

# 2020 University of Pennsylvania Fulbright Scholarship Process

The **Fulbright U.S. Student Program** seeks U.S. citizens driven to engage in educational & cultural exchange around the world. Grantees (which include BA-level, Master's, and PhD students) receive financial support for 9-12 months to conduct independent research, pursue graduate study, or serve as English Teaching Assistants in one of 140+ participating countries, building international relationships of mutual respect.

Action	Date
<a href="#">Request access</a> to CURF's Canvas site for Fulbright applicants and engage with the resources therein (please complete the first 2 Modules prior to your individual advising appointment)	Anytime
<a href="#">Schedule an appointment</a> with Lauren Orr at CURF to discuss your Fulbright interest and have your initial, individual questions answered	After exploring Canvas
Attend Fulbright informational events (live and/or archived), including <a href="#">CURF sessions</a> and <a href="#">IIE webinars</a>	
Explore the <a href="#">Fulbright U.S. Student Program website</a> and <a href="#">CURF's Canvas resources</a> for Fulbright applicants, and begin to make decisions regarding the Grant Type and Host Country you will apply for	
Open a Fulbright U.S. Student Program <a href="#">online application</a>	3/31/2020 onward
Consider <a href="#">signing up</a> for CURF's opt-in Fulbright "Accountability Buddies" peer matching program	
Think about who you will ask to write your (3) required recommendations – you are encouraged to consult with CURF and to review <a href="#">relevant online</a> resources. You will need to <b>register</b> each recommender in your <a href="#">online application</a> , and recommendations must be <b>submitted</b> by Penn's internal deadline.	
<b>Some</b> applications will need a Foreign Language Evaluation – if yours will, make arrangements with an appropriate evaluator and <b>register</b> them in your <a href="#">online application</a> . Foreign Language Evaluations must be <b>submitted</b> by Penn's internal deadline.	
Research & pursue host country Affiliation (Study/Research applicants only) – in doing so, you are encouraged to consult with faculty mentors and with CURF. Aim to have your Letter of Affiliation by Penn's internal deadline.	
Work on your Statement of Grant Purpose, Personal Statement, and responses to Program Information short answer prompts, giving yourself plenty of time for drafting, feedback, and ongoing revision	
Aim to submit your drafts to CURF for feedback by our Priority Target Date for Fulbright Draft Review	PTD: 7/12/2020
Gather transcripts from all institutions attended (unofficial transcripts are fine, as long as they include your name and the institution's name on the document)	
Thoughtfully complete (and proofread) the Biographical Data sections of your <a href="#">online application</a>	
Remind your recommenders and foreign language evaluators of Penn's upcoming campus deadline, and double-check that you have registered them in your online application	8/20/2020
<b>SUBMIT your COMPLETE application for Penn's Campus Deadline!</b> Also, submit CURF's data agreement <a href="#">webform</a>	8/31/2020
CURF matches applicants eligible for Penn's Campus Process with Fulbright Faculty Committee members and un-submits applications	Early September
Engage with Penn's Campus Process - connect with your assigned Faculty Committee Member and make final revisions to your application	September 2020
(Applicants who do not meet Penn's campus deadline may still apply, and still apply "through Penn")	
<b>SUBMIT your revised COMPLETE application for Fulbright's National Deadline!</b> (But CURF recommends submitting <i>at least 24 hours in advance of the deadline</i> to avoid last-minute technical difficulties!)	10/13/2020 by 5pm EST
Study applicants apply to relevant graduate program by stated deadline or Jan 1 (whichever comes 1 <sup>st</sup> )	
Semi-Finalist decisions are released	Mid-January 2021
Some countries conduct semi-finalist interviews	Feb-April 2021
Finalist decisions are released country-by-country	Feb-May 2021
Finalists <a href="#">submit</a> a photo & bio to CURF	Within 2 weeks
Finalists communicate with IIE Advisors & host country contacts for instructions re: next steps, and celebrate with the Penn community!	