

PLU / Office of Scholarships and Fellowships

Fulbright Process Timeline

Fulbright U.S. Student Program

2027-2028 Competition

Contact:

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Competition Launch: March 31, 2026

Award descriptions available on this [website](#)

APRIL / MAY:

- Contact Dr. Yaden (byaden@plu.edu) with your intent to apply for a Fulbright
- Register on the [Fulbright Embark](#) application platform—access it via the Fulbright website.
- Identify/contact/confirm your three faculty references. Register them on Embark.
- Identify/contact/confirm the faculty member who will complete your language evaluation (if required) and register that faculty member on Embark.

JUNE / JULY:

- Draft and revise application essays. Share with faculty and Dr. Yaden for feedback.

AUGUST:

- Complete drafts of the personal statement and statement of grant purpose essays.
- Submit drafts to your faculty references at this time, for them to use to write your recommendation letters.
- Make sure you have registered your faculty references and language evaluator at Embark.
- For study/research project proposals, make initial contact with potential host institutions and affiliated faculty to solicit support for your project. After you have identified the host institution and the individual who will serve as your project adviser, ask for an affiliation letter. A scanned copy of the affiliation letter is required as part of your Fulbright application.
- Check on U.S. VISA or other travel requirements that may be necessary. If you do not have a valid passport or if your passport is going to expire, begin those processes.

SEPTEMBER:

- On-campus Committee Interview (approx. 45 minutes): All applicants for the Fulbright award will be interviewed by a campus committee of 3-4 faculty/staff members. Dr. Bridget Yaden will contact you to make these arrangements. You may complete the interview via video conference if you cannot come to campus.
- Finalize your application materials: Continue working with your faculty advisors and Dr. Yaden on your personal statement and your SGP.

Fulbright National Deadline - submit via Embark before this deadline

October 6, 2026 | 5:00 pm Eastern Time (2:00 pm Pacific Time)

****No extensions are possible****