



APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!



FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM 2021-2022

**Study towards a Master's or PhD qualification
in the United States**

Application deadline: April 20, 2020

Application Link: <https://apply.iie.org/ffsp2021>



Eligibility

- Be a South African citizen OR a permanent resident with a minimum of 5 years of permanent residency status in South Africa
- Have one of the following academic degrees:
 - For non-degree PhD research (Visiting Student Researcher):
Be registered for a PhD at a South African university to participate in an academic year in the U.S. to conduct research related to your studies
 - When applying for a Master's degree: a 4-year BTech degree OR a 3-year Bachelor's degree plus an Honors degree
 - When applying for a Doctorate degree: a Master's degree

Characteristics of a Fulbright Student:

- Display academic excellence
- Be highly motivated and committed to returning to S.A. after the program
- Demonstrate leadership qualities
- Display a sense of social responsibility; be involved in extra-mural activities
- Have a desire to further Fulbright Alumni activities by giving back to your community/university upon returning
- Have an understanding of the cross-cultural sensitivity and flexibility needed to adjust successfully to life in the United States as a student.

Visit our website for application information:

<https://za.usembassy.gov/fulbright>



The Fulbright Program – A Brief History

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. The Program was created in 1946 under legislation introduced by Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. Since its inception, more than 380,000 Fulbrighters from over 160 countries have participated in the exchange. Fulbright Alumni continue to advance critical priorities around the world as innovators, activists, policy-makers, researchers and teachers; pursuing ground-breaking work in the STEM fields, social sciences, humanities and the arts. To date, the Fulbright Program has produced 84 Pulitzer Prize recipients, 59 Nobel Prize Laureates, 37 Heads of State or Government; and 16 U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom recipients.

Fulbright in South Africa

The first South African recipient of the Fulbright Program went to the U.S. in 1953 to study at Harvard University. More than 2000 South Africans have since participated in the program, including leaders of industry and business; faculty and executive members of universities and higher education decision-making bodies; distinguished scientists and published researchers; constitutional and magistrate court judges; as well as celebrated musicians, jazz artists, authors and poets.

Notable South African Fulbright Alumni:

- Nikiwe Bikitsha, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow, 2012
- Christof Heyns, Fulbright Visiting Research Scholar, 2011
- Leona Theron, Fulbright Foreign Student, 1989
- Jerry Mofokeng, Fulbright Foreign Student, 1987
- Dean Opperman, Fulbright Foreign Student, 1983
- Wally Serote, Fulbright Foreign Student, 1979