

FULBRIGHT FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSISTANT PROGRAM



TEACH GERMAN AND STUDY ON A US CAMPUS!





FULBRIGHT AWARDS CHANGE LIVES AND ENHANCE CAREERS.

Participants in the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program spend an academic year living, teaching, and studying on a US university campus.

FLTAs use their skills as native speakers to enliven their classrooms and share Austrian culture with their students while simultaneously exploring everything life on a US campus has to offer. As FLTAs, they also become part of an international network of Fulbright grantees and alums.



I have made connections through the FLTA Program across the globe that remain strong to this day, and I plan to visit Dartmouth again soon. I am truly grateful for the experiences I have been able to have. Joining the Fulbright Program can be a once-in-a-lifetime experience, but it can also open doors to opportunities I never thought I would have.

CARLA HAROLD, 2021–22 DARTMOUTH COLLEGE



PROGRAM BENEFITS

Fulbright FTLAs:

- ★ Pay no fees for the TOEFL test
- ★ Receive a travel and relocation allowance of €2,000
- ★ Receive a combination of stipends and grants from host university and Fulbright Austria (minimum value: \$17,000)
- ★ Receive health benefits sponsored by the US government
- ★ Pay no tuition to attend two courses per semester
- ★ Gain valuable first-hand experience teaching German as a foreign language
- ★ Participate in enrichment activities
- ★ Join a national and global network of Fulbright alums



IS FULBRIGHT RIGHT FOR ME?

Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

- ★ Austrian citizenship (dual citizens of Austria and the US are not eligible)
- Bachelor's degree or higher (you can also apply if you are in the final year of a bachelor's program and will have your degree in the summer prior to starting the FLTA Program)
- ★ strong English skills

A background in teaching is not a requirement for the FLTA Program; whether you're augmenting existing teaching experience or gaining your first practical experience in a classroom, this program will help you achieve your goals.



Before I went on my Fulbright experience, I approached my own cultural identity with a somewhat either-or attitude. My time in the US allowed me to broaden my views on multiculturalism and gave me the space to see myself as a member of many intersecting communities. This experience has been one of mutual respect, cultural learning, and empathy, and I am forever grateful for the opportunities that the Fulbright Program has given me.

KA-YING KE, 2019–20 THE COLLEGE OF WOOSTER



WHAT'S THE TIMELINE?

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15 OCTOBER-15 NOVEMBER apply to the program

EARLY DECEMBER selection interviews

- LATE DECEMBER first selection round; selected applications submitted to host universities for review
- **JANUARY–MARCH** host universities make selections, and selected applicants receive placement offers
- **APRIL** preparation begins with host university
- JUNE attend Fulbright Austria pre-departure orientation
- **JULY** complete visa process
- AUGUST depart for the US

I was honored to receive a placement for the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program in the 2020–21 program year at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma. COVID-19 was the reason for many challenges I encountered during my year abroad—in particular, making social connections was much harder than it otherwise would have been. Nevertheless, I am happy I made the decision to embark on this adventure despite all the obstacles. I made friends for life, grew and developed professionally, and got to experience new places.



BEATRIX SCHIMEK, 2020–21 UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

WHERE CAN I TEACH AND STUDY?

We partner with several US universities and colleges and ensure that every FLTA has a unique, memorable experience. Once placements have been confirmed, we work with our parters at the Institute of International Education (IIE) in New York City to provide FLTAs with the documentation needed for a non-immigrant US visa.

The list of partner universities may vary from year to year. Visit our homepage to see the complete list of this year's partner universities for the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program.



Founded in 1946, the Fulbright Program is named after J. William Fulbright (1905–1995) who was instrumental in creating a program that aims to cultivate "perceptions and perspectives that transcend national boundaries." Initially, the program sold surplus war property overseas to finance an unprecedented number of bilateral educational and cultural exchanges for students, scholars, and teachers. Today, the Fulbright Program facilitates these bilateral exchanges between the US and 155 countries around the globe. Fulbright Austria was founded in 1951, making it one of the oldest Fulbright commissions in the world.

MISSION STATEMENT

Fulbright Austria **promotes mutual understanding, cooperation, and knowledge transfer between Austria and the United States** by sponsoring educational and cultural exchange programs for individuals and institutions. We fulfill this mission by:

- \star managing the prestigious Fulbright scholarship program
- ★ coordinating a nationwide teaching assistantship program that places US college graduates in Austrian secondary schools
- ★ counseling students and institutions of higher education on opportunities to study in the US as an EducationUSA advising center



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