

## **Citizen of a British Overseas Territory? Apply for a Fulbright Award to study in the US.**



*UK Scholars and Postgraduates, 2018-19 cohort*

### **What are the Fulbright Awards?**

The Fulbright Awards provide funding for study or research in the United States.

Offered by the US-UK Fulbright Commission, they represent the only bi-national transatlantic academic awards programme between the US and UK and the only scholarship programme that supports academic study, research and teaching in any subject at any accredited US higher education institution.

We offer an All Disciplines Award which can be used for any discipline at any accredited US university. Other award categories are offered in partnership with sponsors or US universities and can be for a particular subject or career field or hosted by a specific US university. Approximately 40 awards are offered each year.

### **What are the benefits of a Fulbright Award?**

We offer a number of awards, each with its own grant amount. For example, the All Disciplines Postgraduate Award offers up to \$45,000 toward tuition, fees and maintenance costs in the US – to be used in the first year of US study. The partner awards each offer a specific funding package. You can read details of each award on our website.

A Fulbright Award is about more than just funding. Fulbrighters join a global community of Fulbright alumni which includes Pulitzer and Nobel Prize winners. Our alumni enjoy access to a vast network of former Fulbright awardees and participate in a range of cultural and social events during and after their time as an awardee.

### **What do we look for?**

In addition to their academic strength, Fulbright Postgraduates and Scholars have a commitment to promoting peace and cultural understanding between the US and UK.

Fulbrighters have a vision for the difference they want to make in the world. They demonstrate leadership and initiative both within and outside of their professions and show a curiosity to learn

*"Creative leadership and liberal education, which in fact go together, are the first requirements for a hopeful future for humankind." – Senator J William Fulbright, founder of the global Fulbright programme*

about other cultures. They serve as cultural ambassadors – furthering the Fulbright mission in their host country and in their home communities when they return.

### Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants should:

- Hold UK citizenship or be a citizen of a British Overseas Territory.
  - US citizens (even if dual citizens) are ineligible.
- Hold a 2:1 undergraduate degree or equivalent.
  - However, we may accept applications from individuals with a 2:2 (or equivalent) overall undergraduate result in some exceptional cases. See our website for full details.

For our **Postgraduate** awards, we accept applications for study of a Master's or PhD, and visiting studentship or research supported by a US institution. For our **Scholar** awards we accept applications to research or lecture in the US from individuals at any stage of their academic career, from early career postdoctoral students to Senior Lecturers and Professors.

### What does Fulbright do to ensure fair access to the Awards Programme?

The US-UK Fulbright Commission is committed to growing the numbers of applications and participants in the UK Fulbright Postgraduate programme from under-represented groups and to continuing fair access to the programme. We do this by maintaining equitable application and selection processes and providing the opportunity -- for students who otherwise could not afford to participate in the programme -- to apply for additional financial support through the Fulbright Opportunity Fund.

We recognise that the cost of taking up a US education, even with a Fulbright Award, is a barrier for many UK students. As part of our commitment to increasing participation of under-represented groups and continuing fair access, the Fulbright Opportunity Fund will be available for the first time in the 2020-21 application cycle. This fund is designed to provide financial support for students who are selected to receive a Fulbright Award, but who cannot afford to fully fund their US study after exhausting all options to find funding. Those who are selected to receive a Fulbright Award become eligible to apply for the Opportunity Fund.

We encourage applications from students of all backgrounds to apply for Fulbright Awards. We believe the Opportunity Fund will help students overcome the financial barriers which may prevent them from taking up an Award.

### Where can I find out more and apply?

For further information and a full list of [Postgraduate](#) and [Scholar](#) Awards please visit the Fulbright website. If you want to discuss your specific situation, you can also contact us on [programmes@fulbright.org.uk](mailto:programmes@fulbright.org.uk).

To receive updates about Fulbright funding opportunities for UK scholars and postgraduates, including deadlines and eligibility, awards on offer and new award opportunities, please sign up to the [Fulbright Awards mailing list](#).

Beyond the Awards Programme, Fulbright offers free, impartial advice about US postgraduate admissions. Check out [our guide to Postgraduate study in the US](#).

**Applications for Fulbright Awards to the US are open from 15 August until 6 November 2019.**