Contact



# Choosing Your Award: Review of Award Types

## Study/Research Grant

Independent research, study, or arts projects abroad



**900+**  
Awards



**6-12**  
Months



**~140**  
Countries

## English Teaching Assistantship (ETA)

Help teach English and US culture in the classroom



**1,250+**  
Awards



**8-10**  
Months



**~75**  
Countries



**2,200+**  
Awards

**140+**  
Countries



## Choosing Your Award: Award Search Tool

Award Type	World Region & Countries	Foreign Language Proficiency	Accepted Degree Levels	Other Information
<div>Study/Research</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Independent Study/Research</li><li>• Graduate Degree Enrollment</li></ul>	<div>East Asia-Pacific</div>	<div>Not Required</div>	<div>Bachelor's</div>	<div>Award length</div>
	<div>Europe &amp; Eurasia</div>	<div>Recommended</div>	<div>Master's</div>	<div>Start date</div>
	<div>Middle East &amp; North Africa</div>			<div>CLEA eligibility</div>
	<div>South &amp; Central Asia</div>	<div>Required</div>	<div>Doctoral</div>	<div>Dependent support</div>
	<div>Sub-Saharan Africa</div>			
	<div>Western Hemisphere</div>			

# Choosing Your Award: Award Search Tool in Action

- Country
- Award type
- Accepted degree levels
- Placement type (for ETAs)
- Dependent support available
- Start date
- Award length
- CLEA-eligible

☒ 9 Months - Award Length

☒ CLEA - Eligible for the Critical Language Enhancement Award

☒ - Dependent Support Available

Search in awards...

English Teaching Assistant \* South and Central Asia \* Sub-Saharan Africa \* Not Required \* Recommended \*

**Fulbright Award Type<sup>(1)</sup>**

English Teaching Assistant ✓

Study/Research

**World Region<sup>(2)</sup>**

East Asia-Pacific

Europe & Eurasia

Middle East & North Africa

South and Central Asia ✓

Sub-Saharan Africa ✓

Western Hemisphere

**Countries**

**Foreign Language Proficiency<sup>(3)</sup>**

Not Required ✓

Recommended ✓

Required

**Accepted Degree Levels**

**ETA Placement Type**

Elementary School

**Benin**

English Teaching Assistant Award

English Teaching Assistant Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral  
Secondary School, University/Post-Secondary Institution

**Cote d'Ivoire**

English Teaching Assistant Award

English Teaching Assistant Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral  
Secondary School, University/Post-Secondary Institution

**India** 25

Fulbright-Nehru English Teaching Assistant Award

English Teaching Assistant Bachelor's, Master's  
Middle School, Secondary School, University/Post-Secondary Institution

**Kazakhstan** 15

English Teaching Assistant Award

English Teaching Assistant Bachelor's, Master's  
University/Post-Secondary Institution

**Kenya**

English Teaching Assistant Award

English Teaching Assistant Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral  
Secondary School, University/Post-Secondary Institution

**Kyrgyzstan** 4

English Teaching Assistant Award

English Teaching Assistant Bachelor's, Master's  
Secondary School, University/Post-Secondary Institution

**Nepal** 4

English Teaching Assistant

**Rwanda**

English Teaching Assistant

**Senegal**

English Teaching Assistant

# Beginning Your Application

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Application Management

Returning users: [Log in](#) to continue an application.

**First-time users:**  
[Create an account](#) to start a new application.

**Register**

To register for an account, please enter the information requested below.

Email Address:   
First Name:   
Last Name:   
Birthdate:

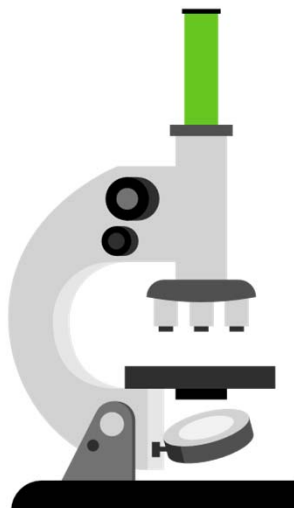
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**Application Details**

Started	04/05/2021
Status	In Progress
Application	Fulbright U.S. Student Program 2022-2023

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# Beginning Your Application: Welcome Page




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**U.S. Student Program**

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## Welcome

### Fulbright U.S. Student Program

Hello Fpp-Msu, welcome to the [Fulbright U.S. Student Program](#) application. The program provides grants for individually designed study/research projects or for English Teaching Assistant Programs. A candidate will submit a Statement of Grant Purpose defining activities to take place during one academic year in a participating country outside the U.S.

