

Fulbright Schuman Scholarships



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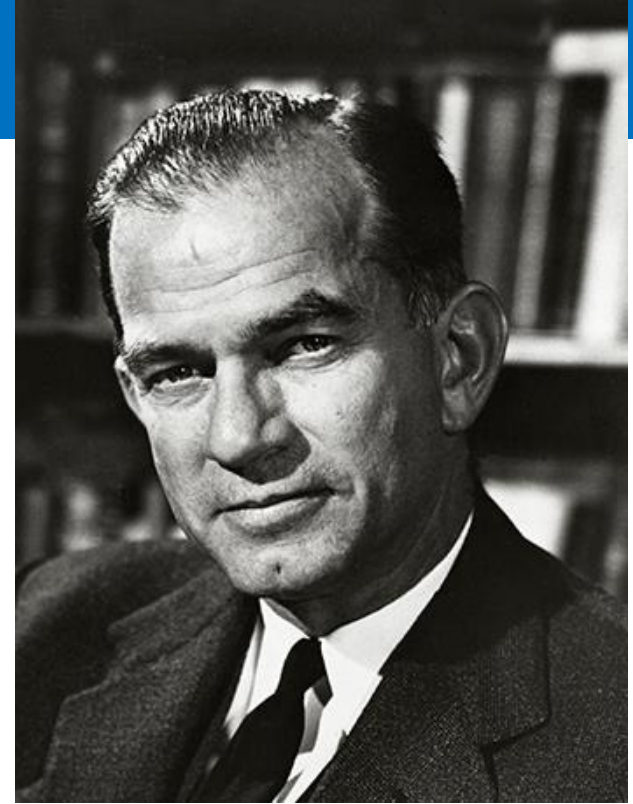
History of Fulbright Program

Grants available through Fulbright-Schuman Program

Application Process

Program History

- Established in 1946, with first U.S.-EU exchanges in 1991
- Proposed by U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright
- Intended “to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and people of other countries”



Grant Benefits

- Scholarship of \$2000/month (students) and \$3000/month (scholars) + a one-time \$2000 travel stipend
- Before you go...
 - J-1 visa sponsorship
 - Pre-Departure Orientation (in Brussels or home country)
- While you're there...
 - Sickness and accident insurance
 - In-country programming (e.g., Gateway Orientations for students, Enrichment Seminars for students/scholars)
- Prestigious title and alumni network

Program Eligibility

- To be eligible for the Fulbright-Schuman Program, you must...
 - be a citizen of one of the 28 EU member states
 - propose a project related to U.S.-EU relations, EU policy, or EU institutions
 - have a minimum of *three* months experience in *two or more* EU member states (e.g. Erasmus, research stay, etc.)
 - be proficient in English
- Preference is given to candidates with 2 years of academic or professional experience beyond the bachelor's degree
- Master's or (Pre-)Doctoral Students: grants are normally for a period of 9 months. However, applications for pre-doctoral research for a minimum period of 6 months will also be considered.
- Research scholar and lecturing awards (PhD or 5+ years of professional experience) are for a minimum period of 3 months and a maximum of 9 months.

J1-Visa

- Fulbright-Schuman grantees must go to the U.S. on a J1-visa sponsored by the Fulbright Commission ... but don't worry! We pay the costs.
- You are required to return to your country of [permanent legal residency](#) for at least two years before returning to the United States as an immigrant or on a H, L, or K visa
- Does not prevent you from re-entering the U.S. on an ESTA or with an F-1 student, B-1/B-2 (tourist) or J-1 student visa (or some other categories) in the future

Grants for Research/Study

- Grants for students and scholars
- Open to all academic disciplines, but topic must relate to **U.S.-EU relations, EU policy, or EU institutions**
- Note: applicants are responsible for arranging their own placement at a U.S. university or other institution (separate but simultaneous application process)
- General category vs Innovation category

