Fulbright Scholarships

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The Fulbright Commission promotes educational and cultural exchange between Australia and the United States in order to enhance mutual understanding and strengthen relations between the two countries.

As the leading scholarship program between Australia and the United States, the Fulbright name is synonymous with academic excellence, thought leadership, and mutual understanding, and reflects the uniquely deep bilateral relationship.
History

- Established in 1946 by U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright and the U.S. Government
- Ethos of ‘swords into ploughshares’ – surplus WWII materials sold to fund two-way academic exchanges to the U.S.
- Grown to become the largest education scholarship program in the world, operating between the U.S. and 160 countries. To date, over 360,000 Fulbright Scholars worldwide
- Over 5,000 alumni of the Australian-American Fulbright program since establishment in 1949

"International educational exchange is the most significant current project, designed to continue the process of humanizing mankind to the point that we can learn to live in peace."
Fulbright Values

- **Passion** - about field of work and study
- **Vision** - for themselves and their communities
- **Excellence** - demonstrated achievement
- **Innovation** - creative, inspired thinking
- **Partnerships** - collaborations, linkages
- **Ambassadorial skills** - articulate, community involvement
Fulbright Scholarship Benefits

- Monthly stipend
- Travel allowance - varies depending on scholarship type
- ASPE insurance cover - valued at up to $100,000
- Access to established professional networks - alumni and other international connections and collaborations
- Orientation and enrichment opportunities - in the U.S. and in Australia
- Establishment allowance - where applicable
- Dependent and/or accommodation allowance - depending on scholarship
- Extensive support - from the Commission as well as U.S. organisations.
Over 30 Australian Scholarships on offer

- **Postgraduate Scholarships**, including sponsored scholarships to undertake research towards either Masters or PhD or to enrol in a postgraduate program in a U.S. institution (8-10 months)

- **Postdoctoral Scholarships**— including sponsored scholarships to undertake postdoctoral research or professional training in the U.S. Aimed at applicants who have recently completed a PhD (3-10 months)

- **Professional Scholarships** – including sponsored scholarships for junior to middle level academics whose professional focus is industry related or the private/public sector in junior to mid career positions. Application proposals must include an educational component (such as a short-course and/or research) (3 - 4 months)

- **Senior Scholarships** – including sponsored scholarships in a range of academic fields to teach or undertake research in the U.S. (3 - 4 months)

- **Distinguished Chair Scholarship** – sponsored by the Kansas State University, up to six months research/guest lecturing at Kansas State University in the field of Agriculture or Life Sciences
Selection and Eligibility Criteria

- Academic/professional excellence
- Ambassadorial skills
- Adaptability
- Relevance of proposed program
- Potential outcomes
- Australian citizens only
- **No age limit**, open to **any field** and **host institution**
- Must reside in Australia at time of application
Application Process

- Project proposal
- Personal statement
- Three confidential referee reports required - submitted online
- Host institution letter of support / invitation
- Copies of official, complete and certified academic documents (where applicable)
Application Timeline

- Applications are open from **March 1st - August 1st** each year
- Applicants will be invited for interview in September/ October
- All applicants will receive notification of the outcome of their application by the end of the year
- Successful scholarship recipients will attend an Orientation Program and Gala Presentation in March
- Scholarship recipients can depart for the U.S. between **July 2018 - June 2019**
Fulbright Website – best place to start

- In depth Scholarship information
- FAQs
- Alumni profiles
- Application instructions
- Information webinars
- Link to application portal
- …and much more

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- APPLICATIONS CLOSE AUGUST 1st!