



FULBRIGHT ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP (ETA) PROGRAM

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The Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) Program

, an element of the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, is sponsored and managed by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), U.S. Department of State. The Fulbright ETA Program fosters mutual understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries by providing a native speaker presence in elementary/secondary schools, universities, teacher training institutions, culture/language centers, or vocational schools. Fulbright ETAs assist in strengthening English language instruction overseas, as well as providing cultural insights in the classroom.

FULBRIGHT ETA PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

- The Fulbright ETA Program is currently offered in 66 countries in all world regions
- In the 2010-2011 academic year, approximately 750 U.S. students will participate in the Fulbright ETA Program

What do Fulbright ETA Participants do?

Fulbright ETA participants spend one academic year at one or more host institutions where they serve as language-learning assistants to English teachers. They help strengthen English language education while providing first hand cultural knowledge of the United States. In addition to their classroom responsibilities, Fulbright ETAs may also give presentations on topics related to the United States (culture, society, and history), lead programs in language labs, conduct English conversation clubs, tutor, participate in sports, language, and drama clubs, and volunteer at local organizations, such as hospitals. Additionally, Fulbright ETAs act as resource people both at the host institutions and in communities.

Who are Fulbright ETA participants?

Fulbright ETA participants are generally recent Bachelor's graduates from the United States who are native English speakers. These individuals represent all educational backgrounds and are not required to be English teachers.

Participants are enthusiastic about cultural exchange and are adept in creating a native speaker presence in foreign classrooms. These individuals have strong leadership skills, have reached high levels of academic achievement, are dedicated to community service, and adapt easily to new environments.

Where are Fulbright ETA participants placed in the host country?

Fulbright ETAs are usually placed outside of capital and/or major cities and are integrated into the local community. There they reach populations that do not traditionally have access to native English speakers and may not have interacted with individuals from the U.S. before. The grant period corresponds to the academic year in the host country.

What are the grant benefits associated with the Fulbright ETA Program?

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State provides Fulbright ETA participants with roundtrip transportation from the U.S. to their host country, health insurance coverage and a monthly stipend to cover living expenses. Host institutions integrate participants into their teaching programs and assist them in identifying opportunities to do cross-cultural outreach in the community.

The Fulbright ETA Program is administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE) on the State Department's behalf. Visit IIE's website at <http://us.fulbrightonline.org> for more information.

For general information about the Fulbright Program, please contact the Office of Academic Exchange Programs at the U.S. Department of State at fulbright@state.gov or (202) 632-3238.

