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FELLOWSHIPS & RESEARCH STATEMENTS

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WHAT DO WE MEAN...

...when we say "nationally-competitive fellowships"?

URF FELLOWSHIPS SUPPORT

IT STARTS WITH A MEETING

- Individualized support in selecting awards
- Collaborative strategic planning (aligned with student's unique goals) to improve competitiveness
- Guidance through application processes, through to submission, including with development of written materials
- Prepare students for finalist interviews, where relevant

DAAD Rise: German Academic Exchange Service

- Research Grants (Short and Long Term)
- Internship (Academic & Professional)
- German Language Study
- Summer Coursework at German Universities

<https://www.daad.org/en/find-funding/graduate-opportunities/>



BOREN



Boren Fellows (graduate students) represent highly motivated individuals who are interested in long-term linguistic and cultural immersion and the national security arena. Focusing on understudies regions, the graduate fellowship provides up to \$36,000 for language study. Preference is given to those students who propose to study abroad for 6+ months. Boren Scholars must agree to the NSEP service requirement of one year of federal service.

CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP

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Languages Offered

[Arabic](#)
[Azerbaijani](#)
[Bangla](#)
[Chinese](#)
[Hindi](#)
[Indonesian](#)
[Japanese](#)
[Korean](#)
[Persian](#)
[Portuguese](#)
[Russian](#)
[Swahili](#)
[Turkish](#)
[Urdu](#)

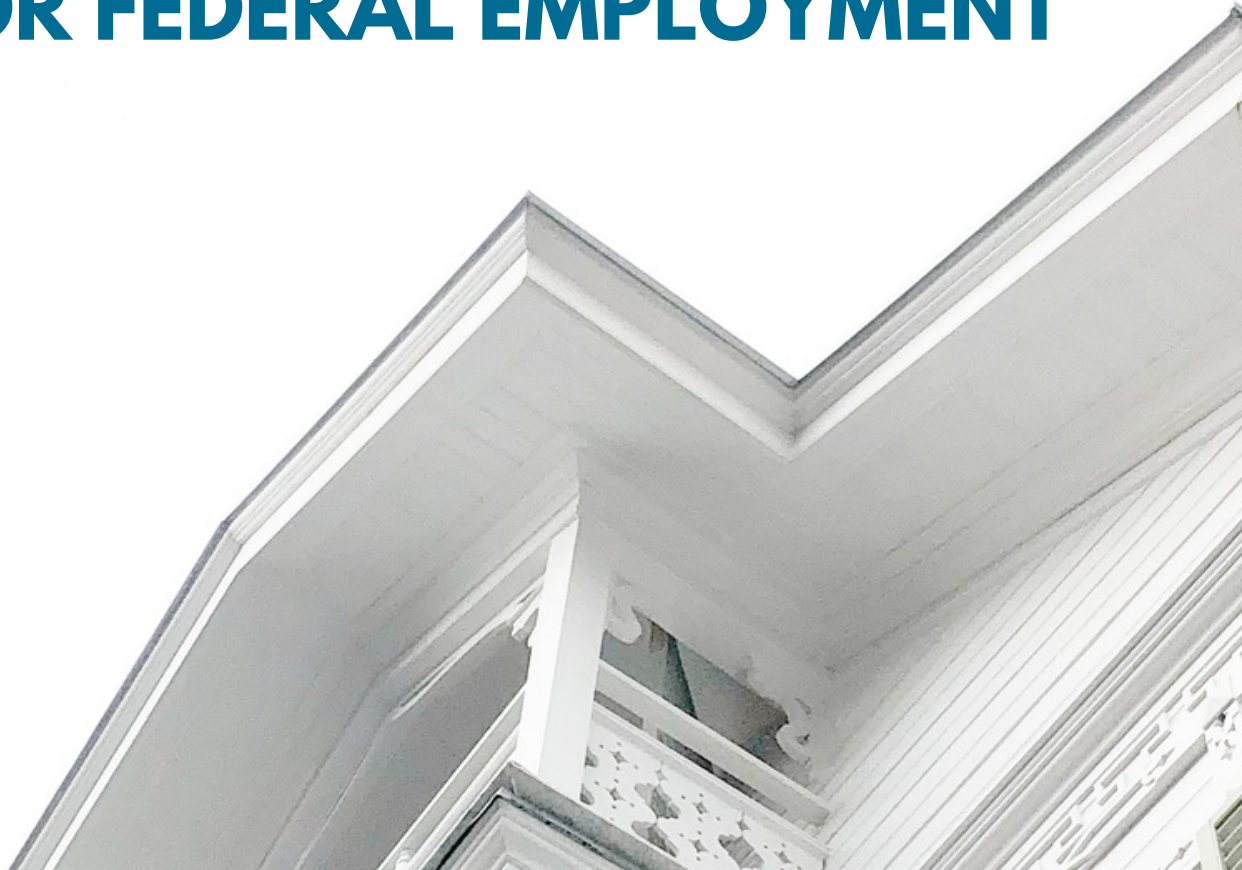
Summer intensive institutes offered in understudied languages. Some language eligibility requirements apply. Aim of promoting mutual understand between countries and enhancing cultural exchange. No employment requirements.

