



The Franco-American Commission Fulbright Program France \longleftrightarrow U.S.A

Facts and Figures



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J. William Fulbright

On August 1, 1946 President Harry Truman signed the "Fulbright Act" to create a new scholarship program. This program was named in honor of Senator J. William Fulbright who had originally proposed the idea.

The initial bilateral agreements that launched the program were signed by China and Burma in November and December of 1947. One year later, Greece, Belgium, the United Kingdom, and France were among the first countries in Europe to implement this new project, initially financed by proceeds from the sale of American Army surplus from WWII.

On October 22, 1948 France and the United States signed a cultural agreement to create "**The United States Educational Commission for France**", marking the debut of the Fulbright program in the country.

The Commission began work immediately and thanks to the decisive action of Gaston Berger, who later became the Assistant Secretary General of the Commission in 1949, was able to send 117 students, 8 teachers, and 14 French research scholars to the United States in exchange for 248 Americans during its first year.



Charles Bohlen, American Ambassador of the United States and Eric de Carbonel, Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Leslie Brady, American Cultural Affairs Officer, Jean Basdevant, Director of Cultural and Technical Affairs at the signing of the agreement. May 7, 1965.

In 1950 the Commission moved to its current location in the 16th arrondissement of Paris. Between 1949 and 1959 it awarded more than 5,000 grants.

The next big development came in 1965, when, due to the program's high success rate, the American and French governments agreed to a financial partnership that divided program costs evenly between the two nations.

The Commission was renamed "Franco-American Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange" to highlight this joint venture. Jean-Baptiste Duroselle, the famous professor of international relations, was appointed Director of the Commission.

In 1974 an advising center was added to the Commission in order to provide information to individuals interested in studying in the United States. The only center of its kind in France, it increased the visibility of the Commission, while simultaneously helping people prepare their mobility projects to the United States. Today, it is known as the **EducationUSA Advising Center**, and continues to work with both individuals and institutions. Perhaps most importantly, it is also the general public's point of contact with the Commission.

During the 1980s and 1990s, the Commission facilitated exchanges and developed partnerships between higher education and research institutions both in France and in the United States. The rhythm of these exchanges remains significant to this day despite regular budget restructuring. Since 2000, the program has continued to evolve and diversify. The renewed support of the Ministry of National Education and Higher Education and Research allowed for the creation of the Fulbright-Tocqueville Distinguished Chair program and an increase in the number of doctoral grants. The Commission has also developed a number of regional agreements and reinforced its partnerships with private foundations.

Today, the Commission is run by Arnaud Roujou de Boubée and awards approximately 150 grants per year (151 in 2015, to be exact).



American grantees in front the Coronelli globes at the *Bibliothèque Nationale de France*.

