Fulbright U.S. Student Program English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) Grant

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CUSE website: [http://cuse.nd.edu/fellowships/fellowships/fulbright](http://cuse.nd.edu/fellowships/fellowships/fulbright)

**What is this award?**

This program awards grants to support English teaching abroad in one of roughly 70 countries. The Fulbright was created in 1946 by the U.S. Congress to foster mutual understanding among cultures and nations. It is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and functions abroad in cooperation with Fulbright Commissions and Foundations, along with U.S. embassies. Typically, Fulbright grant winners receive enough funding to support a full academic year in a country. Fulbright also supports a study/research grant program, a public policy internship program, digital media and music projects, and participation in already established public health research projects. Information about the full range of grants is available at [http://us.fulbrightonline.org/about/types-of-grants](http://us.fulbrightonline.org/about/types-of-grants).

**Who is eligible for this award?**

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

2. Hold at least a Bachelor’s degree or equivalent at the time the grant period would begin, but not a PhD.
3. Be in good health.
4. Sufficient language proficiency to communicate with people and carry out the proposed project in the host country. (This requirement can vary from one country to another.)
5. It is preferred that applicants not have lived in the host country for more than six months. (Study abroad in a country for more than six months is acceptable, however.)

**Who is competitive for this award?**

Successful ETA applicants will demonstrate an interest in teaching English and, ideally, some kind of teaching experience, though this is not always necessary, depending on the country. Successful applicants must also display an interest in contributing to and benefiting from cultural exchange in the particular host country, and they will suggest specific ways that they can do so when they are not working on their projects (e.g., through volunteer activities).

**What is the application process for this award?**

Undergraduates and undergraduate alumni must apply through CUSE. (Graduate students and graduate alumni apply through the Graduate School Office of Grants and Fellowships. See [http://graduateschool.nd.edu/professional_development/research/](http://graduateschool.nd.edu/professional_development/research/) for more information.) After completing the RSVP/Interest Form on the CUSE website listed above, the next step is to submit a Pre-Application, which is also available on the CUSE website.
A fellowships advisor from CUSE will meet with you to discuss your Pre-Application and the rest of the application process. Applications ultimately consist of the following material:

1. Biographical information, proposal abstract, and statement of how you plan to engage with your host community.
2. Statement of Grant Proposal that discusses what you plan to do during your year abroad. (1 page)
3. Personal Statement that discusses applicant’s personal and intellectual development, and a personal interest in the host country. (1 page)
4. Language Self-Evaluation and Foreign Language Evaluation, which should be completed if you have any background in the host country’s language(s) and/or if it is required by the host country. The FLE should be completed by a language instructor, who will upload the evaluation into the application him/herself.
5. Three Reference Forms. Ideally, these should be completed by individuals who can speak to the applicant’s ability to carry out the mission of the ETA Grant successfully. Recommenders will not submit letters; instead, they will be asked to complete reference forms online tailored to the ETA.
6. Official Transcripts from all institutions attended. These should be scanned and uploaded into the online application.

Note that you can only apply to one country, and you cannot apply for both an ETA and Study/Research grant in the same year. The “odds” of receiving a Fulbright grant vary from country to country. Statistics are available at http://us.fulbrightonline.org/statistics. While we encourage you to select the country that is the best fit for you (see http://us.fulbrightonline.org/countries/regions for country information), you might consider the statistics if you feel that you fit equally well in multiple countries.

**What is the timeline for this award, and what is my next step?**

After your Pre-Application meeting, you will be expected to work with CUSE throughout the summer to develop your application and receive feedback on drafts. You will submit a near-final draft of your application in mid-August and receive additional feedback during a campus interview that will take place in person or via Skype in late August. You will then submit one additional draft in September before submitting the completed application in early October. Please consult the CUSE website listed above for more information about upcoming deadlines and events. Please direct questions to fellows@nd.edu.