

# **UK Fulbright Postgraduate Awards**

For UK Postgraduate Students and Visiting Student  
Researchers

**2024 Terms and Conditions**

## OVERVIEW

The Fulbright Commission promotes educational and cultural exchange between the United States and the United Kingdom in order to enhance mutual understanding and strengthen relations between the two countries.

Awards are offered by the UNITED STATES UNITED KINGDOM EDUCATION

Please read carefully the following Terms and Conditions which, as a Fulbright grantee, will form an integral part of the Fulbright Grant Authorisation (U.S. Public Law 87-256, the Fulbright

date all copies of a final **Award Letter, including your agreement to abide by these terms, and a Fulbright Grant Authorisation Form.** You will also be required to sign an agreement to the **Terms of Appointment and Terms and Conditions documents issued by the Institute**

[The Institute of International Education](#) (IIE) is the cooperating agency designated by the [J.](#)

The Fulbright Commission is unable to confirm receipt of individual applications. The application platform will send an automatic confirmation to the applicant that an application has been submitted.

### **Communication during the application process**

Applicants will be required to provide one email address that they will use throughout the application period. This should be an email that is accessible during the application and selection process (March - September) and that is checked frequently. All Fulbright communications and notifications will be sent to the single indicated email address only. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure they have checked the email address provided to receive communications from Fulbright.

Some notifications or messages may be sent to you via the online application portal at the email address you specify in your application.

These messages may go directly to your spam folder. Please check your email and your spam folder frequently during the Fulbright application process to ensure you receive all messages.

### **References**

During the application process references written for general purposes and not specifically for a Fulbright Award or those written by family members or friends will not be accepted. Falsified references will invalidate the application.

**Disclosure of References:** Due to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974, as a U.S. federal program the Fulbright application is required to include the section on

recommendations. FERPA is a U.S. federal law which guarantees students access to educational records concerning them. However, the US-UK Fulbright Commission is a British or the UK law, the right to see educational records is not an absolute right and the Fulbright Commission must receive

that if an applicant wishes to receive the letters of reference submitted for their Fulbright application, it is the responsibility of the applicant to seek and obtain approval from their referees, and submit that approval to the Fulbright Commission, for the Fulbright Commission to share the reference. The Fulbright Commission will not share any reference without written approval from the referee.

## **1.1 Eligibility**

### **Citizenship**

US-UK Fulbright Awards are offered to UK citizens (regardless of where they currently reside) or Irish citizens (resident in Northern Ireland only).

Non-UK citizens are required to apply through the Commission/Post in their country of citizenship. Applications from non-UK citizens based in the UK and committed to a life and career in the UK may also be considered if the applicant is not able to apply for a Fulbright award through their country of citizenship. Applicants in this category should contact their country of citizenship Commission in the first instance.

country, then applications must be made through the Commission in the country in which they have resided for the longest period of time.

U.S. nationals, those with dual US-UK citizenship, and individuals resident in the U.S. may not apply to the US-UK Fulbright Commission in this award category. Those who hold or are due to .S. may not apply.

If you are currently in the U.S., plan to be in the U.S. or have been in the U.S. within 24 months prior to the start of your Fulbright project, or if you hold/will hold/have held a J-1 or a J-2 visa, there may be additional restrictions which prohibit you from applying for a J-1 visa. Please review the U.S. -1 and J-2 visas (<http://j1visa.state.gov/programs/>) for the most up to date information to determine if you are eligible for a Fulbright Award.

### **Previous U.S. experience**

During the selection process,

The Fulbright Awards Programme is a cultural exchange programme, and as such all participants must demonstrate a desire and ability to successfully undertake such an exchange. In making these awards the Fulbright Commission is looking not only for academic excellence but a focused application, a range of extracurricular and community activities, demonstrated ambassadorial skills, a desire to further the Fulbright Programme and a plan to share experiences of the US upon returning to the UK.

A Fulbright Award is offered conditional upon the final approval of the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB) in the United States.









## 9. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER SOURCES

All scholarships, fellowships or grants from other sources received concurrently with a Fulbright grant must be reported to the Fulbright Commission. Scholarships, fellowships or grants from other sources received concurrently may be deducted from the amount specified on the Grant Authorisation Form if such awards are given for the same purpose or if they duplicate the benefits under the Fulbright Award. Salaries or other forms of pay to be received concurrently with this grant must be reported to the Fulbright Commission and may affect the grant amount. **Duplicated funding** which is being paid **for the same grant activities** will be recalled by the Fulbright Commission.

