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## SELECTING THE BEST WORLDWIDE

"People-to-people diplomacy, created through international education and exchanges, is critical to our national interests. Americans who study abroad expand their global perspective and become more internationally engaged. Foreign students and individuals who participate in citizen exchanges return home with a greater knowledge of our democratic institutions and America's enduring values." – Secretary of State Colin Powell

- Each year, approximately 4,500 U.S. students apply for approximately 1,000 fellowships in all fields of study.
- U.S. Student Program applicants undergo a competitive selection process including review of their
  project proposals and applications by the Fulbright National Screening Committee and the relevant
  supervising agency abroad; final approval is conferred by the presidentially-appointed J. William
  Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. Selection is based on the applicant's academic or professional
  record, language preparation, the feasibility of the proposed study project and personal qualifications.
- In an average year, successful U.S. applicants represent more than 425 public and private institutions; other students receive grants after completion of their studies.
- Foreign students must be nominated for the Fulbright Program by the official binational Fulbright Commissions or binational committees established at U.S. embassies abroad; successful candidates are then selected for participation by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.
- Recent American Fulbright grantees include a former Green Beret, a White House Fellow and one of Glamourrmer Green Beret, a Whib.c6aw.b.c6aw.bine

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