

FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Please read all the instructions, requirements and information about the Fulbright Foreign Student Program (Fulbright Graduate) before you start preparing the application form.

1. Each candidate must complete the application in this link <https://apply.iie.org/ffsp2024> and upload all the required documentation no later than April 14, 2023. Academic records and diplomas can be in Spanish and do not require translation in this stage of the process. If candidate is selected for the final panel, official translations of these documents will be required then.
2. Applicants must be Costa Ricans or legal permanent residents. Costa Ricans born in the U.S., U.S. citizens, Costa Ricans bearing green cards (U.S. residency permits), or the children of U.S. father, mother or both, cannot be taken into consideration.
3. Applicants must have at least a bachelor's degree that makes him/her eligible to pursue graduate studies in one of the designated fields approved by the Program. A *Licenciatura* degree might be requested for some fields.
4. Candidates must have full command of the English language. A valid TOEFL score, IELTS or TOEIC will be required as part of the documentation needed to complete this application form. If the candidate does not have any valid English test, the TOEIC can be taken at the Centro Cultural Costarricense Norteamericano. It is not necessary to take the TOEFL in this initial stage; if the candidate is selected for the final panel the program will provide a voucher to pay the cost of the TOEFL.
5. Fields of study considered: STEAM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math), English Teaching and related fields, Social Science, Natural Science, Humanities, Sustainable Development. Applications in other fields will be considered on a case-by-case basis. **Careers in the fields of Health Science cannot be considered.**
6. Complete academic records are required; they must reflect all courses taken and from all universities attended. Partial academic records, showing approved courses only, will not be accepted.
7. Applicants must read and accept all the conditions listed on the last page of the form.
8. **Those who are selected as grantees of the Fulbright Scholarship must commit to return and reside in Costa Rica for at least 24 months after completion of their program.** Fulbright grantees are expected to become active members of the Fulbright Alumni Association upon return.

The last day to submit the application online is **Friday, April 14, 2023, 11:59 EST. 10:00 p.m. Costa Rica time.**

NOTES:

*The selection process consists of two stages; for the first stage it is not required to include the translations of the academic records and degrees. Documents in Spanish are accepted.

*If the candidate does not have a valid TOEFL at the time of the application, another test such as TOEIC or IELTS can be provided. The information about the score should be indicated in the space provided for the TOEFL. If selected, the candidate will be allowed to edit the application and include the information for the TOEFL during the second phase of the process.

*Supplemental Forms:

Letters of Recommendation: Participant must register the three recommenders, and the system will send them the link and instructions to fill out and submit/upload the letter in the platform (First phase).

Information Concerning Student Academic Records: This form is filled out by the candidate to explain the scoring system of the universities attended (Second phase).

Transcript Release Form: This form must be included **ONLY** if the candidate studied in a US university. By submitting this form, the candidate authorizes the Institute of International Education to request the official transcripts from such universities.

Report on Proficiency in English: This form must be completed by the International Testing Office of the Centro Cultural Costarricense Norteamericano for the second phase of the process. Candidates need to provide the testing center with the official scores of the English test to evaluate proficiency (Second phase).

If you have questions, please send a message to: **roblesam2@state.gov**