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Fulbright Scholarships

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Mission & Vision

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.

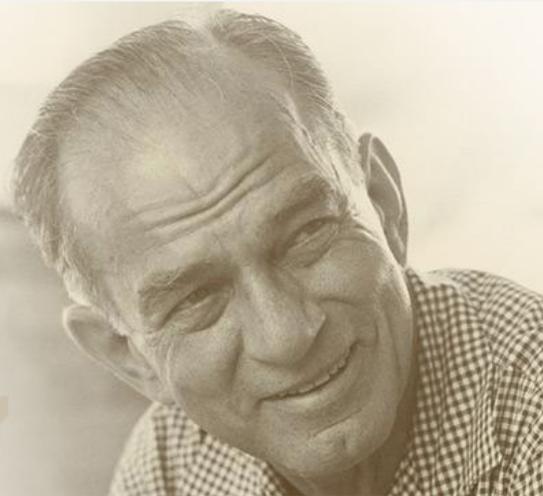


As the leading scholarship program between Australia and the United States, the Fulbright name is synonymous with academic excellence, thought leadership and mutual understanding, and reflects the uniquely deep bilateral relationship.

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.
- ▶ Has grown to be the largest education scholarship program in the world, operating between the U.S. and 160 countries
- ▶ 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



Up to 100 Australian Scholarships on offer each year

available in all disciplines, all academic and professional levels

Postgraduate Scholarships

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Postdoctoral Scholarships

For individuals who have completed their PhD/doctorate in the past 5 years to undertake postdoctoral research in the U.S. for 3 – 10 months.

Scholar Awards

For:

- Academics at Associate Professor or Professorial level
- Mid-career professionals with an undergraduate qualification and minimum 10 years work experience

to undertake research and/or training in the U.S. for 3-4 months in any discipline.

Distinguished Chair Scholarship

For an exceptional individual at professorial level to carry out research in the U.S. for up 5 - 6 months in the discipline of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Kansas State University

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarships support:

- ▶ Graduates seeking to complete up to two semesters of their Australian postgraduate program in the U.S.**
- ▶ Graduate students to undertake an American postgraduate program such as a Master's degree.**
- ▶ Graduate students undertaking their Australian PhD to conduct research in the U.S. as a Visiting Student Researcher (VSR)

**Placement Services are available for these applicants, confirmed placement at an institution at the time of application is not required

FULBRIGHT FUTURE Scholarships



- ▶ Generous living stipend + **full tuition/visiting researcher costs** at any U.S. institution
- ▶ Must propose research that is innovative and/or has the **potential for significant, tangible impact**
- ▶ Must aim to create, contribute to, or otherwise enhance Australian-American bilateral collaborations

Fulbright Scholarship Benefits

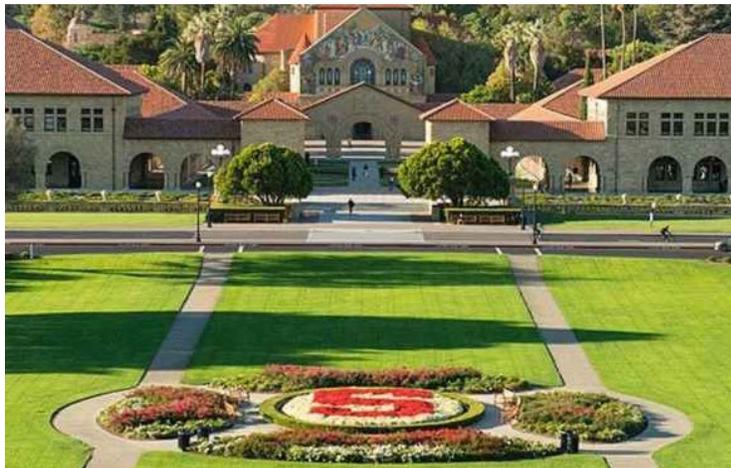
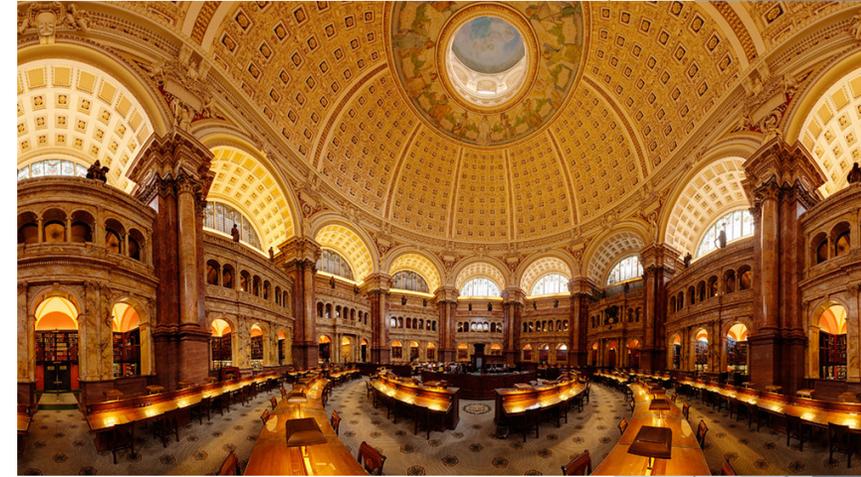
- ▶ Monthly stipend
- ▶ Travel allowance
- ▶ Establishment allowance – depending on scholarship
- ▶ Dependant allowance – depending on scholarship / eligibility
- ▶ For Postgraduate awards funding is available for up to 2 years and may include a tuition/Visiting Student Researcher (VSR) fee allowance.
- ▶ ASPE health and accident cover – valued at up to \$100,000
- ▶ Access to established professional networks - alumni and other international collaborative groups
- ▶ Orientation and enrichment opportunities - in the U.S. and in Australia
- ▶ Extensive support - from the Commission as well as U.S. organisations



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**



Application Process

- ▶ Project proposal
- ▶ Personal statement
- ▶ Three confidential referee reports required - completed online
- ▶ Host institution letter of support / invitation (not required at postgraduate level)
- ▶ Copies of official, complete and certified academic documents (where applicable)



Application Timeline

- ▶ Applications are open from February - July each year
- ▶ Selected applicants will be invited for interview in August / September
- ▶ 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 Dinner in February
- ▶ Scholarship recipients must *commence* their program between July - June the following year

Dave's Tips...

- ▶ Put your best foot forward - don't be shy
- ▶ Make your application compelling and relatable
- ▶ We all really love reading your Personal Statement
- ▶ Ask others to read over or review your application
- ▶ Evidence of communication/connections/links are great
- ▶ Timing can be everything - think how a Fulbright can best amplify your research and your career (it may not be this year but perhaps next?)

Fulbright Website – the best place to start

- ▶ In-depth scholarship information
- ▶ FAQs
- ▶ Alumni profiles
- ▶ Information webinars
- ▶ Application instructions, including link to external portal
- ▶ ... and much more!

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- ▶ Contact the scholarships team:
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