

# Fulbright U.S. Scholars Program

- **Purpose**
  - In 1945, Senator J. William Fulbright introduced a bill in the United States Congress that called for the use of surplus war property to fund the 'promotion of international good will through the exchange of students in the fields of education, culture, and science. Today, the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program sends approximately 800 American scholars and professionals per year to approximately 125 countries, where they lecture or conduct research in a wide variety of academic and professional fields.
- **Eligibility Requirements**
  - Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or the equivalent before the start of the grant
  - In the creative and performing arts, four years of professional training and/or experience meets the basic eligibility requirement.
  - Students must be a U.S. citizen at time of application.
  - Applicants must be in good health. Grantees will be required to submit a satisfactory Medical Certificate from a physician.
  - Applicants must have sufficient proficiency in the written and spoken language of the host country sufficient to communicate with the people and to carry out the proposed study/research.
  - Applicants may hold a J.D. at the time of application.
  - Doctors of Medicine may receive grants for advanced academic study, but not for internships or residencies.
- **Application Process**
  - To apply for the Fulbright U.S. Scholarship students must first contact the campus representative, Dr. Birgit Jensen, to start the application process.
  - Students can expect the following requirements throughout the process:
    - Original application
    - Personal statement
    - Statement of grant purposes
    - Affiliation letter
    - Foreign language forms
    - References
    - Transcripts for all college coursework
  - Application deadline is typically early August.
- **Selection Process**
  - Applications are reviewed and award letters will be mailed to students after a final selection process including interviews.
- **Campus Contact**
  - To apply, contact ECU Faculty Representative, Dr. Birgit Jensen at [jensenb@ecu.edu](mailto:jensenb@ecu.edu)
  - Additional information about the process can be found at: <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-cas/foreign/flrc/fulbright.cfm>
- **Website Link**
  - For more information, please visit <http://us.fulbrightonline.org/applicants>
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