The Fulbright Program is an exchange program between the United States and over 160 partner countries; among them is also Switzerland. It is administered by the U.S. State Department. The programs in Switzerland:

- Fulbright Swiss Student Grant (8 to 10 per year)
- Fulbright Visiting Scholar Grant (max 2 per year)
- Fulbright Specialist Program (max 3 per year)
- U.S. Fulbright Students (11 per year)
- English Teaching Assistant (2 or 3 per year)

Currently around 600 alumni from Switzerland and the United States
Fulbright Foreign Student and Visiting Scholar Programs

Grant of up to $20,000 for a full academic year

In Switzerland only students and scholars with Swiss citizenship can apply.
Fulbright Foreign Student Program

• Study or do research at any university in the United States
• 4 to 10 months
• Support in applications to the U.S. universities
• J1 visa (also for scholars)
• Orientation and pre-departure meetings (also for scholars)
• Network meetings in the U.S.
• Alumni network (also for scholars)
Fulbright Foreign Student Program

Eligibility
• Swiss citizenship (If you hold another citizenship, you must contact the Fulbright Commission or U.S. Embassy in the country of your citizenship.)
• hold an undergraduate degree from a university or a university of applied sciences completed by summer/fall 2025
• English proficiency with a TOEFL iBT score of 100 or higher
In the following cases, you are not eligible to apply:

• You hold dual citizenship with the U.S., are a resident of the U.S., or hold a “green card.”
• You will not have completed a bachelor’s degree (or equivalent) by summer 2025.
• You plan to start your U.S. studies earlier than the fall semester of 2025.
• You will have a Ph.D. degree before fall 2025.
• You intend to pursue an internship, residency, or research at a U.S. school of medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine.
• You have applied for or have been admitted to a program outside of the Fulbright program
• You are currently studying, researching, or lecturing at a U.S. university.
• You are currently living or working in the United States.
Selection: special preference will be given to candidates:

- who show good academic performance, but who also have a sincere interest in getting to know the U.S. culture and values;
- who are socially engaged in community service, volunteer activities etc, and are ready to meet new people and engage in new experiences;
- who are open to universities that are not ivy league or that are outside the popular destinations. This can also lead to lower college fees or waivers.
Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program

• A non-degree, post-doctoral award program for researchers, university lecturers and experts from academic institutions in Switzerland who wish to conduct post-doctoral research, lecture, or pursue combined lecturing and research in the United States.
• All candidates must currently be affiliated with a university or research institution in Switzerland.
• Three to ten months for research and/or teaching in all fields at any recognized institution of higher education in the United States.
The program provides the opportunity

• to establish professional contacts in their field and make long-lasting friendships with colleagues in the U.S.;
• to develop collaborative research relationships with U.S. scholars;
• and to enhance scholarly publications and other contributions with research conducted in the U.S.
Eligibility Requirements

• Swiss citizenship (if not, please apply in the country of your citizenship)
• Doctoral degree or equivalent professional training or experience at the time of application. For professionals and artists outside academe, recognized professional standing and substantial professional accomplishment is expected.
• A detailed project statement or proposed activity at a U.S. institution
• English proficiency
Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program

In the following cases, you are not eligible to apply:

• You hold dual citizenship with the United States, are a resident of the United States, or hold a “green card.”
• You have not obtained a Ph.D. degree, or are not expecting to obtain a Ph.D. degree, before fall 2025.
• You have recent U.S. experience (more than an aggregate period of 9 months in the United States during the past 5 years)
• You have already applied/you are planning to apply for a stipend from the Swiss National Science Foundation for your project in the U.S.
• You are currently living, working, studying, researching, or lecturing at a U.S. university.
Fulbright Visiting Scholar & Student Grant

How to apply
Applications can be submitted through the SwissUniversities (https://www.swissuniversities.ch/en/services/scholarships-for-study-abroad/grants-for-the-usa/)

Applications have opened in April 2024, deadline August, 5, 2024. The final selection result will be announced at the end of September 2024.
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