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Fulbright Program Research Scholarships

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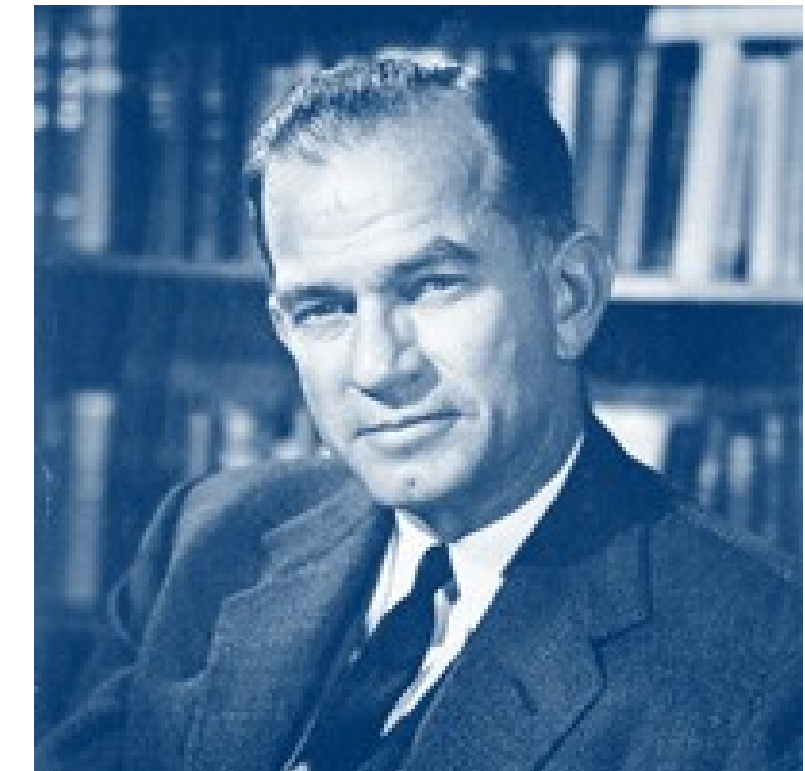


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What is the Fulbright program?

- Flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. Government
- Designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and of other countries
- Provides participants with the opportunity to study, teach, conduct research, exchange ideas, and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns
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- **Bilateral partners in Croatia: Ministry of Science and Education and Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes**



Senator J. William
Fulbright (1905-1995)



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Fulbright program basic info

- Established in 1946
- 32nd anniversary of the Fulbright program in Croatia
- More than 400,000 Fulbrighters from over 160 countries
- 8,000 grants are awarded annually
- 330 Croatian Fulbright alumni (since 1992), more than 230 U.S. Fulbright alumni in Croatia
- Fulbright alumni:



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**Heads of State
or Government**



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Nobel Prize Laureates



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Pulitzer Prize Recipients



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Croatian Fulbright alumni



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Why apply for Fulbright program?

- State of the art university research centers and world leading experts as mentors
- Valuable academic, professional and leadership skills
- A new academic and professional network
- Personal enrichment and life changing experience
- New knowledge of foreign cultures while helping increase mutual understanding between countries
- **Enhancing scientific cooperation and ties between Croatian and U.S. universities**



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Fulbright program categories for Croatian PhD students and Scholars

Two scholarship categories:

- **Foreign Students Program:** PhD student category enrolled at Croatian universities
- **Fulbright Visiting Scholars Program:** Professors, Researchers, Scientists with PhD degree at Croatian universities and institutes
- Application and selection process: call for Fulbright programs for **academic year 2025-26** opened in March – 31 May/1 September 2024
**Applications for 2026-27 will be opened in March 2025*
- More info: <https://hr.usembassy.gov/scholarships-and-exchanges/>



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Fulbright Foreign Student Program

2025-26



- Grants for Croatian PhD students are awarded for a period of **2 semesters (9 months)**
- **Eligibility Requirements**
 - Proof of enrollment into a doctoral program in Croatia
 - Croatian citizenship
 - Proficiency in English – *TOEFL test for finalists*
 - Letters of reference (3)
- **Online Application:** <https://apply.iie.org/ffsp2024>
- **Application timeline: 6 March – 31 May 2024;**
Interviews – June, 2024
- **U.S. university placement decisions: Feb – April 2025**
- **Final decisions: April 2025**
- **Program start: August 2025**

- Your application must include: Three (3) letters of reference (must be submitted online by instructors, professors or work supervisors by **31 May 2024**)
- Copy/scan of your academic degrees/diplomas and an official notarized translation of your diplomas in English (or a scan of the original in English if your higher education institution can provide it)
- Scan of your original academic transcript (grades) and official notarized translation of grades (or a scan of the original in English if your higher education institution can provide it)
- Original letter in English confirming enrollment in a doctoral program in Croatia
- Study/research objective
- Personal statement
- Curriculum vitae/resume
- Passport scan

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Welcome

Welcome to the [Fulbright Foreign Student Program](#) application. The program offers opportunities for foreign graduate students, young professionals and artists from abroad to study, conduct research, and/or teach their native language in the United States.

General information on navigating the application:

- To access the instructions for the country through which you are applying, complete the following "Preliminary Questions" page and review the data privacy notice.
- All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required of all applicants for submission. For all other questions, please review the country-specific instructions to confirm if this information is required for application submission.
- Only Latin or Roman characters will be accepted in your application; please do not use diacritics (i.e. diacritical marks or accents, such as: â, ç, ð, ñ, ÿ).
- While a number of document formats are accepted, to preserve formatting and to ensure that special characters are properly rendered, it is strongly recommended that attachments be submitted in PDF format.
- Country and region names within address blocks conform to ISO 3166 standards and default to the United States. To update, simply select the most accurate country and region options available.
- You do not need to complete this application in one sitting. To save your responses, click "Continue" located at the bottom of each page. You will be able to access any work saved during your next session.
- After each session, it is recommended that you "Logout" once you have saved your work. For security purposes, please also close your browser tab or window.
- Your session will time out after 60 minutes of inactivity.

