

BRIEF HISTORY OF FULBRIGHT

The Fulbright Program was created in 1946 under legislation introduced by Senator J William Fulbright of Arkansas. His vision for mutual understanding and respect for cultural differences gave root to the 'Fulbright Effect' - a positive and on-going collaborative link between the U.S. and 180 countries world-wide with over 370 000 Fulbrighters having experienced the program since its inception in 1946. Fulbright Alumni continue to advance critical priorities around the world as innovators, activists, policymakers, researchers and teachers – pursuing ground-breaking work in the STEM fields, social sciences, humanities and the arts.

FULBRIGHT ALUMNI INCLUDE:

- 82 Pulitzer Prize recipients
- 57 Nobel Prize Laureates
- 37 Heads of State or Government and
- 16 U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom Recipients.

FULBRIGHT IN SOUTH AFRICA

The first recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship in 1953 was Professor Stefans Grove, a gifted, classical music composer who did his Masters degree in musicology at Harvard University.

Since then over 2000 South Africans have come through the program and include the likes of: leaders of industry and business; faculty and executive members of universities and higher education decision-making bodies; distinguished scientists and published researchers; constitutional and magistrate court judges as well as celebrated musicians, jazz artists, authors and poets.



WHAT IS THE FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM?

It is a United States government funded scholarship for South African students covering up to two years of funding for study towards a Masters or Doctorate degree.

Top achieving students are selected through a rigorous application and interview process and receive a high level of support throughout - from the application process to final departure for the United States.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

- South African citizens
- Top achieving academic students who are highly motivated
- Ambitious with demonstrated leadership potential
- Commitment to return to South Africa after your studies

WHEN DO I APPLY?

- Between the month of December – April
- For Masters: After you graduated with a 4 year degree (BA + Honors)
- For Doctorate: After you graduated with a Masters degree

WHAT DOES THE SCHOLARSHIP COVER?

- Tuition, living expenses, international return ticket, visa fees, medical cover, admission test fees, pre-departure preparation program and settling-in allowance.

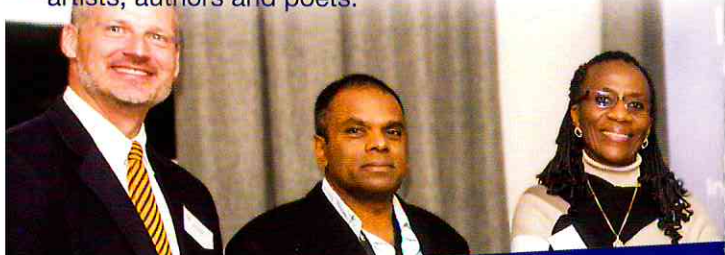
WHERE DO I APPLY?

- Read document “**Specific Instructions for South Africans**” before beginning your application:
<https://za.usembassy.gov/fulbright>
- Online application site:
<https://iie.embarck.com/apply/foreignfulbright>

RESEARCH SITES TO VIEW BEFORE APPLYING:

- **Information on Fulbright:**
<https://eca.state.gov/fulbright>
- **Graduate study in the United States.:**
www.petersons.com
<https://za.usembassy.gov/education-culture/educational-advising/>
- **Admission Tests:**
www.ets.org

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ADDITIONAL FULBRIGHT PROGRAMS

Information about all Fulbright Programs can be found on the website: <https://za.usembassy.gov/exchanges>

VISITING RESEARCH SCHOLAR PROGRAM:

Provides grants for South African professors and academics to conduct independent, post-doctoral research at a U.S. University or Research Institution. Grants typically cover between 3-9 months of research.

APPLY: Between July - September

U.S. SPECIALIST PROGRAM:

Awards grants to qualified U.S. faculty and professionals in select disciplines to engage in short-term collaborative projects at a South African University or Professional Institution. International travel costs and a grant payment are covered by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Participating host institutions cover grantee in-country expenses or provide in-kind services.

APPLY: Rolling Deadlines

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY PROGRAM:

Grant for mid-career professionals to conduct a year of self-directed, non-degree academic study, leadership development and professional enrichment at a U.S. university. Participants must be between 27-50 years old, have a minimum four-year Bachelors degree (BA + Honors) and a minimum of five years' work experience.

APPLY: Between May - July

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"... The simple purpose of the exchange program... is to erode the culturally rooted mistrust that sets nations against one another. The exchange program is not a panacea but an avenue of hope..."
Senator J. William Fulbright
(from *The Price of Empire*, 1967)



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