

The Fulbright Commission: Awards Application Process for 2014-2015

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Background

- **1946:** Fulbright Program established in the U.S. by Senator J. William Fulbright “to increase mutual respect and understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries by means of educational and cultural exchanges.”
- **1957:** Fulbright Program established in Ireland as An Bord Scholáireacthaí Cómhalairte (The Scholarship Exchange Board).
- **1991:** Ireland-United States (Fulbright) Commission for Educational Exchange established by Irish legislation as a public body with charitable status, supported by the U.S. Department of State and the Department of Foreign Affairs to operate the Fulbright Program.

What are the Fulbright Awards?

- Grants for Irish citizens and E.U. citizens who have been resident in Ireland for three or more years to research, study, or lecture in the United States on annual basis.
- Monetary grant, visa administration, accident and emergency insurance, and a cultural and professional programming.



- Irish citizen or E.U. citizen living in Ireland for three or more years
- Leadership qualities and potential
- A clear understanding of what it means to be a Fulbrighter
- Are *not* a dual U.S.-Irish citizen, green card holder, or currently living in the U.S.
- Do *not* already have extensive experience of studying or living in the U.S.

General Eligibility



What Are We Looking For?

Someone who:

- Has leadership qualities
- Has an understanding of the Fulbright Program
- Understands the role and benefit of being a Fulbrighter



Three Categories of Awards

- Fulbright Scholar Awards
- Fulbright Student Awards
- Foreign Language Teaching Assistantships
- **Fulbright Commission Student and Scholar Awards** in any discipline including the visual and performing arts (except clinical medical studies)
- **Sponsored Student and Scholar Awards** for specific areas / applicants.





Fulbright Scholar and Professional Awards

Number: Approximately 6-10

Value: Commission Funded: \$2,710 - \$3,145 per month + travel grant

EPA: €21,000 Maximum

Enterprise Ireland: Max €12,000

Teagasc: €25,000

What Are They: Grants to complete postdoctoral or professional research or lecturing over the course of one year in the United States.

Must Have: PhD or five or more years relevant professional experience.

Must Secure: Letter of Affiliation from host university or institution.

Length: Minimum three months, maximum twelve months.

Fulbright Student Awards

Number: Approximately 10 - 12

Value: Commission Funded: \$1,280 - \$2,160 per month +
travel grant

CRH: Max €20,000

Enterprise Ireland: Max €12,000

EPA: Max €21,000

Teagasc: Max €25,000

University of Notre Dame: 50% tuition waiver +

\$12,800

What Are They: Grants to complete postgraduate research or study over the course of one year in the United States.

Must Be: Current or prospective postgraduate student with a minimum 2.1 and a clear course of study.

Can: Go as current Irish PhD student or fully enrol in U.S. PhD/Masters course.

Must Secure: Letter of Affiliation or acceptance from host university or institution.

Length: Minimum six months, maximum twelve months

Fulbright-CRH Student Award in Business Studies or Engineering

- Must be a current or prospective postgraduate student
- Strong experience in Business Studies or Engineering
- All Student Awards guidelines apply
- **Current Winner:** Reamonn Mac Reamoinn, doing a Masters in Civil Engineering at Johns Hopkins University



Fulbright - EPA Student or Scholar Award in Water, Climate Change, or Sustainable Environment

- Must be a current or prospective postgraduate student or a recent post-doc (past two years).
- Strong experience in Water, Climate Change, or Sustainable Environment required.
- Proposals are particularly welcomed from applicants who can demonstrate linkages to government bodies or private companies that are working on environmental protection issues.
- All Student or Scholar Awards guidelines apply.



Current Winners: Frances Fahy/Worcester Polytechnic Institute in sustainability & Marguerite Nyhan/MIT in urban sustainability

Fulbright-Enterprise Ireland Student or Scholar Award

- Must be a current or prospective postgraduate student or a recent post-doc (past two years).
- Applicants should have experience in fields that will develop new technologies and processes and ultimately may lead to job creation and increased exports.
- All Student or Scholar Awards guidelines apply.



Current Winner: Brendan Cleary, completing PhD research at Columbia on wind power and energy storage.

Fulbright-Teagasc Student and Scholar Award in Agriculture, Food, and Forestry

- Must be a current or prospective postgraduate student or recent PhD graduate.
- Strong experience in Agriculture, Food, or Forestry.
- All Student Awards guidelines apply.
- **Current Winner:** Shane Crowley, doing PhD research on food fortification at University of Wisconsin, Madison.