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Academic & Professional Information

Questions marked with an asterisk (*) are required of all applicants for submission. Please review country-specific guidance to determine whether unmarked questions are required.

Curriculum Vitae/Resume*

The curriculum vitae/resume describes academic credentials and demonstrates a record of scholarly achievements. When composing a curriculum vitae/resume, it is important to include:

- Education (universities attended, degrees earned and dates received)
- Professional positions held
- Courses taught and other services provided to students and the home institution
- Publications (provide full citations and list them starting with the most recent)
- Other professional activities, such as workshops, seminars and consultations
- Membership and activities in professional associations
- Professional honors, awards and fellowships
- Community service

The area below asks for similar information, but provides limited space for answers. In the curriculum vitae, you should expand upon these topics to display more completely your accomplishments. It is strongly recommended that you upload in PDF format.

Curriculum
Vitae/Resume

Please upload a document that does not exceed four
(4) pages.

Choose File

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Academic Background*

List all post-secondary educational institutions you have attended in reverse chronological order, including any in which you may be presently enrolled.

Institution

Diploma or Degree Equivalent

[Add Institution](#)

Professional Experience

List your current and any relevant previous professional experience.

Personal Statement*

This personal statement should be a narrative statement describing how you have achieved your current goals. It should not be a mere listing of facts. It should include information about your education, practical experience, special interests, and career plans. Describe any significant factors that have influenced your educational or professional development. Comment on the number of years of practical experience already completed in the field in which academic work will be done in the U.S. Do not mention specific U.S. universities at which you would like to study. It is strongly recommended that you upload in PDF format.

Personal Statement

Please upload your personal statement.

The following files have been uploaded:

Study/Research Objective*

Write a clear and detailed description of your study/research objectives, and give your reasons for wanting to pursue them. Be specific about your major field and your specialized interests within this field. Describe the kind of program you expect to undertake, and explain how your study plan fits in with your previous training and your future objectives. This statement is an essential part of your application and is required. Do not mention specific U.S. universities at which you would like to study. It is strongly recommended that you upload in PDF format.

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Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program 2025-26



- Grants are awarded for Croatian Scholars and Scientists category for a period of one or **two semesters (4 to 9 months)**.

- **Eligibility Requirements**

- Doctoral degree
- Proficiency in English
- Croatian citizenship
- Proof of employment in Croatia
- Invitation letter from U.S. host university
- Letters of reference (3)

- **Online Application:** <https://apply.iie.org/fvsp2024>

- **Application timeline: 6 March – 1 September 2024;**
Interviews – November, 2024

- **Final decisions:** April 2025

- **Program start:** in 2025 as agreed with host institution

- Preference is given to candidates without recent academic experience in the United States.

Your application must include:

- Detailed statement of proposed activity for research and/or Course Syllabi (lecturing proposal) in the United States
- Copy/ scan of your PhD degree and an official notarized translation of your PhD Diploma in English (or a scan of the original in English if your higher education institution can provide it)
- Scan of your original academic transcript (grades) and official notarized translation of grades from your PhD in English (or a scan of the original in English if your higher education institution can provide it)
- Letter from employer in English confirming employment in Croatia.
- Detailed curriculum vitae (CV)/resume.
- Three (3) letters of reference.
- Bibliography (research proposal) and/or course syllabi (lecturing proposal).
- Letter of invitation from U.S. institution.
- Passport scan.

Fulbright Grant benefits

- Round-trip international airfare and baggage allowance
- J1 Visa costs
- Health insurance that meets J visa Exchange Visitor Program regulations: limited accident and sickness insurance
- Monthly Stipends intended to cover housing expenses and living expenses: for Students \$2,831- \$4,300 for Scholars \$3,164 -\$4,805
- One-time settling-in allowance for Students and Scholars: \$1,393
- Equipment allowance for Students: \$1,200
- Professional development allowance for Scholars: \$840 or \$1,285 (for grants over 4 months)
- Funding for dependents: \$240 monthly for one dependent or \$419 for two or more
- Return Baggage and Transit allowance for Students and Scholars: 2 x \$300

As part of the affiliation with U.S. host institution, grantees generally have access to:

- Work space, university ID cards, borrowing privileges at university libraries, access to appropriate laboratories, access to computer facilities, and off-campus housing. The program does not assist with housing arrangements.



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Fulbright General Selection Criteria

- A compelling and well written project/research proposal and statement of purpose
- Well explained research question and methodology
- Choice of host institution – relevant to your research
- Academic and scientific achievements
- English language skills sufficient for academic environment
- Commitment to enhancing scientific cooperation and ties between Croatian and U.S. universities and research institutions

Apply and Stand Out from the Crowd!



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U.S. Embassy support for Croatian Fulbright Fellows

- Candidate interview pre-selection with joint panel coordinated by the Ministry of Science and Education and Agency for Mobility
- Organization of pre-departure orientation with participation of alumni and their best practices sharing
- Staying in touch during your stay in the U.S. where you are cared for by colleagues from IIE
- After the Fulbright Grant you become part of our alumni network – join the new **Fulbright Croatia Alumni Association** (<https://fulbright.hr/>)
- Facilitating the sharing of your scholarship experience with future fellows through alumni events, Embassy social networks and through collaboration on alumni projects



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