Awards for American Students

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**American General Eligibility Requirements**
- American Citizenship.
- Undergraduate degree.
- Proficiency in English and/or French.

**Award Details**
- Grant length: varies by award.
- Awards are taken up September 2017.
- Deadline to apply: October 11, 2016

**Traditional Student Program**: (US$15,000 for 9 months beginning in September) Traditional Fulbright Student Awards are intended for graduate students, prospective graduate students, and junior professionals. American students can take up the award in one of three ways. **Formal enrolment awards** are intended for Americans who plan to enroll in a graduate program at a Canadian university. **Research awards** are intended for students enrolled in a graduate program in the United States who wish to conduct research at a host institution in Canada for one academic year. **Independent research awards** are intended for researchers who have completed an undergraduate degree or a Master’s degree at an American university and who wish to pursue one year of independent research in Canada. Grantees are expected to use the award to offset expenses such as housing, travel, tuition, and the like.

**The Fulbright-mtvU Fellowships**: Fulbright-mtvU Fellowships are for U.S. students to conduct research abroad for one academic year on study projects of their own design around an aspect of international musical culture. Up to four awards will be available to pursue projects around an aspect of international contemporary or popular music as a cultural force for expression. Preference will be given to creative projects that are conveyed in a dynamic fashion and are accompanied by a feasible plan.

**Fulbright - National Geographic Digital Storytelling Fellowship**: Provides opportunities for U.S. citizens to participate in an academic year of overseas travel and digital storytelling in up to three countries on a globally significant theme.

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**Benefits of becoming a Fulbright Student**
- US$15,000 for one academic year (9 months starting in September).
- Health Benefits Plan.
- An academic and cultural orientation program in Ottawa.
- Eligibility to apply for up to $4,000 to propose an environmental initiative in Canada or the United States (Fulbright Canada-RBC Eco-Leadership Program).
- Eligibility to apply for up to $8,000 to propose a community / social justice initiative in Canada (Fulbright Canada-U.S. Embassy in Ottawa Community Leadership Program).
- Access to world-class universities and research facilities.
- Exceptional comparative research opportunities.
- Membership to the prestigious Fulbright community.
- A unique cultural experience.
- Other bursaries, scholarships, or financial compensation may be held concurrently with Fulbright awards.

All awards are subject to the availability of funding, approval by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB), and compliance with FFSB and USG guidelines.

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