

Name of the program

English Teaching Assistant Award

1. Program description

The U.S.-Mexico Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange (COMEXUS), along with the Mexican and U.S. governments, is interested in supporting English language teaching and learning in Mexico.

Fulbright English Teaching Assistants are placed in Mexican public institutions to support English language learning for 20 to 25 hours per week for nine months. In addition to assisting English teachers in their host institution, grantees are expected to serve as cultural ambassadors for U.S. culture, actively engage with their host community, and foster mutual understanding between U.S. and Mexican cultures. For grantees to further engage with their host community, they are expected to undertake a supplementary project for 10 to 15 hours per week.

Fulbright grants in Mexico are also known as "Fulbright-García Robles" grants.

Security Policy

The commission follows the recommendations of both the Mexican government and the U.S. Embassy Travel Warnings when placing US Fulbright grantees in Mexico. This may mean that placement will be restricted in certain states or areas of Mexico depending upon these recommendations.

See U.S. Department of State webpage for detailed information:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/mexico-travel-advisory.html>

2. Eligibility

- U.S. citizen.
- Fluent Spanish.
- Minimum degree: B.S./B.A. by program start.

- Must not be living or working in Mexico during the application process.
- Double citizenship candidates can compete for a grant.

3. Requirements

- Filled out application: Please complete all required fields and upload all required documents.
- Program Information: On the Program Information page, applicants must provide a Summary of Proposal explaining their motivation for pursuing an ETA grant, their interest in the host country, and their plans for engagement and post-grant goals.
- Statement of Grant Purpose: The Statement of Grant Purpose should clearly describe what you will be able to bring to the classroom in the host country, as well as explain any ideas you have on how to reach students coming from a different pedagogical tradition.
- Foreign Language Form: For Mexico, the required language level is advanced, and applicants must demonstrate sufficient proficiency to complete their project. All applicants must submit both the Language Self-Evaluation and the Foreign Language Evaluation (completed by a qualified evaluator). Failure to submit these forms will result in the application being considered ineligible.
- Recommendations: Applicants must submit three recommendations from individuals who can speak to their academic and professional preparation, adaptability, community engagement, and potential as cultural ambassadors. For the English Teaching Assistant Program, recommenders do not submit letters; they must complete the official recommendation form provided by IIE in full.
- Transcripts: You must provide transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions from which you received degrees. Transcripts must also be submitted from other institutions where you studied and received 12 or more credits for coursework where the credits are not reflected as transfer credits on your undergraduate transcript.

The following short answers are part of the application and must be completed by all applicants, in alignment with the Fulbright Program's mission of fostering mutual understanding through cultural exchange:

- Flexibility & Adaptability
- Community Engagement
- Impact of Fulbright Award

Applicants are encouraged not to repeat information provided in other sections of the application.

4. Financial support

- Monthly maintenance
- One round-trip international air ticket for the grantee
- Fulbright medical benefit plan
- Commission's assistance with the visa paperwork

5. Important dates

Application Opens: March 31st, 2026

Application closes: October 6th, 2026 5:00 PM EST

Interview stage notification: All grantees will be required to attend a mandatory Welcome Orientation in Mexico City during the last week of August 2027, organized and sponsored by COMEXUS.

Program start date: September 1st, 2027

Program end date: May 31st, 2028

6. Contact information

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