



## FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM 2021-2022

Application deadline: April, 2020

*Applications are open for the 2021-2022 academic year*

**Please read the South Africa Fulbright Foreign Student Program Application Guidelines and Instructions provided at the end of this page before starting your application.**

The South African Fulbright Foreign Student Program provides grants for South African university graduates to pursue postgraduate studies at a United States university in any subject (excludes MBA and studies that require contact with patients).

The following opportunities are available:

- South African PhD students enrolled with a South African University may apply to conduct one year's research at a U.S. University as a **Visiting Student Researcher**.
- Postgraduate students may apply for scholarships towards Master's or Doctorate degrees. Scholarships are awarded for two years towards one degree – Master's or Doctorate (renewable each year).

Students are selected through a rigorous application and interview process and receive a high level of support ranging from visa processing and health insurance to a comprehensive pre-departure orientation and re-entry session.

### **Eligibility**

- Be a South African citizen OR a permanent resident with a minimum of 5 years of permanent residency status in South Africa (Please note: S.A. nationals with dual citizenship from the U.S. are not eligible for the program)
- For Non-Degree (Visiting Student Researcher) studies: Must be registered for a PhD with a South African university

- Have a four-year bachelor's degree, or a three-year bachelor's degree plus honours year, or a four-year B-Tech degree when applying for Master's
- Have a Master's degree when applying for a Doctoral degree
- What do we look for in our applicants?
- Academic excellence
- Required scores for the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) and Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) for each specific field of study
- Clearly written study objectives
- Demonstrable interpersonal skills with evidence of cultural sensitivity and a genuine desire to learn more about the United States and share with American citizens aspects of South African culture
- Experience and interest in extracurricular and community activities
- Evidence of leadership potential
- A desire to further the Fulbright Program and give back to your home country upon returning
- The Selection Committee and the Interview Panel will also be looking for clear reasons for selecting your U.S. university preferences. The Fulbright Program expects candidates to conduct a thorough university search and to identify institutions that are a strong fit for their academic, personal and professional goals.

### Guidance for applications

- [South Africa Fulbright Foreign Student Program Application Guidelines and Instructions \(PDF 265KB\)](#)
- [How to Write a Reference Letter for Scholarship Application \(PDF 102KB\)](#)
- [Writing a Research Proposal for Scholarship Application \(PDF 95 KB\)](#)
- [University Admission Exams](#)
- [Additional Frequently Asked Questions](#)

**Attend a general information session that will be held on 11 February 2020, from 13h00 – 14h00 in Room 1012 Wilcocks Building, Ryneveld Street, Stellenbosch Campus.** Riana Coetsee from SU's Division for Research Development will facilitate this session; she previously served as Country Director for Fulbright South Africa.