

The Fulbright Student Award to the United States Program description

The candidates will be selected through open, merit-based competition to participate in **graduate level programs in any field except clinical medicine**. Each year scholarships are offered to Romanian citizens for the first year of master's program or for one academic year of doctoral student research (non-degree).

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- have Romanian citizenship; green card holders and persons with dual (Romanian and U.S.) citizenship are ineligible;
- hold at least a BA degree, with good academic standing; undergraduate students can also compete, if they are in their final BA year at university;
- have English proficiency;
- if applying in law, candidates must hold a degree in that field.



THE APPLICATION PACKAGE consists of:

- the online application (<https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/international/20/>);
- three letters of recommendation from university professors and/or other acknowledged Romanian or foreign professionals, submitted directly in the online application or mailed as official paper copies by the deadline of the competition;
- academic transcripts and diplomas for all undergraduate and graduate levels, accompanied by translations, scanned and uploaded to the online application by the deadline; official paper transcripts should be sent at a later date, only by the applicants selected for interview.

TOEFL/GRE/GMAT test scores are mandatory only for the applicants who pass the Fulbright interview phase in September.

AWARD BENEFITS:

The Student Fulbright Award provides: international travel, tuition and university fees within established budget limits as well as accident/sickness insurance and monthly maintenance allowance. The grant also offers books and supplies allowance depending on available funds.

THE ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

Selection Steps:

- applications are pre-screened;
- the assessment of study/research projects is performed by Fulbright alumni and leading Romanian and U.S. scholars in the respective fields of knowledge;
- the applicants recommended by reviewers will be invited to an interview carried out by a bi-national panel, in the first half of September;
- the nominated finalists are subject to final approval by the Foreign Scholarship Board (FSB - <http://eca.state.gov/fulbright>).

ADMISSION AND AFFILIATION TO U.S. UNIVERSITIES

The Institute of International Education in New York (IIE) will team up with the Romanian-U.S. Fulbright Commission in order to carry out the Romanian finalists' admission and affiliation process to accredited U.S. universities.

The duration of the entire selection process is approximately 12 months; as a result, the Fulbright Student Award competition is advertised a year before the grant starts. Affiliation of the Fulbright Student Award finalists will be concluded in May-July. Exchanges will begin in August - September, the year following the application.

Note: When the competition is launched, it will be advertised in the **NEWS** section of our website: www.fulbright.ro. Please also check **TIMELINE** for the general dates of competition.