

2020 FULBRIGHT US STUDENT PROGRAM APPLICATION GUIDE

Keep in mind that the following is a sample timeline. Its purpose is to give you an idea of the steps involved in completing the application, the due dates, and a general sense of how to complete the application and fill in all required information before the deadline. You may be able to complete the application successfully in less time than what is suggested here. Regardless, Gallaudet does impose several deadlines for the phases involved in completing the application; they are highlighted in red. The deadlines are necessary because the Gallaudet University Fulbright Committee needs time to read each application thoroughly and review the proposal before nominations can begin. Therefore, applications turned in after these deadlines will not be considered for nomination.

TIMELINE

Research and Planning

FEBRUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Begin thinking of which Fulbright you would like to pursue. The main two options are Open Study/Research Awards and English Teaching Assistant Awards. There are also a few special programs (Fulbright-Fogarty Awards in Public Health, Fulbright-National Geographic Storytelling Fellowship, and a supplemental grant called the Critical Language Enhancement Award). ❑ Begin thinking about the country where you would like to go for work or study. To view the acceptance statistics per program, per country, please click here. ❑ Read thoroughly the Fulbright website, including descriptions for those programs you're interested in.
MARCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Decide where you'd like to go and what you'd like to do (teach English, record stories, conduct research, study for a degree, etc.). ❑ Plan to choose academic courses for the summer or the following academic year that will help you acquire language fluency (if necessary) or help fill other gaps in preparing for this experience. For example, if you'd like to apply for a Fulbright in Spain but have only completed one course in Spanish, you may want to take an additional course in Spanish in the summer or fall, OR find a knowledgeable individual who can teach you Spanish Sign Language. This will strengthen your application.

Fulbright Applications Open

APRIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Applications open on the Fulbright website on March 31. ❑ Attend a Fulbright information session at Gallaudet on April 3. ❑ Meet with the Gallaudet Fulbright Program Advisor to discuss your plans and ideas. Contact the Advisor at fellowships@gallaudet.edu to make an advising appointment. ❑ Fill out the Fulbright interest form on the Gallaudet Education Abroad website. This will notify the Office of International Affairs (IA) staff that you are interested in applying for a Fulbright. If you wish to be nominated by Gallaudet, you need to fill out this form by August 3. Once you do so, the Gallaudet Fulbright Program Advisor will reach out to advise you and help you with your application. ❑ Get connected with Fulbright alumni. The Gallaudet Fulbright Program Advisor can provide a list of former Gallaudet Fulbright winners who can let you know about their experiences applying for a Fulbright. ❑ Brainstorm project ideas and discuss them with faculty/mentors so you can make sure you've selected a strong, meaningful idea.
APRIL	

Letters of Recommendation Requests

MAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Request letters of recommendation from three faculty members who can speak to your maturity, academic abilities, and motivation. It is important to request these letters in May BEFORE faculty leave for the summer.
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Personal Statement and Project Proposal

JUNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Begin drafting your personal statement and your project proposal. ❑ Continue working on the online application. Seek feedback on the resume portions and essay. ❑ Request language evaluation(s) (if applicable). If you need a suggestion of a faculty member who can evaluate a language for you, please email fellowships@gallaudet.edu. ❑ Request official transcript(s) from all the institutions you have attended.
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Draft of Personal Statement and Project Proposal

JULY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Continue drafting your personal statement and project proposal. Seek feedback from faculty, mentors, and others. ❑ Finalize language evaluation(s). ❑ Finalize the online application, <u>but do not submit</u>. ❑ Check in with individuals from whom you are requesting recommendations, and language evaluators, to make sure all are on track to be completed by early September.
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Revised Draft of personal statement and project proposal

AUGUST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Continue drafting your personal statement and project proposal. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue seeking feedback on all parts of the application to make sure your proposal makes sense based on your topic. The Gallaudet Fulbright Program Advisor can assist you with the grammar and flow of your proposal. <input type="checkbox"/> Check in with individuals from whom you are requesting recommendations and language evaluators to make sure all are on track to be completed by early September.
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Finalization and Application Materials Evaluation/Review

SEPTEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Finalize everything and confirm submission of all letters and evaluations in your online application. <input type="checkbox"/> Submit copies of your application essays to the Office of International Affairs (Fellowships@gallaudet.edu) by September 4 if you would like feedback on your grammar and overall flow of your text. <input type="checkbox"/> Submit copies of all your application materials to fellowships@gallaudet.edu by September 11 (the internal Gallaudet deadline). <input type="checkbox"/> Submit your online application on the Fulbright website and save a complete copy for your own records. You will do an in-person interview with the Gallaudet Fulbright Committee on Friday, September 18. The Committee will review your application and decide if Gallaudet will nominate you. <input type="checkbox"/> On Monday, September 21 you will receive final feedback from the Gallaudet Fulbright Committee. You will then have two weeks to incorporate this feedback into your application.
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Final Submission of Fulbright Application

OCTOBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The deadline to submit your materials for the formal Fulbright application is October 6, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. EST.
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Final Submission of Fulbright Application

NOVEMBER TO JANUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The National Screening Committees (NSC) will review applications. <input type="checkbox"/> NSC results should be announced by the end of January. <input type="checkbox"/> In-country Commission/Embassy panels will review applications. <input type="checkbox"/> The Foreign Scholarship Board will make its final decisions.
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Results Announced/Selection Letter Sent

JANUARY TO MAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Final notifications vary by country, but most should arrive sometime in this time period.
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Overview of the Fulbright Application

- ❑ **Biographical Data:** The first pages of the application ask for basic personal information, such as your name, contact information, birth date, etc. They also ask for the details of your academic background, occupational experience, extracurricular activities, publications, and previous foreign experience.
- ❑ **Statement of Grant Purpose:** For study/research applicants, this is your **Statement of Proposed Study or Research**. Statement length is **two** typed, single-spaced pages, with 1" margins and Times Roman 12 pt. font.
- ❑ **Letters of Affiliation:** For study/research grants, affiliation with an educational institution or other sponsoring entity in the host country is required. One or two letters is typical.
- ❑ **Personal Statement:** The personal statement is a selective autobiography and an expression of your aspirations relative to the Fulbright program. It should convey information such as your personal history, your intellectual development, your motivations for applying, and your life goals. This statement provides you with an opportunity to introduce yourself to the screening committee members. The statement length is limited to **one** typed, single-spaced page, with 1" margins and Times Roman 12 pt. font.
- ❑ **Transcripts:** One college/university transcript for each degree granting institution (undergraduate and graduate) must be uploaded. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable.
- ❑ **Foreign Language Forms:** Language requirements vary by country, so before starting the application you should note the specific requirements of the proposed host country. You must possess the necessary language skills to successfully complete the project you are proposing.
- ❑ **Language Self Evaluation:** Applicants should complete a separate Language Self Evaluation for each language needed for their proposed grant project, or as required by the host country according to the Country Summary.
- ❑ **Critical Language Enhancement Award Supplementary Statement:** This form is to be completed by Critical Language Enhancement (CLEA) applicants only. The CLEA is limited to select languages and countries.
- ❑ **Form 8: Student Language Evaluation Form:** For commonly-taught languages. The Foreign Language Evaluation should be completed by a professional language teacher, preferably a university professor. For less commonly taught languages, if a professional language teacher is not readily available, a college-educated native-speaker of the language can be used.
- ❑ **References/Evaluation:** Study/research grant applicants will need three letters of recommendation. These are typically two pages in length.
- ❑ **Required Supplementary Materials for Arts Applicants:** Applications in the Creative and Performing Arts require the submission of supplementary materials (work samples) in support of the written applications. Examples include a 10-page writing sample (creative writing), a 10-minute video (dance), two films no longer than six minutes each (filmmaking), a digital portfolio consisting of a maximum of two works (photography), etc.

Important Deadlines for 2020:

- **Tuesday, March 31:** Fulbright application opens on the [Fulbright U.S. Student Program website](#)
- **Monday, August 3:** If you wish to be nominated by Gallaudet, you must fill out the [Fulbright interest form](#) on the Gallaudet Education Abroad website. This will notify the International Affairs staff that you are interested in applying for Fulbright.
- **Friday, September 4:** Submit a copy of your application essays to the Office of International Affairs for English spelling and grammar feedback (fellowships@gallaudet.edu).
- **Friday, September 11:** Submit a copy of all your application materials to fellowships@gallaudet.edu (this is the internal Gallaudet deadline).
- **Friday, September 18:** Interview in person with the Gallaudet Fulbright Committee.
- **Monday, September 21:** Response from Gallaudet Fulbright committee.
- **Tuesday, October 6:** Submit completed application on Fulbright U.S. Student Program website.

Fulbright Advising Sessions:

- The Office of International Affairs hosts Fulbright advising sessions every spring. The spring information session will be held on April 3, 2020. Email fellowships@gallaudet.edu for more information about the time and location.
- You can make a one-on-one advising session here: <https://calendly.com/beccaae/advising>.
- Students who complete applications will do an in-person interview with the Gallaudet Fulbright Committee on Friday, September 18, 2020.

Official Fulbright Application Tips:

<https://us.fulbrightonline.org/applicants/application-tips>

Fulbright Application Tips from ProFellow:

<https://www.profellow.com/tag/fulbright-application-tips/>

Questions?

Contact the Gallaudet Fulbright Program Advisor at fellowships@gallaudet.edu.