Fulbright US Student Program: How to Get Started

1. **First,** read closely through the info found on this page—including the Quick Start Guide, Campus Timeline, and FAQs at the bottom of the page: [https://onsf.utk.edu/fulbright-u-s-student-program/](https://onsf.utk.edu/fulbright-u-s-student-program/)

   a. Prospective applicants should read the Country Summaries: [https://us.fulbrightonline.org/countries/regions](https://us.fulbrightonline.org/countries/regions) and review different Grant Types for countries of interest.
   b. Considering an English Teaching Assistantship? Refer to this page for a quick glance of language requirements and number of grants available by country: [https://us.fulbrightonline.org/about/types-of-awards/english-teaching-assistant-awards](https://us.fulbrightonline.org/about/types-of-awards/english-teaching-assistant-awards)
   c. In general, it’s not a bad idea to **cast a wide net initially** regarding a target country/award, bearing in mind eventually you will need to zero in on one country and one grant proposal.

3. Check out the Fulbright’s tutorials: [https://us.fulbrightonline.org/tutorials](https://us.fulbrightonline.org/tutorials)

4. Watch at least one Fulbright webinar (recorded or live) at [https://us.fulbrightonline.org/resources/recorded-webinars/](https://us.fulbrightonline.org/resources/recorded-webinars/) It is a great way to hear straight from the Fulbright about what makes a competitive application. Trust us on this. We watch them, too.


6. Begin talking with your potential recommenders about the Fulbright. In addition to discussing the possibility of their writing one of your 3 required recommendations — ONSF provides tips for writers of Fulbright recommendations here: [http://onsf.utk.edu/writing-recommendations-for-national-scholarships/](http://onsf.utk.edu/writing-recommendations-for-national-scholarships/) — see if they have suggestions about topics/countries/contacts for you to pursue. Indeed, while you will work with ONSF on your Fulbright application, the best applications are the product of close work with applicants’ faculty and ONSF, in concert.

7. **For Study/Research applications only:** Research contacts in your country of choice, and begin to identify potential sources for your letter of affiliation.

8. **Complete the ONSF Pre-Application ASAP:** [https://onsf.utk.edu/2018-onsf-pre-application/](https://onsf.utk.edu/2018-onsf-pre-application/)

9. After completing a Pre-Application, begin working on your Personal Statement and Statement of Grant Purpose; priority deadline for first drafts is in July: [https://onsf.utk.edu/2018-fulbright-first-drafts-submission/](https://onsf.utk.edu/2018-fulbright-first-drafts-submission/) Resources for both statements are found in our FAQs.
   a. Follow ONSF on Twitter @UTK_ONSF. We’ll provide tips/updates over the summer.


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**Questions?**

Contact Andrew Seidler, Director of ONSF, at aseidler@utk.edu. Andrew is available during the summer to meet with you individually, talk via phone/Skype, follow up with your recommenders, provide feedback, etc.