

MarymountManhattan

THE FULBRIGHT ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP



Fulbright English Teaching Assistant (ETA) grants support students who love to teach and want to learn a foreign language not ordinarily taught in a U.S. college or university. Students must be U.S. citizens to apply; they should have a GPA of 3.3+.

FULBRIGHT AWARDS – DEFINITIONS

- **The Fulbright ETA (English Teaching Assistant) grant** places Fulbrighters in classrooms abroad. ETAs provide assistance to instructors who teach English to non-native speakers; they often lead group conversations in English. ETAs also serve, more broadly, as cultural ambassadors for the United States. The age and academic level of classroom students varies by country, ranging from kindergarten to university level.

AWARD BENEFITS

- Round-trip transportation to the host country
- Room, board, and incidental costs, based on the cost of living in the host country
- Accident & sickness health benefits

CANDIDATES

- Ideal candidates have had *some* international travel experience, though this is not required; preference is given to students who have not had *extensive* experience living in a foreign country.
- Ideal candidates have had *some* teaching experience, including teaching the arts (dance, theatre, music, etc.). Mentors and camp counselors also make strong applicants.
- Students who have had experience teaching English or who have the TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language), TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language), or CELTA (Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) certificates are strongly encouraged to apply.

DISTINCTION BETWEEN “CAMPUS DEADLINE” AND “NATIONAL DEADLINE”:

- **The Campus Deadline:** the date by which a student must have completed a polished version of her application and must have selected and gained the approval of her Referees. She may continue to work on her application until shortly before the National Deadline. She conducts an interview with the Campus Evaluation Committee (CEC) between the Campus Deadline and the National Deadline. All students must meet the Campus Deadline to have their applications recommended by the CEC.
- **The National Deadline** is the date by which all application materials must have been received Fulbright organizations. **This deadline is never extended.**

MEET THE MARYMOUNT MANHATTAN COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO HAVE RECEIVED FULBRIGHT ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS



LEFT: Annabelle Royer, '13, completed majors in English and World Literatures and in Education. She received the Alpha Chi Award during her Senior Year. Shortly thereafter, she moved to Taiwan, where she took up her post as a Fulbright Teaching Assistant for AY 2013-14. In the picture to the left, Annabelle is teaching her students how to read English. In the meantime, she became fluent in Mandarin.

RIGHT: Ricardo Soares, '12, was an International Studies major / Economics minor at MMC. He received an AY 2012-13 Fulbright English Teaching Assistant grant for Macau. "I chose to teach in Macau with the intent to learn more about its culture and history, and to study it as a model for successful socio-economic development," said Soares. "I am profoundly interested in this paradigm and hope to examine and study it in considerable depth — first, in Macau and later, in graduate school. I plan to use this opportunity to learn from the people of Macau and, at the same time, to share my experiences with them."



LEFT: Maria Andrews, '17, International Studies and Dance double major, served as an ETA in Malaysia from January to November 2018. Maria noted, "Marymount Manhattan College has shown me the variety of opportunities available for motivated students looking for field experience and has equipped me with the tools to succeed in any path I choose."

RIGHT: Madison Weisend, '20, a double major in International Studies and Politics Human Rights, and a Gold Key recipient in both majors, received a Fulbright U.S. Student Program Award for an English Teaching Assistantship in South Korea in AY 2020-21. She began her service in January 2021.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FULBRIGHT ETA GRANTS, PLEASE CONTACT:
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TO START YOUR APPLICATION:

- Consult with your faculty adviser about your plan.
- Read up on the Fulbright application process and familiarize yourself with the Fulbright website
- Download and complete a *Pre-Application for Fulbright Awards* from the External Student Scholarships website on the MMC homepage. Forward it, along with all of the supplementary documents, to Prof. Bell. You will meet regularly with Prof. Bell as you prepare your application.
- Attend Information Sessions on Fulbright Awards.
- Consult with Dean Tseday Alehegn, Executive Director of Academic Operations & Study Abroad Coordinator, on study abroad programs. Email: talehegn@mmm.edu.