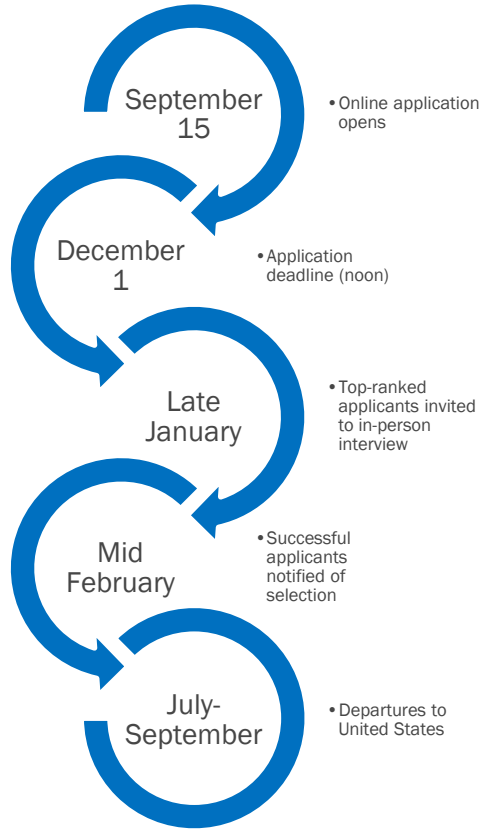
Innovation Grants

- Grants exclusively for topics with a focus on innovation; other topics are labeled general grants
- Supporting researchers and mid-career professionals from the U.S. and the EU who work at the intersection of technology and policy, allowing for a transatlantic approach to harnessing the potential of new technologies
- Learn more online at www.fulbrightschuman.eu/innovation-grants

Grants for International Educators

- Grants exclusively for professionals in international education administration (bachelor's degree required; PhD not required)
- Topic should provide a comparative U.S.-EU perspective on global issues within international higher education and/or share best practices within the field
- Note: applicants are responsible for arranging their own placement at a U.S. university or other institution

Application Process



- Begin online application after September 15
- Prepare 3 letters of recommendation, transcripts, and essays for submission by noon on December 1
- Selected 1st round applicants invited to Skype interview in late January-early February
- Notified of selection in mid-February/early March
- Depart to U.S. between August and March

Student Application Components

- Online
- An “Americanized” Resume/CV
- Transcript from most recent degree
- TWO essays
 - Study/Research Objectives Essay
 - Personal Statement
- THREE letters of recommendation
- Writing sample (for doctoral students only)
- Optional: test scores from relevant exams (e.g., GRE/GMAT, TOEFL)
- **IMPORTANT: choose “European Union” as home/program country!!**

Scholar Application Components

- Online
- CV
- Transcripts/diploma from most recent degree
- 3-5 page single-spaced project statement
- 1-3 page bibliography of references
- Letter(s) of invitation from host institution(s)
- THREE letters of recommendation
- Scans of passport and any previous J-visas held
- **IMPORTANT: choose “European Union” as home/program country!!**

Application Statistics

2016-2017

- Scholars: 32 applications, 6 grants
- Students: 41 applicants, 9 grants
- *Home countries of grantees:* Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Romania, UK
- *Disciplines:* Economics, Engineering, Environmental science, EU Law, Political Science, Public Policy

2017-2018

- Scholars: 44 applications, 7 grants
- Students: 31 applications, 7 grants
- *Home countries of grantees:* Bulgaria, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, UK
- *Disciplines:* Anthropology, Education, Engineering, Environmental Law, Political Science

An overview of EU alumni project titles can be found here: <http://www.fulbrightschuman.eu/eu-alumni/>

Skype interview

- The goal of the interview is to assess what is not seen in the application form.
- We look for the following items in the applicants:
 - Ambassadorial qualities;
 - Motivation for studying/doing research in the U.S.;
 - English proficiency ;
 - How you plan to use the knowledge learned in the U.S. when you return to the EU;
 - ...

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