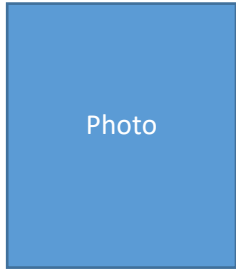


## **FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Please read all the instructions, requirements and information about the Fulbright Foreign Student Scholarship Program (Fulbright Graduate) before you start preparing the application form. Do not include this page (instructions) when you submit your application.

1. Each applicant must present a **complete original** (application and all documents required), and **two copies**. The three sets must be stapled separately; disorganized sets will not be accepted. The application must be in English. Academic records, diplomas and recommendation letters can be in Spanish and do not require translation in this first phase of the process.
2. Applicants must be Costa Ricans or legal permanent residents. Costa Ricans born in the U.S., U.S. citizens, green card holders, or children of U.S. parents are not eligible to apply for the Fulbright Program.
3. Applicants must have at least a bachelor's degree that makes him/her eligible to pursue graduate studies in a U.S. university. A *licenciatura* degree might be requested for some fields.
4. Candidates must have full command of the English language. A valid TOEFL score or TOEIC is required as part of the documentation needed to complete this application form. If you do not have a TOEFL, you can take the TOEIC (Listening and Reading) at Centro Cultural Costarricense Norteamericano; please indicate that you are applying for a Fulbright scholarship.
5. Candidates who have studied in the U.S. during the last four years will not be considered.
6. Fields of study considered: STEAM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math), English Teaching and related fields, Social Sciences, 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.
7. Complete academic records are required (reflecting all courses taken and from all universities or colleges attended). Partial academic records, showing approved courses only, will not be accepted.
8. Applicants must read and accept all the conditions listed on the last page of the application form. Signature is required.
9. **Those who are selected as grantees of the Fulbright Scholarship must commit to return and reside in Costa Rica for at least 2 years after completion of their program.**
10. The last day to present all documentation required at the U.S. Embassy is Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 3 pm. Applications must come in an envelope, with three separate sets (stapled – original and two copies). The envelope must be addressed to *Programa Fulbright, Oficina de Asuntos Culturales*. Please include your name and field of study in the lower right corner of the envelope too.

**APPLICATION FORM  
FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM  
FOR GRADUATE STUDIES**



**Instructions:**

- Applications must be complete. If a question does not apply, please write N/A.  
**Incomplete and/or handwritten applications will not be accepted.**
- Candidates must be Costa Ricans or legal permanent residents. Those holding a U.S. passport, born in the U.S. or whose mother, father or both are U.S. citizens do not qualify.
- Candidates must reside in Costa Rica at the time of application.
- Applications and documents will not be returned to non-selected applicants.

A complete application consists of:

- All the pages of this form. Application must be in English. The other documents can be in Spanish at this stage of the process, translations are not required yet.
- Complete university official transcripts (*registro de notas oficiales*) showing all courses taken and grades; partial academic records showing only the “approved” courses, are not acceptable. Official transcripts refers to academic records, it does not mean translations.
- Copies of degrees and honors earned (subsequent to secondary school). Applicants must have a bachelor’s degree or more to apply.
- Documentation of English proficiency (results of TOEFL or TOEIC).
- Three letters of recommendation.

**FIELD OF STUDY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DEGREE TO BE PURSUED:** \_\_\_\_\_



Complete Name (as it appears in your national ID)	
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth (province, country)	
Citizenship	
Cédula Number	
Gender	
Marital Status	
Number of Children	
Telephone Numbers (home, work, mobile)	
E-mail Address	
Permanent Address	

Spouse Name	
Cédula Number	
Date of Birth	
Citizenship	
Occupation	
Name of Children and Ages	

## ESSAYS

Please write the following essays in Times New Roman 12, single space. Do not exceed one page per essay.

1. Write a brief autobiography touching on your family, your place of origin, experiences with schooling or work, your personal interests and hopes for the future.
2. Describe the kind of training you wish to receive if you receive a scholarship. Also, indicate how you would apply these skills upon your return to Costa Rica.
3. In a separate page indicate which universities or colleges in the U.S. would you prefer if you were granted the scholarship? If possible, tell the specific program or departments within these institutions have the training you seek.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Employer	
Address	
Name and position of your immediate supervisor	
Exact title of your position	
Date you began this employment	
Do you work full time or part time?	
Total years with this employer	
Number of employees you supervise	
Brief description of your duties	

**WORK EXPERIENCE - continued**

Employer	
Address	
Name and position of your immediate supervisor	
Exact title of your position	
Date you began this employment	
Do you work full time or part time?	
Total years with this employer	
Number of employees you supervise	
Brief description of your duties	

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

Are you currently enrolled in any institution of higher education? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please give name and address:

**Complete Education Background:**

Please list in chronological order all educational institutions attended from elementary school to present:

Name of Institution	Field of Study	Degree obtained/Date

Highest university degree received (check one):

Bachelor \_\_\_\_\_ Licenciatura \_\_\_\_\_ Master \_\_\_\_\_ Ph.D. \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Grade point average in all university studies \_\_\_\_\_

Do not convert your grade point average to the U.S. system, unless you obtained a degree in the U.S. All courses – even those failed – must be taken into account.

Have you taken any of the following tests?

	<b>SCORE</b>	<b>DATE EXAM TAKEN</b>
<b>TOEFL</b>		
<b>GRE</b>		
<b>GMAT</b>		
<b>TOEIC</b>		
<b>SAT</b>		

Have you studied outside of Costa Rica under a student exchange or scholarship program?  
Please indicate

<b>Country</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of Exchange/Scholarship</b>

## AGREEMENT

In the event that I receive a scholarship to study in the United States under the Fulbright Program, I agree to abide the rules and regulations of that program.

I understand that:

1. Upon completion of the course of studies financed by the scholarship, or upon being notified that the scholarship has terminated, **I agree to return and reside in Costa Rica for at least 24 months.**
2. It is my responsibility to fulfill the academic requirements of the institution where I undertake my studies and that if I do not fulfill those requirements the scholarship will no longer be in effect.
3. The Fulbright Program does not provide funds for the maintenance of dependents, only for the grantee. I understand that I am responsible for all expenses related to such dependents (travel, school expenses, room and board, medical insurance, etc.).
4. The Fulbright Program provides only basic medical insurance for the grantee. Any additional medical insurance, whether for myself or my dependents, is my responsibility.
5. The new Fulbright funding policies will not allow grantees to contribute personal funds to the cost of their programs, regardless of their financial ability to borrow money or cover such costs otherwise. The candidate, Department of State and the U.S. Embassy, will make the final placement decision jointly and we expect candidates to select the most affordable offer.

I certify that:

- I have reviewed the statements I have made in this application, and that they are true, complete and presented in good faith.
- The academic records attached to this application reflect all the courses I have taken at institutions of higher education, and all the grades I have received.

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Name of applicant

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Signature