

Fulbright awards for 2007-2008

Greek Graduate Students



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The Fulbright Foundation in Greece was established in 1948 and take pride on operating the oldest Fulbright Program in Europe and the second oldest continuously operating Program in the world.

The Foundation in Greece offers opportunities for Greek and American citizens-students, teachers, scholars, and artists-to pursue a wide variety of educational projects. The Foundation awards grants to both Greek and U.S. citizens to enable them to study, teach, lecture or conduct research either in the United States or Greece. Since 1948, roughly 2,600 Greek and 1,700 American scholars have received awards through the Greek Program. The Fulbright Foundation, a non-profit, non-political autonomous, bi-national institution, has offices in Athens and Thessaloniki.

Philosophy

The Fulbright Program, the premier international educational exchange program for students, scholars, researchers, and artists from throughout the world, promotes mutual understanding and peace between the people of the United States and citizens of other nations. The Program fosters cross-cultural personal interactions in an atmosphere of global awareness, academic freedom and intellectual integrity.

Accomplishments

The Fulbright Program has brought together some of the finest minds from around the globe. More than 140 countries have participated in the Program since its inception in 1946 and more than 96,000 U.S. citizens and 158,000 participants from other countries have benefited from the Fulbright experience. Many Fulbright scholars are young professionals who will return to positions of leadership in their home countries. Fulbright alumni include Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winners, prime ministers and heads of state, professors and scientists, ambassadors and artists, Supreme Court Justices and CEOs.

Overview and Guidelines

The Fulbright Foundation in Greece will award 15 to 20 partial grants (final number may change, based on funding) to graduate students to study for a Master's or Ph.D. degree, beginning September 2007, at universities in the United States. This award is open to students in all fields of study except students who wish to study medicine, dentistry and veterinary science or those who wish to enter residency training programs. Candidates should have applied at U.S. universities at the time they submit their Fulbright application – admission to a U.S. University is not required at time of application but is mandatory for the award of the grant.

Eligibility requirements

- Greek citizenship. Candidates with dual citizenship (US/Greek) or permanent residence in the United States are not eligible. Students will enter the United States on an Exchange Visitor (J-1) visa and are subject to the two-year home residency requirement associated with the J-1 visa.
- A degree from a Greek University (AEI) with a grade point average (GPA) of 8.0/10.00 and above, or a degree from The American College of Greece with a GPA of 3.4/4.0 and above.
- Candidates applying for a Master of Business Administration (MBA) should have at least two years of full-time relevant work experience since their graduation. Part-time employment while in school will not be considered satisfactory work experience.
- Preference will be given to candidates below the age of 28 at the time of application.
- English language fluency. TOEFL or IELTS, GRE and/or GMAT scores are mandatory.
- Students who have already begun their studies in the United States or who have a bachelor's degree from an American or European University are not eligible to apply.
- Candidates **MUST** be interviewed by the Fulbright Selection Committee on dates arranged by the Fulbright Foundation. Personal interviews are conducted by appointment only and are mandatory.
- Candidates selected for a Fulbright grant are required to submit a medical history and examination report before their grants can be finalized.
- Candidates must provide the Foundation with proof of admission by a U.S. university and sufficient financial resources in addition to the Fulbright scholarship.

Grant benefits

- **Up to U.S. \$18,000 for the first year only.** The amount depends on the financial need of the student, funding availability and recommendation from the Fulbright Selection Committee.
- Round-trip airfare.
- Limited health and accident insurance (for grantee only).
- Introductory orientation program.
- Pre-departure orientation program.
- Awards ceremony.
- J-I Exchange visitor visa.
- Benefits offered by the cooperating agency in the United States, the Institute of International Education (IIE).

Conditions

- Fulbright funding covers **only** the first year. Students must secure funding for the remainder of their stay in the United States.
- Fulbright grant recipients will be responsible for making their own travel arrangements in collaboration with the Foundation's travel agent, according to Foundation policies.
- Fulbright grant recipients, upon completion of their studies, are eligible for practical experience (provided the student secures a valid job offer). Practical experience is limited under U.S. federal regulations and may not exceed the amount of time spent on academic studies. Approval for such experience must be granted prior to the end of the student's approved academic activities. Federal regulations also require that practical experience commences within 30 days of completion of the Fulbright study program.
- Fulbright policy limits a student's stay to a maximum of three years for a Master's candidate and five years for a Ph.D. candidate, including time spent in practical training.
- Awards cannot be deferred to the following year.
- Fulbright grant recipients must travel on a J-I visa sponsored by the Fulbright Program. It is a condition of the visa that after completion of the academic program and the practical experience, students must return to Greece and reside there for two years before being eligible to immigrate or apply for permanent residence or a work permit in the United States. **The purpose of the two-year home residency requirement is to ensure that exchange visitors return to their home country and fulfill the exchange objectives of the Fulbright Program.**

Application procedure

Candidates have to register with the Foundation's Senior Program Officer in Athens, either in person, or via e-mail or telephone. After the initial registration, candidates will be given a link to complete the online Fulbright application. Registration with Senior Program Officer is mandatory and will begin on November 6, 2006 and will conclude on January 11, 2007. No registrations will be accepted after that date. Applications, which have been submitted without prior registration, will not be accepted. In addition to the online application, all candidates applying for a 2007-2008 Fulbright award must also submit six printed versions of the same application form by the following date:

Application deadline: Thursday, January 18, 2007

Fulbright applications and supporting documents (**in six copies**) should be delivered in person or by mail at the Fulbright Foundation in Athens, 6 Vassilissis. Sophias Avenue, 106 74 Athens. Faxed or e-mailed copies of applications will not be accepted. The following documents must be submitted:

- ✓ Six copies of the signed Fulbright application form (printed version of the electronic application).
- ✓ Six copies of transcript of all university grades in Greek and English.
- ✓ Six copies of TOEFL(or IELTS), GRE and/or GMAT score reports.
- ✓ Three letters of reference are requested as part of your Fulbright application. All candidates should download the form "Letter of Reference" and forward it to the appropriate referee. All three letters should be written in English and should be submitted in sealed envelopes at the same time with the application. The letters of reference should be written by professors under whom you have studied or pursued research or by someone who has supervised you in work related to your proposed field of study. **Note:** the referee is encouraged to

include your ranking position. Please make sure that both sides of the form are completed; If you already have a letter by a professor in official letterhead simply submit the letter in a sealed envelope.

- ✓ Candidates in Architecture and Fine Arts should also submit a portfolio. All portfolios submitted for review will be returned to the candidates at the day of the interview.

No application material will be accepted after January 18, 2007

Calendar for 2007-2008 Fulbright Graduate Student Awards

Fulbright Open House – Athens An opportunity to meet and discuss with American academics and Fulbright Foundation officials about studies in the United States.	Thursday, November 2, 2006 (to be confirmed) For updates and location check www.fulbright.gr
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Competition opens	November 6, 2006
Registration period	November 6, 2006 – January 11, 2007
Competition closes	January 18, 2007
Interviews for applicants in the sciences and business administration	February 13 & 14, 2007
Notification of results	February 15, 2007
Interviews for applicants in the humanities	February 20 & 21, 2007
Notification of results	February 22 2007
Introductory orientation program in Athens	February 23, 2007
Introductory orientation program in Thessaloniki	February 27, 2007 (tentative)
Pre-departure orientation program for Fulbright Grant recipients in Athens - Awards Ceremony	June 28, 2007 (tentative)
Academic year begins in the United States	August-September, 2007

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