

The **B**elgian **A**merican Educational Foundation

BAEF



Fellowships
2017-2018

The Belgian American Educational Foundation

Established on Jan 9, 1920

“To enable young men and women without means to secure graduate education...”



Letter of H. Hoover, 31st American President to L. Delacorix, Belgian Prime Minister (1919)

U.S. Education System

- **Bachelor's degree**
 - College 4 years undergraduate studies
- **Master's degree**
 - Typically 2 years graduate studies
 - except LL.M. 1 year but after master
- **Doctoral degree (PhD's)**
 - Typically 5-7 years in length starting with 2 years graduate studies

3 Simultaneous Actions for Graduate study candidates

Start Early!

1. Choose the 3 US universities (5-8)
& prepare the applications for each one.
2. Determine which tests are needed to apply & take them(TOEFL or IELTS, GRE or GMAT).
3. Look for financial support (BAEF, Fulbright-
www.fulbright.be, Fernand Lazard Foundation etc...)

Fellowships for Graduate Study

● Master's Programs

- Non-renewable grant for 1 academic year (9 months)
- Stipend \$18,000
- Tuition and fees up to \$30,000
- Health insurance

● PhD Programs

- Non-renewable grant for 1 academic year
- Stipend \$20,000
- Tuition and fees up to \$40,000
- Health insurance

Applicants should not have obtained a Bachelor's degree before January, 1 2013.

Fellowship for Research

Doctoral Fellows

- no more than 2 years of PhD program completed at a Belgian Univ. by July 1, 2017
- Non-renewable grant for 12 months (Departure between July-December 2017)
- Stipend of \$27,000 for doctoral research
- Health insurance

Fellowship for Research

Post Doctoral Fellows

- Completed PhD degree at a Belgian Univ. no more than 2 years before by July 1, 2017

Post MD & DMV Fellows

- No more than 2 years of postdoctoral research by July 1, 2017 (not including clinical training)
- Non-renewable grant for 12 months (departure between July-December 2017)
- Stipend of \$45,000 for post-doctoral research
- Health insurance

Fellowship for Biomedical engineering research



Henri Benedictus Fellowships

- For a post-doctoral researcher, if not Belgian, 2 years affiliation with a Belgian university is required
- Non-renewable grant for 1 year
- Stipend of \$45,000
- Health insurance

Eligibility requirements

For all programs

- Be a Belgian citizen
 - Except for Henri Benedictus Fellowship: If not a Belgian, be affiliated for at least 2 years as a researcher at a Belgian university
- Hold a Bachelor's or Master's degree at the time of activation of the Fellowship
- Submit official transcripts as evidence of outstanding academic record
- Have a good command in English (TOEFL iBT $\geq 100/120$ or IELTS $\geq 7,5/9$)
- Submit GRE test results (VR ≥ 150 , QR ≥ 150 , AW $\geq 3,5$)
or GMAT results (VR ≥ 38 , QR ≥ 44 , AW ≥ 4 , IR ≥ 6 , total ≥ 700)
- For PhD programs recommended GRE test results are (VR ≥ 160 , QR ≥ 160 , AW $\geq 4,0$)

Application limits

- For graduate studies, Bachelor's degree no earlier than January 1, 2013.
- For doctoral and postdoctoral research, no more than 2 years of research by July 1, 2017.

Application file

- Online Application due by October 31 at noon!
 - Personal and Educational background
 - Autobiographical essay (no more than one page)
 - A carefully prepared statement
 - the reasons why you wish to study or carry research in the U.S.
 - a plan of the studies/research you propose to undertake
 - the benefits you expect to obtain from such studies/research
 - Your choice of American Universities
 - Study : minimum 3 different US universities although we recommend to apply to at least to 5-6 different US universities
 - Research : one US university research center with official letter of invitation.

Decision process

- **End of January**
 - B.A.E.F. selection interviews
- **Early February**
 - Final B.A.E.F. decisions are made for research and study fellowships.
 - Provided that you are accepted to the US university for graduate studies.

Fellows 2016-2017

- B.A.E.F. selection interviews end of January 2016
 - out of the 123 candidates interviewed,
 - 54 Fellowships were given:
 - 4 graduate studies, 4 LL.M.
 - 6 PhD
 - 3 doctoral researchers
 - 38 postdoctoral researchers

University	GF	LLM	PhD	RF	PDF	Total
ULB/VUB	1/1	1/1	2/1	0/1	7/3	11/7

BAEF Fellows 2016 - 2017



MBA conditional grants

- MBA interest-free loan
 - up to US\$ 100 000 to cover tuition and compulsory fees including health insurance for 2 academic years
 - To be paid back within 6 years after graduation
- Eligibility requirements are:
 - Belgian nationality
 - master's degree from a Belgian university
 - be accepted in a top US Business School (see list)

Application deadline **before May 1st**

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