Fulbright-Notre Dame Student Award in International Human Rights Law

- Must be a prospective postgraduate student.
- Must have an undergraduate degree in law or a strong legal background.
- Must also be admitted to the University of Notre Dame's LL.M. program.
- All Student Awards guidelines apply.



Fulbright Schuman Awards for Students or Scholars

- Grants for study, research, or lecturing in the topics of the European Union, E.U. Policies, and E.U.-U.S. Relations.
- Managed by the Fulbright Commission of Belgium but Irish/EU applicants are eligible to apply.
- See <http://www.fulbrightschuman.eu/> for more details. Note: different deadlines apply!
- **Current winners:** Joseph Lacey (Student), researching EU's democratic deficit at Princeton University and Neave O'Cleary (Scholar), researching economic growth at Harvard University.



Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistantship Awards (FLTA)

Number: Approximately 8

Value: \$20,000 (maximum) to include room, board, tuition / fees, stipend, travel, and programming

What Are They: Grants to teach Irish and take classes at a U.S. college.

Must Have: Bachelors Degree, teaching experience/qualification, and competency in the Irish language.

Where: Will vary, but current FLTAs are at Elms College, University of St. Thomas, Minnesota, University of Montana, Villanova University, University of Notre Dame, Drew University, New York University, University of Connecticut.

Length: Ten months.



Key Things to Note

Duration: the Fulbright grant is only available for one year but students may remain in the U.S. for the full duration of their U.S. masters and PhD programs. You may, therefore, need additional funding.

Two-Year Home Rule: you must return home for a minimum of two years before seeking employment in the U.S.



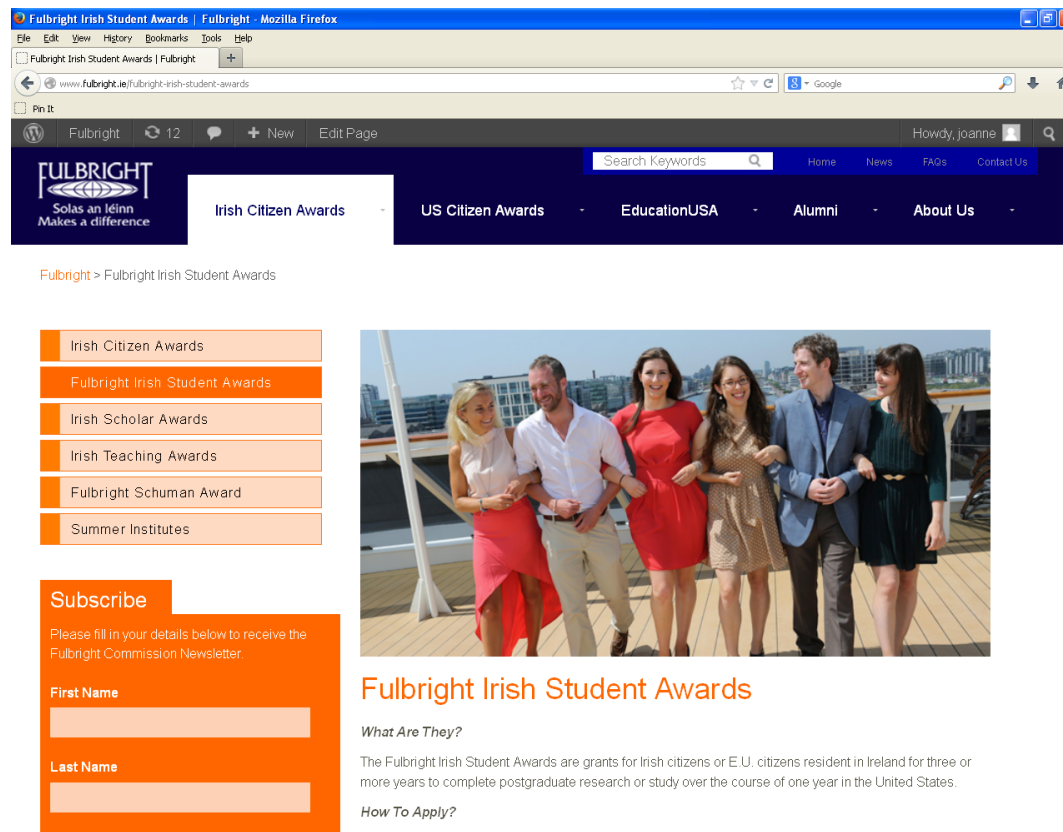
Application Process



Fulbright Application Timelines

- **Wednesday, November 13th, 2013:** Submit online application and two hard copies. This is a firm deadline.
- **November-December 2013:** Application review / shortlisting by Fulbright Commission.
- **January-February 2014:** If shortlisted, interview with three person panel in Dublin. No Skype or phone interviews.
- **Spring 2014:** Offers made by Fulbright Commission and U.S. Institutions.
- **Summer 2014:** Final approvals, awards ceremony, orientation program and visa administration / interview.

