



## Fulbright Student Award to the United States 2020-2021

The Romanian-U.S. Fulbright Commission is pleased to announce the **2020-2021 Fulbright Student Award** competition for master's study or research in the United States. Applicants can be Romanian graduates - BA, MA or PhD students - from accredited public and private universities. BA students are also invited to apply if they are in their final year of undergraduate study.

The Fulbright Student Award provides: international travel, tuition and university fees within established budget limits, books and supplies allowance, accident/sickness insurance and a living stipend for one academic year.

Second-year costs for the Romanian Fulbright master's students may be covered **depending on funds availability as well as on proof of good academic standing** during the first year of study.

The applicants will be selected through open, merit-based competition to participate in quality graduate level programs in any academic field except the clinical ones (i.e. that include patient contact).

► **Grant duration:** one academic year (9 months, starting August 2020)

► **Applicants must meet the following criteria:**

- have Romanian citizenship; green card holders and persons with dual (Romanian and U.S.) citizenship are ineligible;
- hold at least a Bachelor's degree (BA students may apply if they are in their final year of undergraduate study);
- have English proficiency;
- if applying in law, applicants must hold a degree in that field.

► **Each applicant will be required to submit:**

- a complete online application (<https://apply.iie.org/ffsp2020>)
- three letters of recommendation from university professors and/or other acknowledged Romanian or foreign professionals, **submitted directly in the online application by referees or mailed as signed official paper copies (by May 7, 2019, postmarked)**; the letters of recommendations are also accepted via email ([office@fulbright.ro](mailto:office@fulbright.ro)) if they are sent **directly by the recommenders as scanned signed documents**.
- academic transcripts and diplomas for all undergraduate and graduate levels, accompanied by translations, **scanned and uploaded to the online application by May 7, 2019**; official paper transcripts should be sent at a later date, only by those who are selected for interview; high-school transcripts and diplomas are not required.



### Application deadline: May 7, 2019

*Standardized tests are not obligatory in the first stages of the competition. Score reports will be required prior to **October 31, 2019**. Test vouchers for exam registration will be provided only to the Romanian final nominees who must take TOEFL (for research) and TOEFL, GRE or GMAT (for master's degree).*

Please refer to the **Complete Online Application Instructions:**

[http://www.fulbright.ro/images/pdf/Instructions\\_Fulbright%20Student%20Award.pdf](http://www.fulbright.ro/images/pdf/Instructions_Fulbright%20Student%20Award.pdf)

**Note:** Only online applications will be accepted. Incomplete applications lead to exclusion of the respective applicant from further selection process. Paper documents will not be returned.

For further information, please send your inquiries to: [office@fulbright.ro](mailto:office@fulbright.ro)

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## THE FULBRIGHT STUDENT AWARD TO THE UNITED STATES 2020-2021

The candidates will be selected through open, merit-based competition to participate in **graduate level programs in any field except clinical disciplines**. Each year scholarships are offered to Romanian citizens for the first year of master's program or for one academic year of student research (non-degree). Second-year costs for the Romanian Fulbright master's students may be covered **depending on funds availability as well as on proof of good academic standing** during the first year of study.

### ELIGIBILITY

#### Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- have Romanian citizenship; green card holders and persons with dual (Romanian and U.S.) citizenship are ineligible;
- hold at least a Bachelor's degree, with good academic standing; undergraduate students can also compete, if they are in their final Bachelor's year at university;
- have English proficiency;
- if applying in law, candidates must hold a degree in that field.

#### THE APPLICATION PACKAGE consists of:

- the online application: <https://apply.iie.org/ffsp2020>;
- three letters of recommendation from university professors and/or other acknowledged Romanian or foreign professionals;
- academic transcripts and diplomas for all undergraduate and graduate levels, uploaded to the online application, accompanied by translations.



TOEFL/GRE/GMAT test scores are mandatory only for the applicants who pass the Fulbright interview phase in September.

**AWARD BENEFITS:** The Student Fulbright Award provides: international travel, tuition and university fees within established budget limits as well as accident/sickness insurance and monthly maintenance allowance. The grant also offers books and supplies allowance.

Application deadline: **May 7, 2019**

## **THE ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES**

### **Selection Steps:**

- applications are pre-screened;
- the assessment of study/research projects is performed by Fulbright alumni and leading Romanian and U.S. scholars in the respective fields of knowledge;
- the applicants recommended by reviewers will be invited to an interview carried out by a bi-national panel, in the first half of September;
- the nominated finalists are subject to final approval by the Foreign Scholarship Board (FSB - <http://eca.state.gov/fulbright>).

## **ADMISSION AND AFFILIATION TO U.S. UNIVERSITIES**

The Institute of International Education in New York (IIE) will team up with the Romanian-U.S. Fulbright Commission in order to carry out the Romanian finalists' admission and affiliation process to accredited U.S. universities.

The duration of the entire selection process is approximately 12 months; as a result, the Fulbright Student Award competition is advertised a year before the grant starts. Affiliation of the Fulbright Student Award finalists will be concluded in May-July. Exchanges will begin in August - September, the year following the application.

A complete announcement of the **2020-2021 Fulbright Student Award** is available at:

<http://www.fulbright.ro/news/605-fulbright-student-award-2020-2021>