U.S. Student Fulbright Program

About Fulbright

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program provides grants for individually designed study/research projects or for English Teaching Assistant Programs. The goal of the program is to provide cultural understanding through direct involvement. Fulbright participants receive a stipend and the opportunity to meet, live, work and learn from people of a host country. For more information, visit their webpage: http://us.fulbrightonline.org

This is the opportunity of a lifetime!

Direct from past UTEP Fulbright participants...
Past UTEP participants reflect on their Fulbright experiences. They share insights about their motivations to apply to Fulbright, how they spent their year abroad and what Fulbright taught them. Keep reading!

David Romo, a recent Ph.D. graduate from UTEP’s History Department, says the following about his Fulbright experience in Mexico:

“The year was packed with all kinds of experiences. I tried to find a good balance between my research in the archives and just learning from my surroundings. Mexico City has more museums than any city in the world. You can easily spend an entire year visiting all of them. I did a lot outside of my field, like enrolling in Nahuatl classes at a local community center and joining a jazz band. Both, of course, are great ways to meet people. That’s the great thing about the Fulbright program, that they want you to get out of your comfort zone and engage with the community. I feel incredibly lucky to have been part of this project.”

“Thank you for this opportunity and I hope more people will find their way to it in the years to come.”

Thornton Larson,
2015 Fulbright Scholar,
Indonesia
Stephanie Trujillo-Molina

Stephanie was accepted into the Early Medical School Selection Program with Boston University. Much of her undergraduate career was focused on fulfilling program requirements. Given that she was not able to study abroad during her undergraduate career, she applied to the Fulbright program. Upon acceptance into the Fulbright program, she deferred medical school for one year and planned her research trip to Colombia.

As a biology major, Stephanie hoped to focus on her research project titled “Bovine Leukemia Virus and its Impact on Human Health.” She quickly realized, however, that her research experience in Colombia would be limited because of the lack of research participants needed for her study and the lack of laboratory supplies.

Stephanie quickly learned that her experience in Colombia would not be defined by her lack of research advancement, but rather she would embrace this opportunity and use it to learn how to step out of her comfort zone. She had conversations with locals about politics and culture. These interactions made her Fulbright experience a positive one. She learned how to be flexible and adapt to new situations. This was an invaluable life lesson!

Important Dates & Deadlines

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Thornton Larson, M.S.

Thornton will start his Ph.D. program at the University of Texas at Arlington after completing his Masters of Science with a focus in Biology from UTEP. His goal is to be an expert in reptiles and amphibians. Although he is still in the U.S. (Thornton leaves in January 2016), he had an opportunity to attend a conference in Washington, DC with other Fulbright scholars. He says the following, “I have already met a bunch of other great Fulbrighters. I am always excited to meet people who are excited about research and who are like-minded. People like that are harder and harder to find. That’s why doing research through Fulbright is such an exciting experience!”

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