Applicants may only apply for one Fulbright award per application cycle. You cannot apply for multiple awards in the same program year.

### National Deadline

**The Fulbright U.S. Student National Deadline is October 12, 2021 at 5:00 pm Eastern Time.**



Dhruv Shah, U.S. Student to India

The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) administers the Program under policy guidelines established by the [Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board \(FFSB\)](#) in close coordination with [binational commissions and foundations](#) in 49 countries, [U.S. embassies](#) in more than 100 other countries and [cooperating agencies](#) in the United States.

### Instructions - Overview

It is important that you follow the general guidelines for application completion and submission, as well as the guidelines for the specific type of award, program, and country available on the [application website](#).

It is your responsibility to understand what is required for the award and to submit the appropriate documents by the stated campus or Fulbright national application deadline. Failure to provide necessary information or materials may adversely affect your application.


Your application is a representation of you, so be sure that it is complete and accurate. All material must be your own work. It is unacceptable to misrepresent accomplishments, to borrow from the works of others without proper acknowledgment, or to submit as one's own material what has been written, re-written or heavily edited by others. Breaches of these protocols may result in rejection of the application.

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# Beginning Your Application: Preliminary Questions



The screenshot shows the Fulbright U.S. Student Program application interface. At the top, the Fulbright logo and "U.S. Student Program" are displayed. Below the navigation bar, the "Preliminary Questions" section is active. The first question is "Are you a U.S. Citizen?" with a dropdown menu. The second question is "Do you have a doctoral degree or will you be awarded a doctoral degree, excluding medical degree and J.D., before October 12, 2021?" with a dropdown menu. Below these, there is a section for "Award Type" with two radio button options: "Study/Research Award" and "English Teaching Assistant Award". A "Save and Continue" button is at the bottom of the form. The footer includes links for "GETTING STARTED", "COUNTRY INFORMATION", and "APPLICATION CHECKLIST", along with the IIE logo and text stating "The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and supported in its implementation by IIE."

- Basic eligibility
  - Citizenship
  - Degree status
- Award type
  - Rest of the application is predicated on your choice here

# Beginning Your Application: Country & Award Selection

- Select school or at-large
  - Select MSU
- Select country
- Select type of award and confirm details



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**Country & Award Selection**

Are you applying At-Large or through a U.S. Institution? For a description of 'Applicant Types', please review Step 2 in [Getting Started](#).

Selected School or At Large: \*  [Find your FPA here](#)

Have you been in touch with your institution's FPA yet? [Find your FPA here](#)

**Country Selection**

Selected Country: \*

**Award Selection**

Selected Award: \*

**Award Details**

Award Type:	English Teaching Assistant Award
Multi-country Award:	No
Award Name:	English Teaching Assistant Award
Award Country:	Belgium
Award World Region:	EUR
Award Language Proficiency Required:	No
Award Website:	<a href="https://us.fulbrightonline.org/countries/europe-and-eurasia/belgium/125">https://us.fulbrightonline.org/countries/europe-and-eurasia/belgium/125</a>

[Save & Continue](#)

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## Beginning Your Application: Continuing to Enter Data

- Personal information
  - Name
  - Biographical, demographic, and citizenship information
  - Misconduct or convictions
- Contact information
  - Address(es), phone numbers, email addresses, emergency contact
- Program information
  - Title, abstract, host country engagement, plan upon return, statement of grant purpose, personal statement

