

FULBRIGHT PROGRAM



“The Fulbright Program aims to bring a little more knowledge, a little more reason, and a little more compassion into world affairs and thereby to increase the chance that nations will learn at last to live in peace and friendship.”

Senator J. William Fulbright, Arkansas
(1905-1995)

HISTORY

- August 1, 1946 – Fulbright Act signed into law by President Harry S. Truman
- More than 325,400 participant since its inception in 1946
- Fulbright Program is operational in more than 155 countries
- 8,000 grants annually

FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATION

- Funded by the U.S. Congress to the Department of State
- Sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State
- Abroad: administered by Fulbright Commissions, or Public Affairs Offices at U.S. Embassies
- Direct or indirect support of foreign governments and host institutions

FULBRIGHT PROGRAM IN SLOVENIA

- First Fulbrighters left in 1965
- More than 400 alumni
- In cooperation with Slovene Human Resources Development and Scholarship Fund (Javni sklad za RKŠ) – www.sklad-kadri.si
- Administered by the Public Affairs Office at the U.S. Embassy in Ljubljana – <http://slovenia.usembassy.gov>
- Annual USG budget, approx. 350,000 divided among American scholars and students to Slovenia, and Slovenian scholars and students to the United States

TRADITIONAL FULBRIGHT PROGRAM

- Categories: predoctoral (students) – 2 semesters, and postdoctoral (scholars) – usually 1 semester grants
- Type: visiting research (non-degree)
- Number of grants: Up to 5 students, up to 5 scholars
- Preference: candidates with little or no previous experience in the United States

FULBRIGHT APPLICATION INFORMATION

- Online through Embark System
- Letters of invitation desired
- Letters of reference submitted online
- On-line application:
<https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/international>
- Tests: TOEFL, GRE General (GRE subject)

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

- Slovenian citizenship
- Evidence of employment in Slovenia
- Master's Degree or enrollment in PhD study
- Proficiency in English
- Completed application package
- References

COMPETITION IN SLOVENIA

- Every year from mid-March 1 – first week in June
- 1.5 year ahead of the program beginning
- Announced on web sites U.S. Embassy, Javni sklad RS za razvoj kadrov in štipendije, and universities
- http://slovenia.usembassy.gov/fulbright_scholarship.html (Detailed instructions and application forms)

USEFUL WEB SITE INFO

- U.S. Embassy Ljubljana –
<http://slovenia.usembassy.gov>
- Javni sklad RS za razvoj kadrov in
štipendije– www.sklad-kadri.si
- Council for International Exchange of
Scholars – www.cies.org – scholar program
- Institute of International Education –
www.iie.org - student program