The Fulbright Program

The Commission for Educational Exchange Between the United States, Belgium, and Luxembourg
Our Mission

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- Journalism
- European Union
- Research/Study
- Fulbright Grants
- Language Teaching Assistant

Fulbright Commission
Academic Exchanges between the United States, Belgium and Luxembourg
Our Mission

• Established in 1946
• Intended “to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and people of other countries” (J. William Fulbright)
• Today, the flagship international educational exchange program of the U.S. State Department
Fulbright Program Options

- The Fulbright Program in Belgium offers...
  - Study and research grants for students and scholars
  - Foreign Language Teaching Assistantships for language teaching assistants
  - Study of the United States Institute (SUSI) for secondary school teachers and current undergraduate students
  - Grants for professional journalists
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<td>• No PhD (<em>current master’s or doctoral student</em>)</td>
<td>• PhD by February 1, 2017 (<em>current post-doc or professor – no age limit for Fulbright!</em>) OR mid-career professional</td>
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<td>• Grant for degree study, research, or foreign language teaching assistant</td>
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<td>• Program administered by IIE: Institute for International Education</td>
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Why Apply for a Fulbright?

• Up to $30,000 grant (average $15,000)

• Before you go...
  – J-1 visa sponsorship
  – Pre-Departure Orientation in Brussels
  – Discount on Brussels Airlines flights to NYC and DC

• While you’re there...
  – Sickness and accident insurance
  – In-country programming, including Gateway Orientations and Enrichment Seminars

• Once you leave...
  – Prestigious title and alumni network
Eligibility Requirements

- Belgian or Luxembourgish citizenship
- English proficiency
- Minimum of a bachelor’s degree for all programs
- Academic excellence (generally a distinction every year or grand distinction in the last year of study)
- Admission or affiliation with an accredited U.S. university or think tank
Conditions of Grant

• Can NOT have had a J-1 visa in the student or scholar categories within the past two years
• Should have ambassadorial qualities necessary for educational and cultural exchange
• Must return to Belgium/EU for the two years following grant (see more about this requirement: prado.consilium.europa.eu/en/searchByIssuingCountry.html)
Fulbright Application Process

• After application opens on 15 September, prepare three letters of recommendation, transcripts, and essays for submission by 1 December 2016
  – Provide letter of acceptance/affiliation as soon as possible

• Invited to interview (10 minutes) in January 2017

• Notified of selection in February 2017
Fulbright Partner Awards

- Fulbright Commission also administers **Fulbright Partner Awards**, which are sponsored by individuals, companies, associations, and accredited Belgian and American universities
- Can have more specific eligibility requirements (e.g., field of study, host institution)
- Automatically considered if eligible
Financing MBA & LLM

GRANTS FOR MBA

GRANTS FOR LLM

McKinsey & Company

Liedekerke
cirkpatrick

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP & Affiliates

Baker & McKenzie

Covington & Burling LLP

Loyens & Loeff

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Harvard BOAS

- Graduate Studies Award including one year scholarship and travel stipend for candidates whose FIRST CHOICE is Harvard
  - Preference given to full-degree seeking students with at least one year of professional experience
  - Also open to Visiting Scholars
- Applicants must apply to Harvard and Fulbright at the same time, and must email a copy of their final Harvard application to fullbright@fulbright.be for consideration during the scholarship selection process
- Notifications in December and March
- Unsuccessful applicants allowed to re-apply in the spring
Fulbright-Schuman Grants

- Grants available for Graduate Study, Pre-Doctoral Research, Post-Doctoral Research, or University Lecturing
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- Applicants must have minimum of three months experience in two or more member states
- Preference given to candidates with at least two years of professional experience
- €2,000 travel stipend + €3,000/month (for scholars) or €2000/month (for students)
EU Fulbright Offices

- Austria  www.fulbright.at
- Belgium  www.fulbright.be
- Bulgaria  www.fulbright-bg.org
- Cyprus  www.fulbright.org.cy
- Czech Republic  www.fulbright.cz
- Denmark  www.daf-fulb.dk
- Finland  www.fulbright.fi
- France  www.fulbright-france.org
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- Iceland  www.fulbright.is
- Ireland  www.fulbright.ie
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- Netherlands  www.fulbright.nl
- Norway  www.fulbright.no
- Poland  www.fulbright.edu.pl
- Portugal  www.ccla.pt
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- Ukraine  www.fulbright.org.ua