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# Fulbright Fund

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The Fulbright Commission was founded in 1991 by a bilateral agreement between the governments of the United States and the Czech Republic with the objective to enhance mutual understanding through educational, scientific and cultural exchanges based on governmental scholarship programs, information, and advising services.

The Fulbright Program and the work of the Fulbright Commission are co-financed by the governments of the United States and the Czech Republic.

## Activities

The main work of the Fulbright Commission consists of administering fellowships and grants for study, research, and teaching in the U.S. for Czech citizens and in the Czech Republic for U.S. citizens. Program administration includes activities concerning both the selection process and assistance during stay in the other country.

Simultaneously, the Fulbright Commission provides complex, unbiased, and up-to-date information about opportunities for study in the U.S. and free advising services to all interested candidates through its Advising Center operated by the official information network EducationUSA. The Center also serves as a resource for information about study and research in the Czech Republic and assists representatives of U.S. schools and educational organizations.

## Fulbright Fund – Scholarships for US citizens

The Fulbright committee may also provide financial support for American students, researchers and teachers to facilitate their research and study sojourns in the Czech Republic. This funding is disbursed through the following scholarship and grant programmes:

1) Fulbright U. S. Student Programme

provides funding to American BA graduates, MA and PhD students, young professionals and artists, thus enabling them to study and work on their projects in the Czech Republic. Deadline for applications: October 21

2) Fulbright U. S. Scholar Programme

provides funding to American scholars (both researchers and teachers), thus enabling them to do research, to lecture or participate in studies development plans in the Czech Republic. Deadline for applications: August 1

3) Fulbright Senior Specialist Programme

provides funding for short-term internships of American specialists with Czech institutions; it complements the Scholar Programme. Deadline for applications: Unspecified

4) Fulbright High School Teachers Exchange Programme

This programme fosters teacher exchange, making it possible for American high school teachers and two-year college teachers to swap their respective schools, teaching loads, possibly even apartments with their Czech colleagues. Deadline for applications: October 15

Applications for individual programmes may be filed in all fields of study – humanities, sciences and technical disciplines (with the exception of MBA and clinical medicine). The programme committee welcomes applications in the fields of American and Central European studies, also encouraging the applicants to pursue multicultural and interdisciplinary aspects of the chosen area of study. The primary selection criterion in all the programmes is the expertise of the applicants and the quality of their projects.

The selection procedure for the American applicants is administered by nonprofit organisations, which is why any interested party should primarily approach the following organisations.

- Institute of International Education (student programme): <http://www.iie.org>
- Council for International Exchange of Scholars (for researchers and lecturers): <http://www.cies.org>
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Website:

Relevant information about the available range of study subjects, application procedure, dates of the seminars, etc. is available from <http://www.fulbright.cz> (see the English navigation menu on the right side).

The following link provides helpful guidance to US citizens who are interested in studying in the Czech Republic; it includes the list of universities with accredited study programmes conducted in English: <https://www.fulbright.cz/en/i-want-to-study-in-the-czech-republic/> (by clicking on the „Charles University in Prague“ header, you will get to <https://cuni.cz/UKEN-1.html> )

### **Fulbright Fund – Scholarships for Czech citizens**

The Fulbright scholarship programme enables Czech citizens to study, teach or do research in the USA. The scholarship funding in all programmes is granted to applicants who succeed in selection procedure which is held once a year for each programme, usually in Autumn (Fall) or Winter (see the breakdown of individual programmes) and is awarded for the study sojourn that is to be realised in the following academic year.

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Levels of study:

#### 1) Graduate

Czech university graduates or students who are about to graduate from a university, in a BA or higher study programme, can apply to graduate or postgraduate study programmes in the US. If a student has finished or is about to finish an MA or MSc study programme, they can generally apply for study in the USA with no restrictions, for both graduate and postgraduate study programmes. However, students who have not attained a BA degree yet have to first make sure whether the American school of their choice acknowledges their degree as a sufficient qualification for enrolling into the respective graduate programme.

#### 2) ESL Language Courses (English as a second language):

- Intensive English Programme (IEP)
- Semi-intensive English Programme
- Professional English Programmes

#### 3) Short-term mobility (short-term expert courses, guest study at universities, student summer jobs etc.).