Grantees may not hold a scholarship, fellowship or a

As an approved grantee, you are automatically enrolled in the ASPE health care benefit plan. Similar coverage for any accompanying dependants can be purchased by the grantee from Seven Corners.

All questions regarding insurance coverage should be directed to Seven Corners and not the Fulbright Commission.

In some cases, may require the grantee to purchase insurance coverage as mandated by that institution. In such cases

**their individual needs, and to arrange additional insurance (at their own expense) if necessary.** The Fulbright Commission is not liable for any loss, damage or injury which a grantee may suffer during their time as a Fulbright scholar, and when accepting a grant, the grantee agrees to waive any right they may have to take action against the Fulbright Commission to recover any loss or make any claim for damages.

An emergency medical expenses benefit is provided for the grantee only. Should the need for this provision arise, the grantee should inform the Fulbright Commission, which in turn will provide details of the case to the U.S. Department of State. The U.S. Department of State will act on the merits of each individual request. Requests for this benefit are not guaranteed.

### **13. CONTINGENCIES**

The Fulbright Commission, the U.S. Department of State, the FFSB, and IIE do not assume responsibility for any injury, accident, illness, loss of personal property or other contingencies which may befall the grantee or any dependant during or in connection with their stay abroad under this grant.

It is recommended that the grantee personally obtain adequate personal and property insurance for them and accompanying dependants. The Fulbright Commission, the U.S. Department of State, the FFSB

Plans for early departure from the U.S. before the end of the grant period stated on the Grant Authorisation Form must be approved by the Fulbright Commission.

## **15. EFFECTUATION OF GRANTS**

The effectuation of grants is in every instance contingent upon the availability of transportation and sufficient funds, stable conditions in the U.S. and the award holder's ability to: procure a passport and relevant U.S. entry clearance (exchange visitor - - ), receive medical clearance, and receive FFSB approval.

All Fulbright scholars are required to undergo a comprehensive medical examination before departure. The costs incurred are payable by the grantee - the Fulbright Commission is unable to reimburse for these costs. An award offer is made conditional on the grantee obtaining medical clearance from the IIE prior to departure.

### **J-1 Visa**

All Fulbright grantees are required to obtain a J-1 visa through the Fulbright programme and must enter the United States on that J-1 visa.

The Fulbright Commission assists successful candidates with



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The grantee is required to submit reports as specified by the IIE. The grantee must send in the final report when the grant ends and before returning to the UK making sure that they meet the deadline set by the IIE. Upon returning to the UK, grantees will be expected to fill out the to attend one Debrief event in London. The Fulbright Commission or a

terminates the grant, and the grantee may be required to repay the Commission up to the full amount of the grant.

Grantees may also be required to deliver a formal presentation of their findings to the Fulbright Commission, the award sponsor (where applicable) and/or a relevant public body in the host and home countries.

## **19. TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES**

Grants are awarded for projects in the U.S. The Commission allows travel of up to a maximum total of 30 days outside the U.S. per academic year (pro-rated for shorter grant periods) without any deduction being made from the grant. Travel outside the U.S. which is directly related to the project carried out under the Fulbright grant does not count.

Grantees are expected to remain in the U.S. until the date of termination of the grant. All plans for travel outside the U.S. should be communicated to the IIE and to the Fulbright Commission.

Abuse of the travel entitlement may result in grant revocation.

## **20. PUBLICATIONS**

Grantees must acknowledge the US-UK Fulbright Commission, sponsor (where applicable) and/or their Fulbright Award category in any publication and/or broadcast resulting from their visit to the United States under Fulbright auspices. A copy of any such publication/broadcast should be passed to q 413.5 258w1d3-n0iiE OF THE UNlieor e)-2( )y ne revocord



## **23. PASSPORTS**

Grantees must have at least six months validity on their passport from the grant end date as specified on the Grant Authorisation Form. The grantee is personally responsible for obtaining a passport and should allow a minimum of six weeks for its preparation and issuance. The grant does not provide for expenses in connection with passports or photographs; therefore, such expense must be borne by the grantee, without recourse to claim for reimbursement.

Questions concerning the issuance of passports should be addressed directly to: the Identity and Passport Service of the Home Office and they can be reached at the following address: (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-passport-office>). Do not send communications on passport matters to the Commission or the cooperating agency IIE.