

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION

Eligibility Requirements

Candidates must be citizens or nationals of the country from which they are applying, or permanent residents qualified to hold a valid passport issued by that country. Persons holding both citizenship in a partner country and US citizenship or permanent residency are ineligible for Fulbright grants to the United States.

Please visit the official Fulbright Program website at <http://eca.state.gov/fulbright> to learn about the application process. Since some eligibility requirements vary by country, you should contact the Fulbright Commission or US Embassy in your home country to verify your eligibility before applying and to obtain access to the online application. You can find specific information on the Fulbright Program in your country (including contact information for the relevant Fulbright Commission or US Embassy) at <http://eca.state.gov/fulbright/fulbright-programs/program-details-country>.

Grantee Selection

The following considerations are taken into account when selecting Fulbright grantees:

- Traditional criteria for academic and professional excellence.
- Interests and needs of the home country.
- Merits of the application and suitability of the applicant for the proposed program of study.
- Overall strengths of the candidate in comparison with others in the candidate pool.

Fulbright representatives review applications and select candidates to be interviewed. The interviews typically take place from July to September at the Fulbright Commission or US Embassy in the candidate's home country. The Commission or Embassy will notify candidates in advance as to whether they have been selected for an interview. Please see the [Required Document Checklists](#) in the Resources section of our website for information about additional documents required for submission at the time of application and nomination.

The interview panel recommends a group of final candidates for each country to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, a twelve-member group of educational and public leaders appointed by the president of the United States. The J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board has statutory responsibility for the final approval of all candidates.

Interviewed candidates will be notified by December whether they have been nominated for a Fulbright grant.