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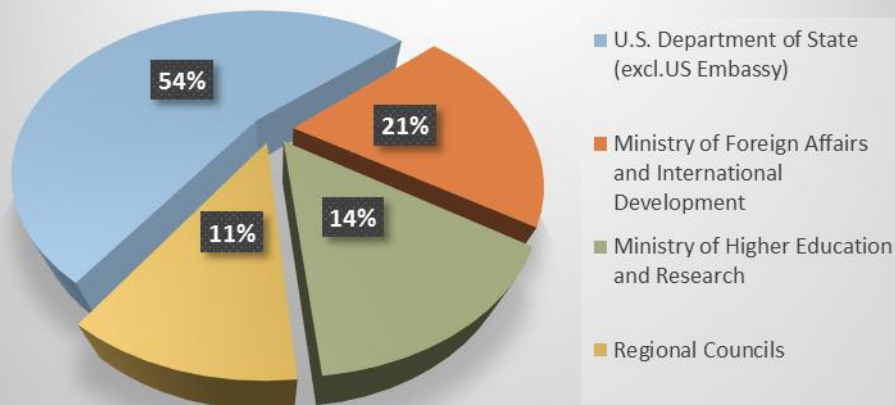
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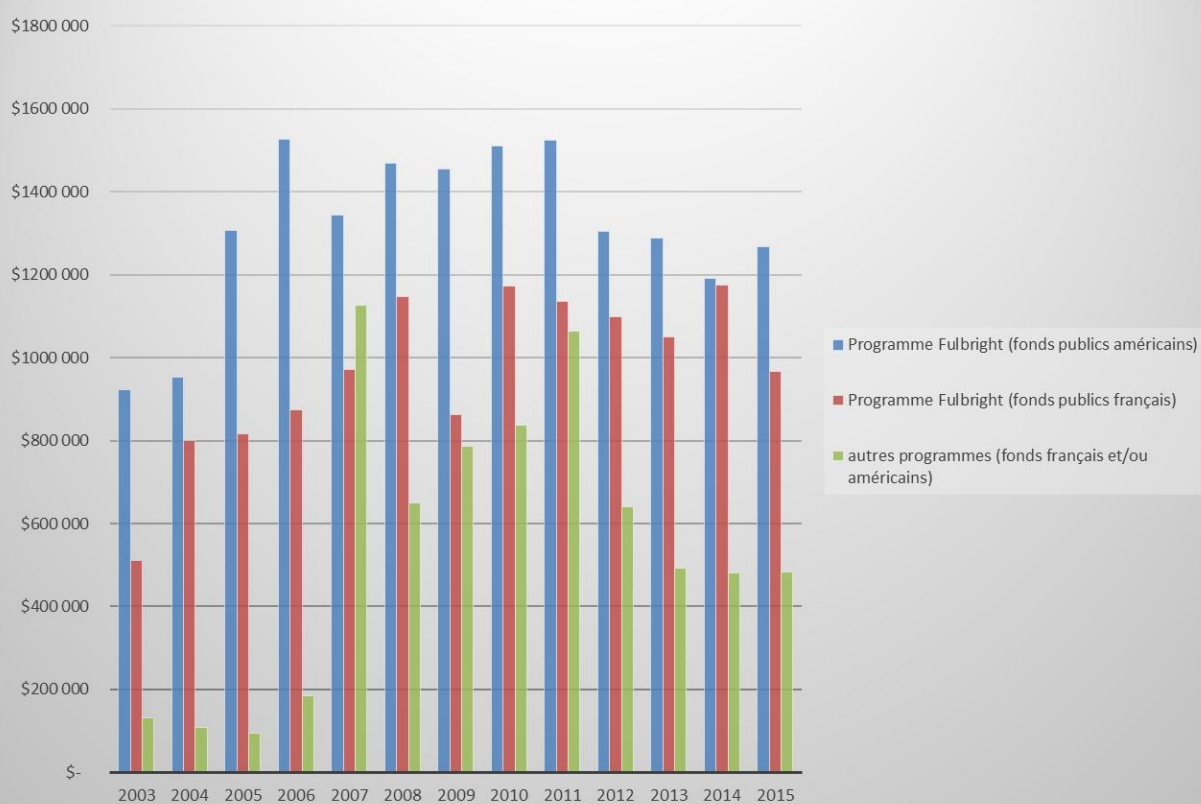
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FINANCING OF THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM (2003-2015)

PUBLIC SOURCES OF FUNDING (2015)



Public Sources of Funding for Fulbright and other grant programs (2003-2015)



THE ADVISING CENTER



The *EducationUSA* advising center's mission is to provide impartial information on the American higher education system and opportunities for study in the United States, important facts on required tests and admissions applications, and the various sources of educational funding open to the French public. A large range of services can be found online, at the Commission, or with any of its partner institutions. Each year, *EducationUSA* organizes information sessions in major university towns all over France. Additionally, the advising center is regularly invited to participate in a variety of international education fairs.

Available Services

- Website : www.fulbright-france.org
- The advising center library contains a number of resources with information on how to prepare a year of study in the United States, scholarships, internships, summer jobs, au pair opportunities, intensive English classes and more.
- Facebook page, Twitter account, Youtube channel, and webchats.
- Personalized appointments upon request: individual consultations at the Commission, over the phone, or by email.
- Information Sessions on a variety of topics: Undergraduate study, Master's degrees, MBAs, visas, internships, and much more.
- Professional workshops.



Information Session

GRANTS



& Partners

The Fulbright Program provides financial support to French and American students, doctoral students, teachers, researchers, and artists.

Total number of Fulbright grantees from 1948 to 2015

French grantees:	11,501
American grantees:	8,339
Total	19,840

Total number of grantees from 2015 to 2016

French grantees:	88
American grantees:	61
Total	149

The Commission works with a number of private foundations to increase the amount of funding for study and research in the United States. They include: The George Lurcy Foundation, The Monahan Foundation, The Arthur Sachs Endowment Fund at Harvard University, the Harvard Club of France, and Herbert Smith Freehills, LLP.

