Funding Your U.S. Experience

Presented by the Commission for Educational Exchange Between the United States and Belgium
Mission
Primary Source of Funding
(International Graduate Students, 2011 - 2012)*

- Personal & Family Funds: 50%
- U.S. Colleges & Universities: 42%
- Foreign Govt or University: 4%
- Private Sponsors (U.S. & Foreign): 3%
- U.S. Government: 1%

*Source: Open Doors Report, 2012
Funding Sources

1. Personal funding
2. Money from U.S. university
   - Research fellowship
   - Teaching assistantship
   - Salary
3. Loan
   - From a bank
   - From Lazard Foundation in Belgium
4. Scholarship from other organizations
   - Fulbright, BAEF, Rotary
# Employment

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<th>On-Campus Employment</th>
<th>Up to 20 hours per week (part-time) when school is in session and 40 hours per week (full-time) during school vacations/breaks</th>
<th>Eligible while enrolled full-time in an academic program</th>
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<td><strong>Depends on availability</strong> - average earning can be $1,500 - $2,500 per year</td>
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<td><strong>On F-1, J-1, or M-1 visa</strong> - check with international student adviser on-campus</td>
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Financial Aid

Assistantships
- Work For Institution in Research/Teaching/Administration for approx. 20 hours/week
- Provides Tuition + Living Stipend
- Limited departmental funding, so important to express interest early

Fellowships
- Merit- and need-based
- Covers Costs, Admin, Living, etc. AND offers programming
- Government, Institutions, and Organizations
### Aid by Field

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<td>STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)</td>
<td>• 82% of PhD candidates, 55% of Master’s candidates are funded by their universities</td>
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<td>Humanities and Social Sciences</td>
<td>• 56% of PhD candidates, 41% of Master’s candidates are funded by their universities</td>
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<td>Other Professions (Business, Health, Communications, Education, Law)</td>
<td>• University funding is rare: most students are funded by loans arranged through universities or private sources</td>
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Fellowships: Sciences

- NRC Research associateship programs (science, engineering, atmospheric, aeronautical, OSHA, Energy, NOAA)
- National Science Foundation
- National Labs (ex. Lawrence-Livermore, Los Alamos)
- National Academy of Engineering
- American Western Universities (AWU)
- NIH, NSF, HHMI
- Foundations for disease research: American Cancer Society, Parkinson’s Disease Foundation, Leukemia Society, March of Dimes
- Industry: Pharma companies like Pfizer, DuPont, Amgen, Genentech, SAIC, Merck
- General med research: Damon Runyon, Helen Hay Whitney, Charles King Trust, Jane Coffin Childs, Markey, Life Sciences
Fellowships: Humanities

- Woodrow Wilson Post Doc Fellowships in Humanities
- Social Sciences Research Council
- American Philosophical Society
- Arts (Ahmanson, Getty)
 Loans

• Common form of aid for American students
• Some private banks and financial institutions offer loans to international students as well, but usually at a higher interest rate and only with the support of an American co-signer
• In Belgium, the Fernand Lazard Foundation offers interest free loans of up to €25,000 for EU citizens. You can learn more about these here: http://www.redweb.be/lazard/fr.htm
Scholarships

- BAEF: www.baef.be
- Rotary
- Other non-Fulbright awards: http://www.fulbright.be/awards/non-fulbright-awards/
Fulbright Awards
"to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and people of other countries"

former Senator J. William Fulbright
Who can apply?

