

Commitment to cost-share a Fulbright grant for 2024-25 (For applicants from the University of Turku and Aalto University)

The Fulbright Finland Foundation provides grants to pursue studies, research, and professional development projects in the U.S.

Some of the grants provided by the Foundation are funded together with Finnish higher education institutions. These cost-shared grants provide higher education institutions with diverse opportunities to advance the international mobility of their students, researchers, and staff. University's share of the grant is 50 % in all categories and the Foundation covers the other half of the grant. Please see the maximum amounts for each category in the end of this form.

The University of Turku and Aalto University require that the applicants home unit or department covers half of the home university's share. Therefore, applicants from the University of Turku and Aalto University must attach this document completed by their home unit to their grant application. This document must be completed and signed by the head/director of the department/unit.

ASLA-Fulbright Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow and *ASLA-Fulbright Senior Scholar* grants can only be applied to, if the applicants home unit (department, faculty, research group, etc.) agrees to participate in cost-sharing the Fulbright grant.

For the *ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grant* and *ASLA-Fulbright Junior Scholar* programs the applicants must define their home unit's view on cost-sharing the Fulbright grant. Having a cost-share commitment is not a requirement for applying for these grant programs, as some of the grants in these categories are fully funded by the Fulbright Finland Foundation. However, there are only a few of these fully-funded grants available, and therefore having the applicant's home unit participate in cost-sharing the grant is important.

Information filled by grant applicant:

Name: _____

Grant being applied to:

ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grant

*NB! Aalto University does not offer cost-share support to master-level studies or studies resulting in a degree.

ASLA-Fulbright Pre-Doctoral Research Fellows Program

ASLA-Fulbright Grant for a Junior Scholar

ASLA-Fulbright Grant for a Senior Scholar

Purpose of the grant term: _____

Host university or organization in the U.S. (if known):

Information filled by the representative of the applicant's home unit:

The applicant's home unit agrees to cover 50 % of the university's share of the grant

The applicant's home unit does not agree to cover 50 % of the university's share of the grant

Supporting arguments for the decision, and the home unit's views on the planned project in the U.S.:

Representative's signature:

Clarification of signature:

Contact details:

Please note that in case of multiple candidates in the cost-share categories, the university may need to prioritize candidates for cost-share grants due to limited funding. Home unit's commitment is not a guarantee for cost-share funding from the university. Please be in contact with your home university representative if you have questions regarding this commitment:

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Why higher education institutions should participate in cost-sharing grants with the Fulbright Finland Foundation:

- The students, researchers, and staff of higher education institutions have more funding available and therefore more grant opportunities for international mobility.
- A Fulbright grant to the U.S. provides the grantee with notable advantages both before and during the grant period (e.g. pre-departure orientation, advising services, free visa, and wider Fulbright network).
- The home university's name and their participation in the cost-share will be announced along with the grantees, providing visibility and promotion of the home university.
- Some of the Fulbright Finland Foundation's grant programs cannot be applied to if the home university does not participate in cost-share grants.

Selection and billing of cost-shared grants from the university's view:

- After the application period ends, applicants who have listed the university as their home institution and who have passed the technical screening are sent to the university for evaluation.
- The university informs the Fulbright Finland Foundation on which applicants it commits to support. The Fulbright Finland Foundation selects the grantees and informs the applicants and home universities about the decision.
- The grantee selections are announced in the Award Ceremony in May. The universities participating in Cost-sharing will be mentioned along with the grantee's name.

Grant programs

University's share of the grant is 50 % in all categories.

- **ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grant**
A grant program for master's or doctoral level studies in the U.S. (for one academic year for taking courses/doing research or completing a degree). Amount of the grant is a maximum of 30 000 USD.
- **ASLA-Fulbright Pre-Doctoral Research Fellows Program**
A grant program for conducting pre-doctoral research in the U.S. for 6-12 months. Amount of the grant is a maximum of 18 000 USD.
- **ASLA-Fulbright Research Grants for Junior Scholars**
A grant program for Finnish scholars, who have completed their doctoral degree less than 4 years ago, to carry out a research project of 4-12 months at a U.S. university or research institution. Amount of grant is a maximum of 5 000 USD/month (maximum total 30 000 USD).
- **ASLA-Fulbright Research Grants for Senior Scholars**
A grant program for Finnish scholars, who have completed their doctoral degree more than 4 years ago, to carry out a research project of 3-12 months at a U.S. university or research institution. Amount of grant is a maximum of 5 000 USD/month (maximum total 30 000 USD).