Visit www.fulbright.ie and go to Irish Citizen Awards



The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window displaying the Fulbright Irish Student Awards website. The browser's address bar shows the URL www.fulbright.ie/fulbright-irish-student-awards. The website's header features the Fulbright logo and navigation links: Home, News, FAQs, and Contact Us. A search bar is also present. The main content area is titled "Fulbright > Fulbright Irish Student Awards" and lists several award categories: Irish Citizen Awards, Fulbright Irish Student Awards, Irish Scholar Awards, Irish Teaching Awards, Fulbright Schuman Award, and Summer Institutes. A "Subscribe" section is visible, prompting users to fill in their details to receive the Fulbright Commission Newsletter. The main image shows a group of six people (three men and three women) standing outdoors on a wooden deck, smiling. Below the image, the text "Fulbright Irish Student Awards" is displayed, followed by the heading "What Are They?" and a paragraph explaining that the awards are grants for Irish citizens or E.U. citizens resident in Ireland for three or more years to complete postgraduate research or study over the course of one year in the United States. The heading "How To Apply?" is also visible.

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Fulbright Irish Student Awards

What Are They?

The Fulbright Irish Student Awards are grants for Irish citizens or E.U. citizens resident in Ireland for three or more years to complete postgraduate research or study over the course of one year in the United States.

How To Apply?

Application Process

- **Visit** www.fulbright.ie and go to Irish Citizen Awards
- **Choose category:** Fulbright Student Awards, Fulbright Scholar Awards, FLTA
- **Confirm you meet eligibility criteria.**
- **If yes**, please email awards@fulbright.ie to indicate your interest in applying. In your email please state:
 - Your full name
 - Area of study or research
 - Where you intend to study or research

We will then issue you a link to the online application system (Embark) and the Irish application guidelines.

NOTE: Student Awardees

- Student applicants must also apply to U.S. institutions separately for Masters or PhDs.
- You may need to take the GRE.
- V i s i t :
www.educationusa.state.gov
for information on applying to the U.S.



Embark System


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- Personal information and CV
- Personal statement and project statement
- Three references
- Transcripts (for student applicants)
- Samples of work for artists (four hard copies)
- Letter of Affiliation (for researchers / Scholars)
- Passport copy

Two hard copies of fully submitted online application to be printed and delivered by deadline.

Fulbright Application Requirements



Tips and Advice for Application

- **Don't wait until the last minute:** Give your referees and Registrar's Office sufficient time.
- **Personal statement is about you:** Don't rehash your CV, highlight your successes / challenges / non-academic / personal. What is your unique selling point?
- **Project statement is about what you intend to do:** What you intend to study, why the U.S., what you will do with it, how this will impact you when you return to Ireland, why a Fulbright matters.
- **Spell Check!**



Make sure you have followed the Irish guidelines!

DEADLINE FOR 2014-2015 AWARDS

Deadline for receipt of completed application is:
Wednesday, November 13th, 2013

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

www.fulbright.ie

Irish Fulbright Students, 2013-2014

Ms. Jennifer Judge

- Researching philosophy of perception as part of ongoing Irish PhD at Rice University in Texas.



Mr. Conal Ryan

- Completing research on experimental music at the California Institute of the Arts.

Dr. Ronan Sugrue

- Completing a Masters in Public Health at Harvard University.



Irish Fulbright Scholars, 2013-2014

Dr. Sandra Scanlon

- History Lecturer at UCD
- Researching foreign policy and conservatism during the 1970s at Emory University.

Dr. Louis De Paor

- Director of Centre for Irish Studies at NUIG.
- Completing bilingual anthology of 20th century Irish poetry at NYU and Berkeley.

Mr. Matthew Jacobson

- Lecturer in Jazz at Newpark Music Centre
- Researching creative music at the School for Improvisational Music in New York.



Irish FLTAs, 2013-2014

Síle Concannon

- MA in Irish from Mary Immaculate Limerick – University of Montana

Ciarán Ó Braonáin

- MA in Modern Irish History at UCD – Villanova University

Síobhra Aiken

- BA in European Studies from TCD – Elms Colleges



Q & A

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