- Students, Researchers, Lecturers
- Mid-career journalists
- Language teaching assistants
- Secondary school teachers
Benefits

- Up to $30,000
- Sickness and accident insurance
- J-1 visa sponsorship
- Discount on Brussels Airlines plane tickets to NY & DC
- In-country programming— including Gateway Orientations, Enrichment Seminars
- Prestigious title and alumni network
Eligibility

- Belgian citizenship
- English proficiency
- Minimum of a Bachelor’s degree
- Academic excellence (generally a distinction every year or grand distinction in the last year of study)
- Admission or affiliation with an accredited US university or think tank
Conditions

- No J-1 visa in the student or scholar categories within the past two years
- Ambassadorial qualities necessary for educational and cultural exchange
- Must return to Belgium/EU for 2 years following grant

Deadlines

December 1:
• Foreign Language Teaching Assistants Program
• Summer Seminar in American Studies
• Frank Boas Scholarships for Harvard

March 1:
• Fulbright - Hays Journalism Grant
• Fulbright Awards for Graduate Study
• Fulbright Awards for Research Scholars & Lecturers
• Fulbright - Schuman Grants
How to apply

July 1 – November 1
November 1 – February 1

Preliminary Application

Interview

December 11
March 19

Prepare

3 letters of rec
Transcripts
Essays

Notification

March/April

Final Online Application

Provide letter of acceptance

As soon as possible
Application Form

Please note that this application form is only valid for BELGIAN citizens. If you are a citizen of another EU country, please check out www.fulbrightschuman.eu or the website of the Fulbright Commission in your country.

Which grant are you applying for?

- Boas Grant
- Journalism Grant
- Research Grant
- Student Grant
- Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program
- Summer Institutes in American Studies

What do you plan to do in the US (ex: Masters of Law or Research in Engineering etc)?

Personal Information

First name

Last name

Nationality: 
Belgium

Do you have a 2nd nationality?
# Recommendations

If you wish to edit the registration information of a recommender who has not yet started the recommendation:

1) Delete that recommender below.
2) Re-register that recommender with the updated registration information.

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Register another Recommender ▶️
Resend Registration Email ▶️

If you wish to delete a recommender, select from the dropdown below, then click 'Delete Recommender'.
Note: Any recommendation information your recommender has completed will be deleted. You will not be able to delete recommenders who have submitted a recommendation for you.

Delete Recommender

Select one: ▼
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FLTAs

- Teach French, Dutch, or German at a US university where you are placed
- Take courses that interest you
- Tuition, housing, meals, stipend
- Must take TOEFL to apply (we have vouchers!)
Harvard BOAS

• For candidates whose FIRST CHOICE is Harvard

• International Legal Studies – Offers partial scholarship based on financial need and a travel grant from Fulbright Belgium

• Graduate Studies Award – Offers one year scholarship and travel stipend. Preference is given to full-degree seeking students with at least one year of professional experience, but this award is open to Visiting Scholars, too.

• Applicants must apply to Harvard and Fulbright at the same time, and they must email a copy of their final Harvard application to fulbright@fulbright.be for consideration during the scholarship selection process

• Notifications in December and March

• Unsuccessful applicants allowed to re-apply in the spring
Journalism Award

• Earn a journalism degree or research how US journalists approach a certain aspect of the field
• Preference is given to candidates with at least two years of professional experience
• $15,000 or $30,000
Fulbright Schuman

- Graduate Study, Pre-Doctoral Research, Post-Doctoral Research, or University Lecturing
- Open to all EU citizens whose projects relate to U.S.-EU relations, EU policy, or EU institutions
- Must have minimum of three months experience in two or more Member States
- Preference given to candidates with at least two years of professional experience
- €2,000 travel stipend and €3,000/month
Graduate Studies

- Fulbright Awards
- Boas Scholarships for Harvard
- Ambassador Fox Award
- Ambassador Blinken Award
- Margaret Nicholson Fund
- Fulbright Alumni Association Award
- American Women’s Club of Belgium
- University of Chicago Alumni Award
- Columbia Club of Belgium Award
- Harvard Club of Belgium Scholarship
Grants for MBA

Liedekerke, Wolters, Waelbroeck & Kirkpatrick Award
Covington & Burling Award
Baker & McKenzie Award
Loyens & Loeff Award
Skadden Award

Grants for Law (LLM)
The Fulbright Program

The Fulbright Program is the U.S. Department of State’s flagship international education and exchange program. Learn more about how the program began, how it is funded and how mutual understanding through people-to-people exchanges can lead to a more peaceful and prosperous world.

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