Boursiers	2015			2014		
	Etats-Unis	France	Total	Etats-Unis	France	Total
Programmes Fulbright traditionnels (Etudiants et chercheurs)						
Chercheurs (général et régional)	18	16	34	14	12	26
Doctorants et artistes	8	13	21	7	13	20
BA/BS-MA/MS	4	0	4	7	0	7
Candidats à un diplôme	7	11	18	3	12	15
Extensions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Programmes Fulbright traditionnels	37	40	77	31	37	68
Autres Programmes Fulbright						
Senior specialists	3	0	3	3	0	3
Assistants de langue	10	27	37	5	27	32
Fulbright Schuman (Union Européenne)	0	0	0	0	1	1
Scholar in Residence	0	0	0	0	1	1
International education Administrators	11		11	11		11
Total Autres Programmes Fulbright	24	27	51	19	29	48
Autres programmes de bourses						
séminaires d'été (environnement et entrepreneuriat social)	0	2	2	0	4	4
Séminaires d'été (enseignants du secondaire et du supérieur)	0	3	3	0	5	5
Boursiers des fondations privées non Fulbright	0	16	16	0	32	32
Total autres programmes de bourses	0	21	21	0	41	41
Total général	61	88	149	50	107	157
<i>Total général année précédente</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>107</i>	<i>157</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>109</i>	<i>160</i>
variation	22%	-18%	-5%	-2%	-2%	-4%

GRANTS

France → USA

Researchers

- Core Research Program
- Regional Programs: Alsace, Aquitaine, Nord Pas de Calais
- European Program: Fulbright-Schuman

Students

- Bac + 1, Bac + 2 : Summer Seminars for Young European Leaders
- Bac + 3/4 : French language teaching assistants in the United States
- Bac + 4/5 : Masters and PhDs in the United States
- Doctoral Candidates: doctoral research

Teachers

- Summer Seminar on American Culture

USA → France

Researchers

- Fulbright-Tocqueville Distinguished Chair
- Core Research Program, Fulbright-EHESS Postdoctoral grant
- Regional Programs: Alsace, Aquitaine, Nord-Pas de Calais, Rhône-Alpes
- Fulbright specialists
- European Program: Fulbright-Schuman

Students

- English language teaching assistant in underprivileged public school environment
- BA/BS, MA/MS for a degree or research project
- Doctoral Candidates
- Artists

Higher Education Administrators

- International Education Administrators Program

Eligibility, calendar, and application forms available at www.fulbright-france.org

GRANTS

Research Scholar Program: USA ↔ France

The Research Scholar Program is for French and American professional researchers. Grants are awarded to projects from three to six months (up to twelve months for our regional programs).

For the core program, there are many initiatives in place in order to increase available funding:

- French higher education institutions can invite a lecturer and researcher for one semester. This is known as the Fulbright-Tocqueville Distinguished Chair Award.
(USA → France only)
- Regional programs have been established in Alsace, Aquitaine, Nord-Pas de Calais, and Rhône-Alpes. Institutions in these regions can invite an American colleague and help finance their stay during their time abroad.
(USA ↔ France)
- Thanks to the combined financial support of the U.S. Department of State and the European Union, the Schuman Fulbright grant provides opportunities to teach and do research in the United States or in Europe on the development of the EU, EU policies, and the US-EU transatlantic agenda.
(USA ↔ EU)

STUDENT PROGRAMS: FRANCE → USA

Over the past few years, the Fulbright Program has launched many new initiatives aimed at increasing the age-range and diversity of the scholars who participate in the program. Thanks to these new programs, the Commission is able to offer a wide range of funding from Bac+1 to doctoral study. Our private partner foundations offer financing for graduate students who want to earn a master's degree or PhD in the US.

Bac+1, Bac+2: Summer Seminars for European Student Leaders. Two grantees are selected to spend five weeks in the United States in a professional environment while simultaneously learning about American culture and, of course, benefiting from an intensive English course. This program targets students from 21 countries in Europe who are in good academic standing, are from lower-middle class socio-economic backgrounds, and who have interests in entrepreneurship, social activism, the environment, or education.

The 2015 Summer Seminars are hosted at Kansas State University and Indiana University.

