

# The Fulbright Program

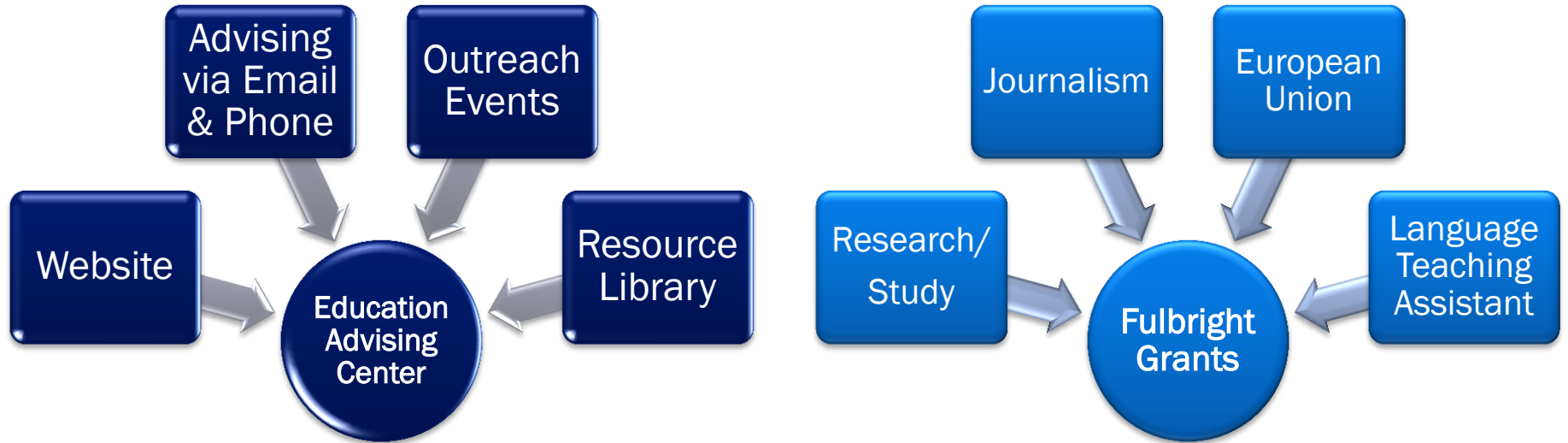
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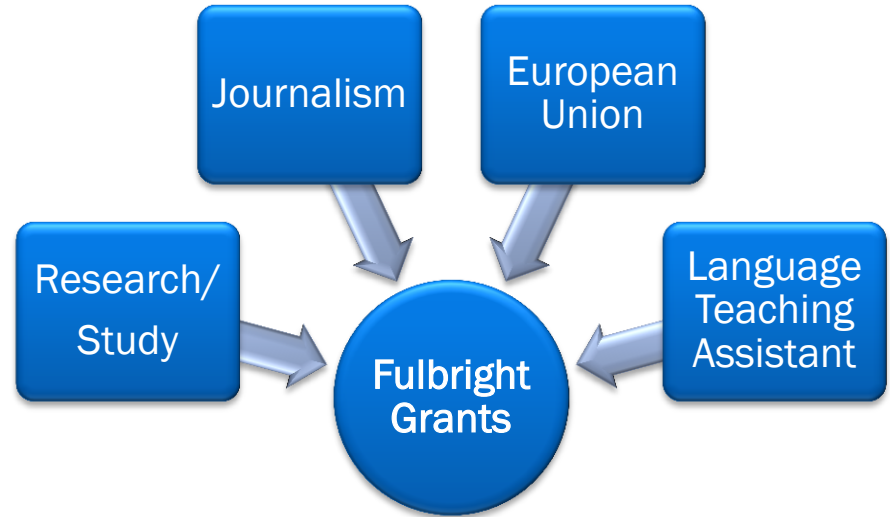


# Our Mission



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- 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

# 'Student' vs 'Scholar'

## STUDENT

- No PhD (*current master's or doctoral student*)
- Grant for degree study, research, or foreign language teaching assistant
- Program administered by IIE: Institute for International Education

## SCHOLAR

- PhD by February 1, 2017 (*current post-doc or professor – no age limit for Fulbright!*) OR mid-career professional
- Grant for research or lecturing
- Program administered by CIES: Council for International Exchange of Scholars

# 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](http://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


All Academic Fields Awards


 **AMBASSADOR FOX AWARD**  
At least one partial scholarship will be offered by the Ambassador Fox Award Fund for graduate study in any field of study in the U.S.

 **COLUMBIA CLUB OF BELGIUM AWARD**  
At least one partial scholarship to a student in any field of study who will attend Columbia University.

 **FULBRIGHT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD**  
At least one partial award for graduate study in any field at an American university or institution of higher education.

 **HARVARD CLUB OF BELGIUM**  
At least one scholarship will be offered by the Harvard Club of Belgium to a candidate in any field of study attending Harvard University.

 **MARGARET NICHOLSON SCHOLARSHIP**  
At least one partial award for graduate study in any field at an American university or institution of higher education.

 **UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD**  
One or more partial scholarship to students in any field of study who will attend the University of Chicago.

- 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  
wouters  
waelbroeck  
kirkpatrick

Skadden

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP  
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BAKER & MCKENZIE

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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 [fulbright@fulbright.be](mailto:fulbright@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](http://www.fulbright.at)
- Belgium [www.fulbright.be](http://www.fulbright.be)
- Bulgaria [www.fulbright-bg.org](http://www.fulbright-bg.org)
- Cyprus [www.fulbright.org.cy](http://www.fulbright.org.cy)
- Czech Republic [www.fulbright.cz](http://www.fulbright.cz)
- Denmark [www.daf-fulb.dk](http://www.daf-fulb.dk)
- Finland [www.fulbright.fi](http://www.fulbright.fi)
- France [www.fulbright-france.org](http://www.fulbright-france.org)
- Germany [www.fulbright.de](http://www.fulbright.de)
- Greece [www.fulbright.gr](http://www.fulbright.gr)
- Hungary [www.fulbright.hu](http://www.fulbright.hu)
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- Ireland [www.fulbright.ie](http://www.fulbright.ie)
- Italy [www.fulbright.it](http://www.fulbright.it)
- Luxembourg [www.fulbright.be](http://www.fulbright.be)
- Netherlands [www.fulbright.nl](http://www.fulbright.nl)
- Norway [www.fulbright.no](http://www.fulbright.no)
- Poland [www.fulbright.edu.pl](http://www.fulbright.edu.pl)
- Portugal [www.ccla.pt](http://www.ccla.pt)
- Romania [www.fulbright.ro](http://www.fulbright.ro)
- Slovak Republic [www.fulbright.sk](http://www.fulbright.sk)
- Spain [www.fulbright.es](http://www.fulbright.es)
- Sweden [www.fulbright.se](http://www.fulbright.se)
- Turkey [www.fulbright.org.tr](http://www.fulbright.org.tr)
- United Kingdom [www.fulbright.co.uk](http://www.fulbright.co.uk)
- Russia <http://fulbright.ru>
- Ukraine [www.fulbright.org.ua](http://www.fulbright.org.ua)

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