

Free Webinar

An Insider's Guide to Fulbright for English Teachers

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Perhaps you've heard that UMBC has been named a Fulbright Top Producing Institution? If you're interested in applying for a Fulbright U.S. Student award to teach English, conduct research, or pursue graduate studies overseas, join us for a conversation between Leah and Brian that will address questions you may have, such as: How do I decide which country and/or award type to apply for? What are the steps of the application process? What activities should I get involved with now to have a competitive application? What should I emphasize in my application essays? What are a grantee's day-to-day responsibilities in their host country?



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Leah Ginty is an alumnus of the 2019-2020 Fulbright U.S. Student Program. As an English teaching assistant in Benin, she co-taught English lessons with local teachers in secondary schools, English clubs, and U.S. embassy-sponsored programs. During the 2016-2017 school year she held a similar role in Guadeloupe through the Teaching Assistant Program in France (TAPIF). Leah earned an M.A. in TESOL with PreK-12 certification from UMBC in 2019. During that time, she interned in two Howard County schools and developed an ESL narrative writing program for a school in Montgomery County. She was an interviewer in UMBC's 2020-2021 Fulbright panels. In 2016, she earned an M.A. in French Literature from Boston College, where she had been a French teaching fellow and research travel grantee. She graduated from UMBC *summa cum laude* in 2014 with a major in MLLI (French), a certificate in Gender + Women's Studies, and a minor in music.



Brian V. Souders, '09, '19 has served as UMBC's Fulbright Program Advisor since 2009. He has worked with hundreds of UMBC students on their applications for Fulbright and other prestigious scholarships during that time. He has also served on the executive board of the National Association of Fellowships Advisors, the professional organization of fellowships advisors. He currently teaches EDUC 666: Cross-cultural Communication for ESOL in the UMBC TESOL MA program. He lived two years in Finland – as a high school exchange student, and later as a Finnish Ministry of Education Scholarship recipient. He attended two intensive Russian-language study programs in Moscow, and worked for a year in Tallinn, Estonia as a research affiliate with the Estoniana Academy of Sciences under the auspices of the Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) graduate fellowship program.

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