FULBRIGHT US STUDENT PROGRAM



A fully-funded fellowship for one year of study, english teaching, or research abroad in one of 140+ countries.

**A QUICK INTERLUDE ABOUT
NON-COMPETITIVE
ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT**



THE FULBRIGHT

2 TYPES OF AWARDS

STUDY/ RESEARCH

Fulbright Study/Research applicants can pursue an independent research project, enroll in a graduate degree program, or complete a creative arts project abroad.


ETA

Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) programs place grantees in schools overseas to supplement local English language instruction and to provide a native speaker presence in the classrooms.



OPEN STUDY/ RESEARCH

140+ COUNTRIES 950+ AWARDS


- Applicants design their own STEM / Humanities / Creative Arts / Business project proposals
 - Must secure a research affiliate at a university
 - Grants are typically for 8 - 12 months
 - Specific program requirements vary by country
 - Must have prior research experience
 - Research must be relevant to the host country
 - See: <https://us.fulbrightonline.org/applicants/application-components/academic>
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ETA

*English
Teaching
Assistantship*

**75+
COUNTRIES
1,200+
AWARDS**

- Teach English language & culture part-time in a country of your choice
 - Open to all majors / academic fields
 - Applicant must demonstrate why experience teaching in the host country is relevant to their personal, professional, or academic futures
 - Grant year typically 8 - 12 months
 - Program requirements vary by country
 - Includes opportunities for independent research, community projects, and travel
 - See: <https://us.fulbrightonline.org/applicants/application-components/eta>
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Fulbright application components

TRANSCRIPTS

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

2 ESSAYS

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE FORMS
(IF REQUIRED)**

**AFFILIATION
(RESEARCH ONLY)**

**PORTFOLIO
(ARTS ONLY)**



AWARDS BENEFITS

- *Round-trip airfare*
 - *Monthly stipend **
 - *Housing*
- Accident & Sickness Insurance*

- *Other Possible Benefits **
- *Support for dependents*
- *Research allowance*
- *Tuition*
- *Language lessons*
- ** Varies, dependent on grant and host country*

Composing Research Statements

- Every grant funding organization has distinct priorities. *How do you ascertain these priorities?*
- Align your professional preparation, your research agenda, and your future goals with the priorities of the funding organization.
- Imagining your impact in a variety of spaces.
- Resist the urge to rely upon dissertation proposal material exclusively.
- Ask your academic community for samples of their research statements
- In archives: Be prepared to discuss the rare material in detail and justify your need to access the material object and not simply a digitized, transcribed, or edited version.

Other Grad Student Resources & Opportunities

1) Fellowships Database: UGRADChicago
<https://grad.uchicago.edu/fellowships/>

2) McClure: UTK grant through the Center
for Global Engagement (deadline typically
Feb)

3) Folger and Newberry Dissertation
Seminars



WHAT NOW?

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

<https://studentsuccess.utk.edu/urf/>



REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT:

<https://studentsuccess.utk.edu/urf/first-steps/>