



## 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](http://www.fulbright.ro). Please also check **TIMELINE** for the general dates of competition.



## THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM FOR ROMANIAN CITIZENS

[www.fulbright.ro](http://www.fulbright.ro)

### A. AWARDS: GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Fulbright Award Program offers exchange opportunities to Romanian citizens - scholars, students and professionals - for study, research and teaching in the United States. These grants are supported by the U.S. and Romanian Governments and awarded through open merit-based competitions supervised by bi-national panels.

#### A.1 AWARDS FOR ROMANIAN CITIZENS

**The Fulbright Student (Student) Awards** are offered to Romanian graduate students - for Master's degree or doctoral research (non-degree) at accredited U.S. universities. The candidates are selected through open, merit-based competition to participate in quality graduate-level programs in any subject except clinical medicine. The program offers participants the opportunity to experience firsthand the U.S. higher education system, society and culture. Duration of grant is one academic year. The period of application is open from early February to early May.

(<http://www.fulbright.ro/fulbright-grants/for-romanian-citizens/fulbright-student-award>)

**The Fulbright Senior (Postdoctoral) Awards** are offered to Romanian professors, researchers and professionals for post-doctoral research and lecturing opportunities to U.S. universities. Applications are welcome from all fields of study with the exception of clinical medicine. Grant duration is three to six months. The period of application is open from mid May to early November.

(<http://www.fulbright.ro/fulbright-grants/for-romanian-citizens/fulbright-senior-award>)

**The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship** for mid-career professionals is offered to Romanian specialists with a demonstrated commitment to public service, in leadership positions, and at a point in their careers where they can fully benefit from a non-degree professional development program at U.S. academic institutions. Duration of grant is ten months. The period of application is open from late April to late June. (<http://www.fulbright.ro/fulbright-grants/for-romanian-citizens/hubert-h-humphrey-fellowship>)

#### A.2 OTHER AWARDS FOR ROMANIAN CITIZENS

**The SIR Fellowship** offers opportunities to non-U.S. visiting scholars from different countries, including Romania, to teach at U.S. colleges and universities for one academic year. The Visiting Scholars in the SIR program are expected to contribute to internationalization of the programs and campus, assist with the development of curricula and faculty and support initiatives meant to diversify student and faculty experiences. For further information on SIR award program, guidelines and application forms visit (<http://www.cies.org/sir/>)

**The Fulbright Schuman Awards** are designed for EU citizens wishing to study, conduct research, or lecture on a topic relevant to U.S.-EU relations, EU policy, or EU institutions for periods of three to ten months at a U.S. institution. The results of eligible projects must be relevant to at least two EU member states. Prior to submitting their application, candidates must arrange their own placement at an accredited university, vocational training/professional institution, or independent research center in the U.S. More details at:<http://www.fulbright.be/fulbright-awards/fulbright-schuman/grants-eu-citizens/>