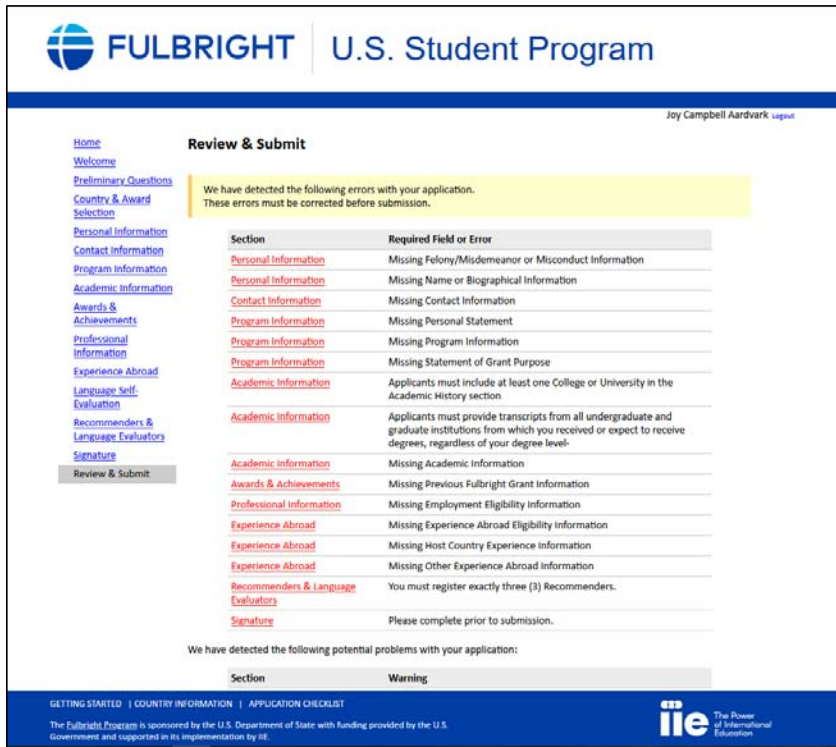


## Beginning Your Application: Other Information to Gather

- Academic information
  - Academic information, transcripts
- Awards and achievements
  - Scholarships, grants, and fellowships
  - Extracurricular activities, publications, presentations
- Professional information
  - List of past positions
    - Begin with most recent position
  - List ones that best support your application
- Experience abroad
  - Host country, other countries
  - Have dates ready
- Language self-evaluation
  - Up to four languages
- Recommenders and language evaluators
  - Three recommenders, one language evaluator per applicable language
  - Don't invite them until you are 100% sure about your award type and host country



# You Can't Accidentally Submit



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**Review & Submit**

We have detected the following errors with your application. These errors must be corrected before submission.

Section	Required Field or Error
<a href="#">Personal Information</a>	Missing Felony/Misdemeanor or Misconduct Information
<a href="#">Personal Information</a>	Missing Name or Biographical Information
<a href="#">Contact Information</a>	Missing Contact Information
<a href="#">Program Information</a>	Missing Personal Statement
<a href="#">Program Information</a>	Missing Program Information
<a href="#">Program Information</a>	Missing Statement of Grant Purpose
<a href="#">Academic Information</a>	Applicants must include at least one College or University in the Academic History section
<a href="#">Academic Information</a>	Applicants must provide transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions from which you received or expect to receive degrees, regardless of your degree level.
<a href="#">Academic Information</a>	Missing Academic Information
<a href="#">Awards &amp; Achievements</a>	Missing Previous Fulbright Grant Information
<a href="#">Professional Information</a>	Missing Employment Eligibility Information
<a href="#">Experience Abroad</a>	Missing Experience Abroad Eligibility Information
<a href="#">Experience Abroad</a>	Missing Host Country Experience Information
<a href="#">Experience Abroad</a>	Missing Other Experience Abroad Information
<a href="#">Recommendations &amp; Language Evaluators</a>	You must register exactly three (3) Recommenders.
<a href="#">Signature</a>	Please complete prior to submission.

We have detected the following potential problems with your application:

Section	Warning
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- Over the summer
  - I can see your in-progress application
- September 1
  - Submitting sends it to me
  - We can unsubmit and resubmit as many times as necessary
- October 12
  - Submitting sends it to IIE

## Next Steps

- **Get through the rest of the semester**
- Connect with me
  - Joy Campbell, joycamp@msu.edu
- Familiarize yourself with the MSU Fulbright website
  - <https://www.isp.msu.edu/fulbright>
  - Complete the Fulbright Program Interest Survey
- Familiarize yourself with the IIE Fulbright website
  - <https://us.fulbrightonline.org/>
  - Research host countries and programs
  - Pre-register for webinars

