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The 2016-2017 Fulbright U.S. Student Competition Opens

International Study or Research Grants and English Teaching Assistantships Now Available

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New York, NY (April, 2015) – The U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, in cooperation with the Institute of International Education, are pleased to announce the launch of the 2016-2017 Fulbright U.S. Student Program competition.

Since its inception in 1946, the U.S. Department of State-sponsored Fulbright U.S. Student Program has provided future American leaders with an unparalleled opportunity to study, conduct research and serve as English teaching assistants in other countries in an effort to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries through educational and cultural exchange. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program awards over 1,900 grants annually and currently operates in more than 140 countries worldwide.

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers English Teaching Assistantships to over 70 countries and special programs, such as: the Fulbright-National Geographic Digital Storytelling Fellowship, which provides opportunities for overseas travel and digital storytelling in up to three countries on globally significant themes.; the Fulbright-Clinton Fellowship, which allows U.S. public policy early career professionals and Ph.D. students to serve as special assistants in foreign government ministries or institutions; and the Fulbright-mtvU Fellowship, which focuses on projects that explore an aspect of international contemporary or popular music as a cultural force for expression.
The Fulbright U.S. Student Program selects fellows through a competitive application process, and offers selectees several benefits during their grant periods. These include funding for round-trip travel, maintenance for one academic year, and healthcare benefits.

Applicants to the Fulbright U.S. Student Program must be U.S. citizens and hold a bachelor’s degree (or the equivalent) by the beginning of the grant period. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program does not require applicants to be currently enrolled in a college or university.

For more information, interested individuals should visit the Fulbright U.S. Student Program website, us.fulbrightonline.org. Students currently enrolled at should contact their campus Fulbright Program Adviser ____________________________ for more information. Applications must be submitted electronically to ______________ by the campus closing date of __________. For the national deadline, applications must be submitted electronically by October 13, 2015.

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The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and has provided more than 360,000 participants—chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential — with the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns. For more information, please visit www.eca.state.gov/fulbright.

The Institute of International Education administers and coordinates the Fulbright U.S. Student Program on behalf of the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, including the annual competition for grants. For further information, please visit www.iie.org.