



**HARVARD** DIVINITY SCHOOL

Office of Career Services

# Fulbright U.S. Student Program and Harvard Traveling Fellowships Preview for the HDS Class of 2024

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# Fulbright and Harvard Traveling Fellowship Overviews

Preview information is subject to  
change or updates. Watch for  
official announcements!



## Common Denominators: Fulbright U.S. Student Program and Harvard Traveling Fellowships (Kennedy/Knox/Sheldon)

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- Merit-based awards providing one academic year (September-June) of funding for **research** or study abroad
- Candidates for these fellowships should have an outstanding academic record, a feasible and well-defined project, and good standing within their school
- Core applications require application essay or statement of purpose, official transcripts, 2-3 recommendations, and a CV or resume
- Require evaluation by HDS Fellowship Committee
- HDS application deadline set approximately one month earlier than published Fulbright or Harvard Committee on General Scholarships deadlines
- May not be deferred

# Fulbright U.S. Student Program

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- Competition is now open 2024-2025 awards
- Must be US citizen at the time of application
- Approximately 140 participating countries and 1900 U.S. Students receive awards; wise to review numbers of applications vs. fellowships granted by country
- Applicants discouraged from applying to countries where they have extensive living/learning experience
- Language evaluations required for non-English speaking countries  
Small number of 'critical language awards' available.
- Affiliation letters important!
- Three step evaluation process (HDS, Regional U.S. Boards, In country)
- **HDS application deadline (Noon Friday September 8) is before Fulbright final national deadline (October 10) and an interview will be required**
- Candidates will receive notifications as to whether they have advanced to the in-country evaluation process in late January/early February: final decisions will vary by country from March-June
- Alumni may apply as 'At Large' candidates

# Harvard Traveling Fellowships- Kennedy/Knox/Sheldon

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- Announcement for 2024-2025 awards will be made Fall 2023
- Awarded in the form of a stipend and can be combined with other sources of funding subject to the approval of the Harvard Committee on General Scholarships
- Graduate students must have already completed one full year of graduate study at Harvard at the time of application
- Alumni not eligible to apply
- Common application form for the three awards; no interview required
- Two step evaluation process (HDS, Committee on General Scholarships)
- Competition administered separately to students in each of the Harvard graduate schools and application deadlines will vary by school
- HDS application deadline (mid January) will be approximately one month before Committee deadline (mid February): candidates receive decisions mid to late April
- The application requires a proposal timeline and anticipated budget in addition to pieces common to Fulbright

# Getting Started

- Consider locations and possible affiliates
  - Review websites and application requirements
  - Discuss proposal options with faculty advisor and potential recommenders
  - Register early as an HDS student on the Fulbright site for announcements and updates
  - Develop personal timeline for assembling application
- ★ Meet with Susan Lawler/Career Services for strategy or process guidance → [careers@hds.harvard.edu](mailto:careers@hds.harvard.edu)

# For More Information

- Watch the [HDS Introduction to Fellowships](#) video
- [Fulbright- U. S. Student Program Awards](#) are sponsored by the U.S. State Department and administered by the Institute of International Education
- [Harvard Traveling Fellowships](#) (Kennedy/Knox/Sheldon) are administered by the Harvard Committee on General Scholarships:
- HDS Office of Career Services information on [MyHDS](#) and in the [Hired](#) Document Library will detail internal and external application deadlines and Tip Sheet resources including:

Resources for Finding Fellowships

Applying to Fellowships: The Personal Statement

Asking Faculty for Recommendation Letters

Writing a CV or Resume



Questions???

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