Bac+3/4: French Language Teaching Assistants in American universities. This program is open to individuals who have already earned their bachelor's degree (in different fields) or will have their

bachelor's degree before they depart. Grantees gain first-hand experience as a language teaching assistant (15-20 hours/week) and experience student life in the United States (with the opportunity to take two university classes per week) at a diverse range of American universities located "off the beaten path."

The Lévy-Despas Scholarship (\$30,000) selects one French student per year to work as a French language teaching assistant (10 hours/week) and take classes at Amherst College in Massachusetts.

Master/Doctorate

The Traditional Fulbright Student Program helps fund French students who plan on earning a master, double degree, or doctoral degree in any field in the United States.

Our partner, The **Monahan Foundation**, finances scholarships in the hard sciences while **The George Lurcy Educational Trust** awards study and research grants in social sciences and the arts. The **Arthur Sachs Endowment Fund at Harvard** is reserved for students who will attend Harvard.

The total number of scholarships for each school year varies. The amount, between \$20,000 and \$45,000, depends on the type of project, the collaborating institution and the destination. **Scholarships are also available for young artists.**

Doctoral

This program funds research trips to the US for French doctoral students who are working on their thesis. Grants last from 4-12 months and range from \$1,500 and \$2,000 per month depending on the project. Since 2010, the doctoral program has been open to all fields.

STUDENT PROGRAMS: USA → FRANCE

The types of American student profiles that qualify for Fulbright grants are as follows:

Graduating College Seniors

For candidates who are in their final year of college, a Fulbright grant can be a final academic project that will lead to immense personal and academic growth. Internships in the sciences as well as independent research projects are the most common types of scholarships. Grants last 8 months.

English Teaching Assistants in "Priority Education Zones"

The Commission recruits six English language teaching assistants interested in teaching in underprivileged "Priority Education Zones" in France. Fulbright teaching assistants are placed in schools that focus on providing equal opportunities. Grants last 7 months.

Candidates for Masters Degrees in France

The Commission encourages motivated American students to enroll in a master's program in a French university. Grants last 10 months.

Doctoral Students and Artists

American doctoral students constitute 40% of Fulbright grantees. The program is open to doctoral students of all disciplines who wish to do research in France for their thesis. Grants last 9 months.

These scholarships are also available to young artists.

