“We must try to expand the boundaries of human wisdom, empathy and perception, and there is no way of doing that except through education.

- Senator J. William Fulbright
What is the Fulbright Commission?

- Non-profit
- Founded by treaty between the Netherlands and United States
- Information and advice
- Scholarships
Mutual understanding

“We must dare to think unthinkable thoughts.”
EducationUSA

Network

- 425 advising centers in 178 countries
- 4,500 US universities
- 2,700 Dutch students in the US

Resources

- Website fulbright.nl/advies
- Contact us for personal advice (phone, email)
Why study in the US?

- Quality of programs and professors
- Change of scenery
- Research opportunities /specialization
- Resources
- International network

And more!
US Higher Education System

Undergraduate Programs

- Associate’s degree or certificate
  - Vocational Technical Institutions
  - Junior or Community Colleges

- Bachelor’s degree

- Master’s degree

- Doctoral Studies

- Postdoctoral Studies and Research

- Professional Schools (Medicine, Theology, Law, etc.)
Define your fit

- Search the right program for YOU!
- How about rankings and name brand schools?
- Budget
- Location
- Apply to several programs
- The early bird catches the worm! Start on time, research the requirements.
Resources

Search engines
- www.petersons.com/educationusa
- www.phds.org
- www.gradschools.com

Find programs in your field
- websites universities
- journals and literature

Organizations
- Fulbright Commission fulbright.nl
- EducationUSA educationusa.state.gov
- US Embassy/Consulate nl.usembassy.gov
Personal Statement

What’s your story?

Who → What → Why → Where → When → How
## Resume

### What to include?
- Academic information
- Community service or volunteer activities
- Relevant internships and work experience
- Research experience

### Do not include
Any personal data beyond your contact information:
- Gender
- Age
- Marital status
- Race or ethnic origins
- Religious beliefs
- Political opinions
- Sexual preferences
Other documents

- Admission tests
- Reference letters
- Academic transcripts
- Interview
- Other documents your institution may require

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Application process

- Graduate admissions office
- Staff graduate school
- Faculty
Financial support for study in the US

**Target group**
- American universities:
  - Good graduate students (often teaching or research duties as part of the grant)
- Private funds:
  - Every fund sets its own criteria
- Dutch/American government: Fulbright:
  - (Recent) graduates with good grades and good motivation

**Grant**
- Full or partial
- Partial
- Partial

**More info**
- Website of the universities
- www.beursopener.nl
- www.fundingusstudy.org
- www.fulbright.nl/fulbright
Fulbright Grant Program

★ Idea: Senator J. William Fulbright

★ Goal: promote mutual understanding

★ Means: giving information and grants for study, research and teaching in the US

★ The Fulbright Commission receives its funding from both governments and third party funds
Eligibility requirements

- Dutch nationality (if you have a different nationality, apply in your home country)
- Before departure you have at least a Bachelor’s degree
- Start study in the US at graduate level (Master’s only, PhD excluded)
- Study in the US for at least one (academic) year
- 2-year home requirement; you have to leave the US and spend 2 years in your home country (after you have completed your study program)
Criteria for selection

- Excellent study results, high GPA
- Broad development, for instance indicated by extra-curricular activities
- Clear and strong motivation
- Good communicative skills
- Open attitude, ambassadorial qualities

Selection rounds

1. On paper
2. Selection interview
3. Being accepted at good university, approval of FSB, medical check and visa
Deadlines and amounts 20-21

★ Basic grant is $35,000
★ A company-sponsored grant can be higher
★ Including health insurance, award ceremony, visa costs, and guidance before departure and in US

Deadline 23 January 2020
Interviews: Beginning of March 2020
Result end of March 2020
KHMW-Eizenga

$50,000 for MBA, graduate study or PhD in economics

Eligibility requirements:
- Dutch nationality
- Hold a bachelor’s degree
- Excellent grades, extracurricular activities

Deadline early January
Questions
More information?

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