

INTERNATIONAL FULBRIGHT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AWARD ACADEMIC YEAR 2008-2009

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) is pleased to announce the opening of the FY 2008 worldwide competition for the International Fulbright Science and Technology Award for outstanding foreign students.

The International Fulbright Science and Technology award is for Ph.D. study at top U.S. institutions in science, technology, or engineering.

Approximately 25 awards will be competed worldwide for candidates who demonstrate unique aptitude and innovation in scientific fields.

The Bureau is now soliciting nominations for candidates to participate in the FY 2008 International Fulbright Science and Technology Program. Grantees will be enrolled for Ph.D. study at top U.S. universities in the fields of science, technology, or engineering. The International Fulbright Science and Technology Award is a worldwide program.

ELIGIBLE FIELDS

- aeronautics and astronautics/aeronautical engineering,
- astronomy/planetary sciences,
- biology,
- biomedical engineering,
- chemistry,
- computer sciences/engineering,
- energy,
- engineering (electrical, chemical, civil, mechanical, ocean, and petroleum),
- environmental science/engineering,
- geology/earth and atmospheric sciences,
- information sciences/engineering,
- materials science/engineering,
- mathematics,
- neuroscience/brain and cognitive sciences,
- oceanography
- physics.

FUNDING

The Office of Academic Exchange Programs (ECA/A/E) will fund grants for up to three years for this competition. All grantees will receive tuition, a monthly stipend, health and accident coverage, a book and equipment allowance, professional conference allowance, travel support, and specially tailored enrichment activities,

After three years, U.S. universities will be expected to cover the remaining expenses toward completion of a Ph.D.

ELIGIBILITY

- Citizenship of countries where there is an active Fulbright Foreign Student Program
- Have a strong academic background in the sciences
- Hold an undergraduate degree awarded on or before August 1, 2008
- Demonstrate English Proficiency with a recent TOEFL score (or equivalent) of 580 or higher

A GRE General Exam score report will be required for nominees prior to presentation to U.S. screening committees. A nominee is expected to achieve a quantitative score of at least 700. (Note, a GRE Subject Exam score report will also be needed for all selected candidates in the following fields of study: biology; biochemistry, cell, and molecular biology; chemistry; computer science; mathematics; and physics.) Test vouchers for all exams will be provided for all nominees. Nominees should be registered for exams as soon as possible after nomination. Test scores should be sent to IIE by August 1, 2007.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Each applicant will be required to submit an online application at <https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/international> along with all supporting documents.

A complete application includes:

- An online application which includes:
- a clearly written research objective
- a professional resume
- three letters of reference
- official (or scanned and attached to the online application) academic transcripts from each post-secondary institution attended
- English language test scores (when available)
- GRE General and GRE subject exam test scores (when available)

COMPETITION DEADLINE

Italian candidates are required to submit by **May 7 2007** the complete application dossier to the Commission for Cultural Exchange Between Italy and the United States (The U.S. Italy Fulbright Commission) -Via Castelfidardo 8, 00185 Roma – Tel. 06/4888.211 – Fax 06/4815680 – email: info@fulbright.it – www.fulbright.it

NOMINATION

After the initial screening of candidates the Fulbright Commission will proceed to nominate up to two principals and one alternate candidate by June 15, 2007. Nominees' applications will be presented for review to the U.S. based Selection Committee by July 2, 2007.

U.S. SCREENING AND SELECTION

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) will review all principal and alternate nominees. Nominees from each country will be presented for review to a U.S.-based selection committee, which will include prominent academics and professionals in the appropriate scientific fields. In addition, IIE will conduct a technical review of all nominee applications. Should a principal nominee not meet eligibility requirements, the Fulbright Commission will be informed that the principal has been disqualified, provided with a justification for disqualification, and the alternate nominee will be upgraded to principal nominee status. Final selection will be made by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FBS).

Selection of principal and alternate nominees will be determined by September 30, 2007. Candidates will be notified of their status by October 15, 2007. (Note, nominees not selected for this award may be considered for the Fulbright Foreign Student Program.)

U.S. UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT

IIE will be responsible for placement of all Fulbright Science and Technology award recipients. IIE will work closely with the recipients and ECA to ensure the best placement available for field of study and research interests. ECA will approve all final placements.

VISA SPONSORSHIP

Grantees will receive J-1 visa sponsorship under the Fulbright Student Program for up to five years. After five years, if necessary, ECA will transfer sponsorship to the host university assuming satisfactory continuing progress toward Ph.D. completion. Grantees not able to secure an entry visa to arrive in time for their program start date may lose their fellowships.

Selected candidates must provide IIE with a valid passport prior to the issuance of Form DS-2019.