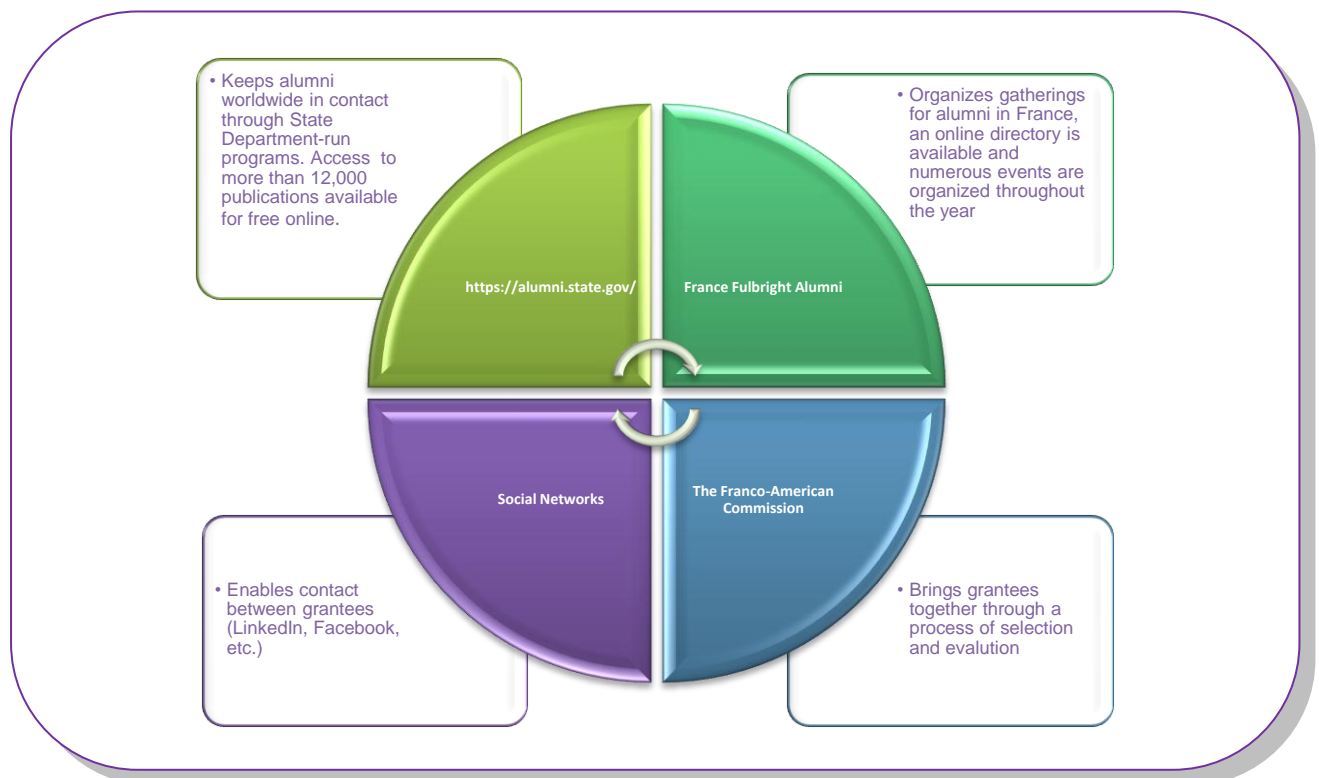
Programs for Teachers: France → USA

Informational summer programs on American culture for secondary school teachers (IA, IPR, English). Five weeks to discover and study in the United States to study.

Enrichment programs

- French grantees are invited to our orientation workshops in Paris before they depart.
- The Commission also helps French grantees obtain their visas for the US.
- In the United States, our partner agencies IIE and CIES propose numerous programs designed to help French grantees integrate into American life. They reinforce the Fulbright network through thematic seminars and the development of connections with the American academic community.
- In France, the Commission organizes receptions and gatherings for American grantees to meet one another. Seminars in Brussels or Berlin allow them to meet their European counterparts.
- The Intercountry Lecturing program awards financial assistance to American Fulbright Scholars residing in Europe so they can participate in symposiums or conferences in surrounding European countries.

Alumni Network



CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Programs: Events organized by the Commission for our grantees

In House Events/web: On-site Informational Workshops

Off-site Outreach Events

France Fulbright Alumni: Activities organized by the France Fulbright Alumni Association

Programs	In House Events/web	Outreach Events	France Fulbright Alumni
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 1: application deadline for French scholars and doctoral candidates February 2-3: mid-year meeting for US grantees February 25: Inaugural lecture by Fulbright-Tocqueville Distinguished Chair William Weeks at Aix-Marseille University March: Interview committees for doctoral candidates and scholars April 5: Inaugural lecture by Fulbright-Tocqueville Distinguished Chair Timothy Deming at Bordeaux University June 18-22: Fulbright European meeting in Helsinki June 27-29: Orientation for French grantees at the US Embassy September 29-30: Orientation for U.S Grantees at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 1: Application deadline for US applicants to the scholars program October 9-23: Fulbright International Education administrators Program (Rennes-Paris-Strasbourg) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 17: international Students Day (virtual fair) February 24: Presentation of Maine College of Art April 15: orientation for French departing students May 18: orientation for French departing students June 9: orientation for French departing students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 10: Information session in Aix-Marseille-Manosque March 12: Studyrama Fair on Masters' degree programs March 15: Information session at Lycée Honoré de Balzac, Paris March 29: Information session at Caen University April 9: participation in AUP Educational Fair Last Friday morning of the month: Information session at CIDJ, Quai Branly, Paris 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 9: AEIF Competition starts February 18: Café FFA: Les Oscars February 23: Annual General Meeting March 9: AEIF Competition deadline May 3: Farewell Wine and Cheese for US grantees June 28: Fulbright Alumni Prize Giving Ceremony Event



The many faces of our Fulbright scholars



The Fulbright Program
has nearly 360,000
alumni around the
world.

53 of these alumni have
won Nobel Prizes.

The Franco-American
Fulbright Commission
has run this prestigious
program between
France and the United
States for 68 years and
has awarded close to
20,000 grants.

With the help of its
partners,
the Franco-American
Fulbright Commission
was able to support
145 projects in 2015
in amounts ranging
from
\$1,000
to
\$45,000.

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