

IMPORTANT DATES FOR FULBRIGHT CANDIDATES

(This process begins during the spring semester of your junior or senior year. The application for grants that begin in the fall of 2025 will be due very early in the fall of 2024.)

Spring, 2024 Application Process Timeline for 2025-2026 Grants

If you are a junior or a senior this year (2023-24), and are considering applying for a Fulbright Fellowship in the fall of 2025, (that is, for a fellowship that begins during the 2025-2026 academic year), you need to get an early start on the application process. Here are the important dates in the Spring of 2024 Fulbright Fellowship application calendar. If you are a sophomore, and you are planning to spend the entire academic year 2024-2025 off campus, then you also need to start now.

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024, 4:30 p.m. (in person); Thurs., Feb. 29, 7:00 p.m. (virtual)

Link for virtual meeting:
meet.google.com/gdc-fmia-rdj

Attend one of the Information Sessions posted on Hope's Campus Calendar or Hope's Fulbright web page. The Feb. 27 meeting will be at 4:30 p.m., and will be in person, in the Granberg Room on the second floor of Van Wylen Library. The Thurs., Feb. 29 meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., and will be virtual.

By Monday, March 4 (You may do this any time BEFORE this date, but please do it BY the date.)



You will be considered a serious candidate only after submitting the items

If you are planning to apply for a Fulbright that will fund you to spend the academic year 2025-2026 abroad, please fill out our Fulbright Form: [2024 Fulbright Process for 2025-2026 Placement](#) to indicate your intention to proceed with the application process. Include:

- 1) Your full **name**.
- 2) Your **phone** number.
- 3) Your fellowship type: "Teaching Assistantship" or "Research/Study."
- 4) The **country** to which you plan to apply (Choose only one.)
- 5) The **e-mails of three faculty referees** who can speak to your qualifications for this award, and a foreign language evaluator if required. You can change these names later, but please fill in your best options.
- 6) **Graduation year and month**.

If you have problems with the form linked above, please e-mail Professor Gibbs (gibbs@hope.edu) for assistance. At any point, you may drop the process; just e-mail gibbs@hope.edu, maiuillo@hope.edu, or sanford@hope.edu

listed to the right. You can always change your mind later.

[Click for URL for form](#)

In addition, please locate, purchase (or borrow), and read a book – yes, an actual book – about the country where you plan to study, research, or teach.

Tuesday, Mar. 5, 4:30 p.m.,
Granberg Room, Van Wylen
Library OR
Wednesday, Mar. 6, 7:00 p.m.
(virtual)

Link for virtual meeting:
meet.google.com/vvo-qzmf-ypr

Attend a **MANDATORY** seminar on writing essays for the Fulbright Scholars program. The Tuesday, Mar. 5 meeting will be in person, in the Granberg Room on the second floor of Van Wylen Library. The Wednesday, Mar. 6 meeting will be virtual. If you cannot attend, speak with the advisors about what you must do instead.

By the date of your workshop
(Thurs., Mar. 21, Fri., Mar. 22,
Mon., Mar. 25, or Tues., Mar.
26.)

1) Draft your **Statement of Grant Purpose** (two double-spaced pages for English Teaching Assistantships; four double-spaced pages for research/study grants); and
2) Draft your two-page (double-spaced) **Personal Statement**. See the Fulbright web site and the **Writing Requirements** for information about preparation of these documents.

Thurs., Mar. 21, 7:00-9:30
Fri., Mar. 22, 4:00-6:30
Mon., Mar. 25, 7:00-9:30
Tues., Mar. 26, 7:00-9:30
The Thursday, Monday, and
Tuesday workshops will be in the
Granberg Room, Van Wylen
Library. The Friday workshop
will be in Lubbers 224.

Attend ONE of the mandatory essay workshops. The workshops will run about two and a half hours. We will ask you to sign up for a time. You only need to attend one of the March workshops.

Mon., April 15, 7:00-9:30
Tues., April 16, 7:00-9:30
Wed., April 17, 7:00-9:30
Thurs., April 17, 7:00-9:30

Attend ONE of the second round of mandatory essay workshops. The workshops will run about two and a half hours. We will ask you to sign up for a time. You only need to attend one of the April workshops.

By June 15, 2024

Please submit a **three- to four-page essay on a book** (a book! Not a website!) that you have read about the country to which you plan to apply, to gibbs@hope.edu, maiuillo@hope.edu, and sanford@hope.edu. Be sure to include full bibliographic information (author, title, city, publisher, year of publication) for your book.

June 30, 2024 (or earlier)

The online application will open in April 2024. During the month of June, 2024, you should complete the application to the best of your ability and ask any questions that arise in the process. Once you have received the go-ahead from the Fulbright Advisors, register your reference-letter-writers online.

There will be a series of deadlines for new drafts in June and July. We will notify you of the summer schedule by e-mail. You will upload your drafts, either as Word docs or as Google docs, to a personal Fulbright Google Drive folder, and we will return comments to you by uploading them to your folder

Between July 8 and July 31, 2024

You must meet personally (virtually) with Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Maiullo, or Dr. Sanford to go over your essays, discuss your list of referees, and find out what else needs to be done during the summer of 2024. You should continue to work on your statement of grant purpose and personal statement during your semester away, and during the summer months.

After you receive your Spring, 2024 grades (and Summer 2024 grades, if you are taking summer courses)

Order an official transcript from the Registrar's Office. It's fine if it's marked "Issued to Student." You will need to upload it with your application. The multi-page transcript available on KnowHopePlus is NOT acceptable. You must order a transcript from the Registrar's Office.

July 8, 2024

Application Check. The status of your online application will be checked by the campus Fulbright advisors at this point. If your application is radically incomplete at this stage, you will be asked to complete it (or else to drop the process). You can still change it after this point, of course, and in fact you are encouraged to work on the application over the summer.

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Submit your preliminary online application. Your application will be read and returned to you for corrections and finalization. We will schedule campus interviews during September, after which you will have a final opportunity to make your application "practically perfect in every way."