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## Overview of Fulbright U.S. Student Program for MSU Students

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  - Spartans whose Education Abroad experience was cut short or who will not be able to participate in an upcoming program due to the global pandemic





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# The Fulbright Program

## Program Goal

*Our mission is to foster mutual understanding between nations, advance knowledge across communities, and improve lives around the world*

## History and Administration

- Created in 1946 by U.S. Congress
- Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)
- U.S. Student Program administered in the U.S. by IIE
- Administered overseas by bi-national Commissions and U.S. Embassies



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# MSU and Fulbright

- MSU has a long and successful history with Fulbright
  - 197 student grantees have gone abroad since 1949
  - 79 faculty scholars have had grants since 2006
- Other Fulbright-adjacent programs at MSU include:
  - Fulbright student grantees from abroad
  - Fulbright scholars from abroad
  - Humphrey Fellows program
  - Annual Foreign Language Teaching Assistant national orientation through Linguistics & Languages, and FLTAs who teach language courses on campus
  - Annual Fulbright English for Graduate Studies Program through the English Language Center



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## A Career Inspired by Fulbright

- Dr. Inge Steglitz grew up in Heidelberg, Germany
- First came to the U.S. on a Fulbright and has now spent more than half her life here
- Serves as Associate Director of MSU's Office for Education Abroad



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## Diversity and Inclusion

- Fulbright strives to ensure that it reflects the diversity of U.S. society and societies abroad. We encourage the involvement of people from traditionally underrepresented audiences in all our grants, programs and other initiatives.
- Opportunities are open to people regardless of their race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, geographic location, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.



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## Fulbright U.S. Student Eligibility

**Open to:**

- Graduating seniors
- Recent graduates
- Graduate students
- Early career professionals, including creative and performing artists/musicians


### Basic Eligibility

- U.S. citizen by the application deadline
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent by start of grant
- No doctorate at the time of application
- Country-specific requirements




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## Program Award Types






**2,200+**  
Awards

**140+**  
Countries Worldwide

### Study/Research Grant




Independent research, study, or arts projects abroad



 <b>950+</b> Awards	 <b>8-10</b> Months	 <b>~140</b> Countries
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### English Teaching Assistantship (ETA)

Help teach English and U.S. culture in the classroom

 <b>1,250+</b> Awards	 <b>8-10</b> Months	 <b>~75</b> Countries
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## Award Benefits



### Pre-Grant & In-Country

- Round-trip airfare
- Monthly stipend\*
- Accident and sickness benefits
- Other **possible** benefits\*
  - Support for dependents
  - Research allowance
  - Tuition
  - Language lessons
  - Enhancement activities
  - Disability-related accommodations

\* Varies depending on grant and host country.

### Post-Grant

- The Fulbright network of alumni
- State Department's alumni website
- Eligible for 12 months of noncompetitive eligibility (NCE) hiring status within the federal government
- Lifetime Fulbright email address
- Fulbright Association



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## Application Components

- Basic Personal Data & Program Information
  - Abstract, Host Country Engagement, Future Plans
- Essays
  - Statement of Grant Purpose
    - Research/Study (2 pg max)
    - English Teaching Assistantship (1 pg max)
  - Personal Statement (1 pg max)
- Reports / References
  - Foreign Language Evaluation
  - Three References
  - Campus Committee Evaluation
- Transcripts
- Other
  - Research/Study: Affiliation Letter(s)
  - Arts: [Supplementary Materials](#)



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## Factors in Selection

- Quality and feasibility of the proposal
- Academic or professional record
- Personal qualifications
- Language preparation
- Preference factors as established by Foreign Fulbright Scholarship Board
- Extent to which the candidate and the project will help to advance the Fulbright Program goals
- Requirements of the program in individual countries
- Desirability of achieving diversity



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## Application Timeline

APRIL–AUGUST	Design project and prepare application
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020	MSU campus deadline
SEPTEMBER	MSU Campus Committee interviews, feedback, revise application
OCTOBER 13, 2020	National application deadline
NOVEMBER–DECEMBER	U.S. Review: National Screening Committees
JANUARY–MAY	Host Country Review: Fulbright Commissions and/or U.S. Embassy
MARCH–JUNE	Final Selection and Notification: Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board



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## Resources Available at MSU


- Fulbright Program Adviser Joy Campbell
  - Brainstorming, information, application process, liaison for questions to IIE staff, editing, campus interview coordination
- MSU Fulbright website
  - Links to specific information from IIE, MSU timeline, application components
  - Seeking feedback on what other materials would be helpful to you!
  - [isp.msu.edu/fulbright](http://isp.msu.edu/fulbright)
- Career Services Network
  - Summer series of virtual workshops on cover letters, preparing your CV, interview skills, and more, plus helpful guides and tips on website
  - Experience advising Fulbright applicants on personal statements
  - [careernetwork.msu.edu](http://careernetwork.msu.edu)
- Writing Center
  - Personalized help on outlining, writing, grammar, and more
  - [writing.msu.edu](http://writing.msu.edu)







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## Stay connected with IIE

- Watch their webinars at [us.fulbrightonline.org](http://us.fulbrightonline.org)
- Email them at [fbstudent@iie.org](mailto:fbstudent@iie.org)
- Visit the IIE website to learn more about the Fulbright U.S. Student Program
- Watch videos at [vimeo.com/fulbright](https://vimeo.com/fulbright) and [youtube.com/fulbrightprogram](https://youtube.com/fulbrightprogram)

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## Other Scholarship Programs for International Education Experiences

### Critical Language Scholarship (CLS)


- Fully-funded summer language institutes in 15 countries
- Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Swahili, Turkish, and Urdu
- Sponsored by the US Department of State

  
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## Boren Awards



**Boren Scholarships – (undergraduate students)**

- Awards up to \$8,000/summer
- Special initiative for STEM students only; 8 weeks minimum
- Awards up to \$10,000 /semester
- Awards up to \$20,000/year
- Goal: Promote long term linguistic and cultural immersion
- Outside of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand
- Requires 1 year of government service post graduation


**Boren Fellowships – (graduate students)**

- Awards up to \$24,000/year
- Goal: To add important international & language component to grad. studies
- Outside of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand
- Minimum of 3 months and maximum of 1 year overseas
  - Priority given to programs 6 months or longer & STEM majors
  - Requires 1 year of government service








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## Benjamin A. Gilman and Gilman-McCain Scholarships

- *The programs aim to diversify the kinds of students who study abroad and the countries and regions where they go by supporting undergraduates who might otherwise not participate due to financial constraints.*
- Up to \$8,000 for summer, semester or year-long study
- Funded through the US Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
- Eligibility Criteria:
  - U.S. Citizen
  - Undergraduate student
  - Federal Pell Grant recipient for the Gilman Int'l or Federal Aid recipient – Gilman-McCain
  - Receiving academic credit
  - Anywhere in the world with an overall Travel Advisory Level 1 or 2, according to the [U.S. Department of State's Travel Advisory System](#)
  - Minimum three weeks – multi-country programs now eligible!
  - Gilman-McCain – parent or guardian who is active military





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## Stay connected with us at MSU!

- Joy Campbell
  - Fulbright Program Adviser for MSU, based in International Studies and Programs
  - Drop-in Zoom hours each Tuesday from 2:00-3:00pm throughout the summer
  - [joycamp@msu.edu](mailto:joycamp@msu.edu)
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