

# **UK Fulbright Postgraduate Awards**

For UK Postgraduate Students and Visiting Student  
Researchers

**2025 Terms and Conditions**

## **OVERVIEW**

The Fulbright Commission promotes educational and cultural exchange between the United States and the United Kingdom in order to enhance mutual understanding and strengthen



country, then applications must be made through the Commission in the country in which they have resided for the longest period of time.

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The Fulbright Awards Programme is a cultural exchange programme, and as such all participants must demonstrate a desire and ability to successfully undertake such an exchange. In making these awards the Fulbright Commission is looking not only for academic excellence









## 9. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER SOURCES

All scholarships, fellowships or grants from other sources received concurrently with a Fulbright grant must be reported to the Fulbright Commission. Scholarships, fellowships or grants from other sources received concurrently may be deducted from the amount specified on the Grant Authorisation Form if such awards are given for the same purpose or if they duplicate the benefits under the Fulbright Award. Salaries or other forms of pay to be received concurrently with this grant must be reported to the Fulbright Commission and may affect the grant amount.

**Duplicated funding** which is being paid **for the same grant activities** will be recalled by the Fulbright Commission.

As an approved grantee, you are automatically enrolled in the ASPE health care benefit plan. Similar coverage for any accompanying dependants can be purchased by the grantee from Seven Corners.

All questions regarding insurance coverage should be directed to Seven Corners and not the Fulbright Commission.

In some cases, may require the grantee to purchase insurance coverage as mandated by that institution. In such cases **it is the grantee's responsibility to purchase insurance coverage in compliance with their host institution's policies and requirements.**

**It is the grantee's responsibility to ensure that ASPE provides adequate insurance for their individual needs, and to arrange additional insurance (at their own expense) if necessary.** The Fulbright Commission is not liable for any loss, damage or injury which a grantee may suffer during their time as a Fulbright scholar, and when accepting a grant, the grantee agrees to waive any right they may have to take action against the Fulbright Commission to recover any loss or make any claim for damages.

An emergency medical expenses benefit is provided for the grantee only. Should the need for this provision arise, the grantee should inform the Fulbright Commission, which in turn will provide details of the case to the U.S. Department of State. The U.S. Department of State will act on the merits of each individual request. Requests for this benefit are not guaranteed.

### **13. CONTINGENCIES**

The Fulbright Commission, the U.S. Department of State, the FFSB, and IIE do not assume responsibility for any injury, accident, illness, loss of personal property or other contingencies which may befall the grantee or any dependant during or in connection with their stay abroad under this grant.

It is recommended that the grantee personally obtain adequate personal and property insurance for them and accompanying dependants. The Fulbright Commission, the U.S. Department of State, the FFSB, and IIE shall not be liable for any claim or claims which may arise from the grantee's failure to enter upon or to complete a project as detailed in this grant, even where such failure is due to circumstances beyond the grantee's control.

### **14. CHANGES IN FULBRIGHT PROJECT**

The grantee cannot change their study project as stated in the original application without express written permission from the Fulbright Commission who will consult with the U.S. Department of State and IIE in making a decision to permit or deny such changes. Any changes and partner (if applicable).

Plans for early departure from the U.S. before the end of the grant period stated on the Grant Authorisation Form must be approved by the Fulbright Commission.

## **15. EFFECTUATION OF GRANTS**

The effectuation of grants is in every instance contingent upon the availability of transportation and sufficient funds, stable conditions in the U.S. and the award holder's ability to: procure a passport and relevant U.S. entry clearance (exchange visitor - - ), receive medical clearance, and receive FFSB approval.

All Fulbright scholars are required to undergo a comprehensive medical examination before departure. The costs incurred are payable by the grantee - the Fulbright Commission is unable to reimburse for these costs. An award offer is made conditional on the grantee obtaining medical clearance from the IIE prior to departure.

### **J-1 Visa**

All Fulbright grantees are required to obtain a J-1 visa through the Fulbright programme and must enter the United States on that J-1 visa.

The Fulbright Commission assists successful candidates with processing all visa paperwork, and the visa fee is typically waived for Fulbright grantees in the UK.

Grantees are required to remain on the J-1 visa for the duration of their programme. Grantees must hold a valid J-1 visa to be eligible for Fulbright benefits. If a grantee ends or invalidates their J-1 visa sponsorship, their Fulbright Program participation would end and they would no longer be eligible for Fulbright grant benefits, including funding and ASPE health coverage.

### **J-1 Visa Status: Two-Year Home Residency Requirement**

J-1 visa holders are required, on completion of their programme, to return to their home country for a cumulative total of two years before they become eligible for a temporary worker's visa or for permanent residence in the United States. The two-year residency requirement (or 212(e), as it is reference in the U.S. immigration regulations) means that those who go to the U.S. in a J-1 status cannot become permanent residents in the U.S. or get work or family visa status as H, L or K until they return to their for at least two years cumulatively. Tourist



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The grantee is required to submit reports as specified by the IIE. The grantee must send in the final report when the grant ends and before returning to the UK making sure that they meet the deadline set by the IIE. Upon returning to the UK, grantees will be expected to fill out the to attend one Debrief event in London. The Fulbright Commission or a

terminates the grant, and the grantee may be required to repay the Commission up to the full amount of the grant.

Grantees may also be required to deliver a formal presentation of their findings to the Fulbright Commission, the award sponsor (where applicable) and/or a relevant public body in the host and home countries.

## **19. TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES**

Grants are awarded for projects in the U.S. The Commission allows travel

upon returning to the UK. This may be in the form of public lectures, presentations to faculty, conference papers or artistic performances and written publications. Grantees must inform the Commission of their concrete plans for dissemination once they return to the UK.

This is a mandatory element of the Fulbright exchange programme, and one that seeks to widen the impact of the programme beyond the individual grantees and their host institutions.

## **22. EVALUATION AND COMPLAINTS POLICY**

The US-UK Fulbright Commission welcomes feedback on all of its awards, special programmes, services and events.

In addition to evaluation forms and interim and final reports (where applicable), the Commission welcomes written feedback from its scholars and programme participants, advisees and event attendees. All feedback is taken seriously.

All written reports shall be stored electronically file.

Initial feedback may be submitted in any written form within 30 days of the grant period end date, programme conclusion, advising session or an event and followed up accordingly. If the feedback is in effect a complaint that requires redress, the following procedure should be followed.

### **Complaints Procedure**

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The purpose of the complaints procedure is to enable complaints to be dealt with as quickly as possible. This procedure applies to all scholars, programme participants, advisees or event attendees.

Complaints concerning participation in a programme or the arrangements of an award must be set out in writing and sent to the Director of the Fulbright Awards Programme. The Director will investigate as necessary and will respond in writing within 14 days.

Following this investigation, if the person(s) bringing forth the complaint feel it has not been adequately dealt with, a summary of events up to that point and a copy of the original complaint should be raised in writing and sent to the Executive Director. The Executive Director will investigate as necessary and rFulbr178(4(192 0 q0.000008871 0 595.303dt i)9(s take)3(n se)4(riousl)6(y. )JTJETQq0.

