

The Fulbright-RAF Scholar Award 2017-2018

The Fulbright-RAF (Romanian-American Foundation) Scholar Award in the field of Entrepreneurship & Product Development offers Romanian academics from technical universities and faculties the opportunity to hold a semester-long fellowship in residence at the University of Rochester – AIN Center for Entrepreneurship, for study and independent research, curriculum development, classroom observation and participation in community-based entrepreneurial activities.

The success of the program entails visionary professors committed to learning and implementing best practices in entrepreneurship education, as well as university administrators committed to supporting new programs for their students.

As part of the program, administrators from selected universities will be invited to visit the U.S. during the residency semester to learn about the grantees' experience and observe an active entrepreneurial ecosystem first hand.

Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

- hold Romanian citizenship; green card holders and persons with dual (Romanian and U.S.) citizenship are ineligible;
- hold a PhD degree and carry out regular teaching responsibilities;
- demonstrate interest and ability to fully participate in the educational experience and to implement entrepreneurship education upon return;
- show willingness to advance educational innovation through development of a national entrepreneurship education association;
- have the support* of their home university for achievement of high impact results for Romanian students;
- show a proficiency in English corresponding to the activities required by this type of program; a language proficiency test is not required.

*Home university administrators should submit the **University Letter of Support** (<http://bit.ly/2bUp3BE>) to confirm their support for scholar's participation in the program and also for implementation of entrepreneurship education opportunities upon his/her return.

The application deadline for grants in the academic year 2017-2018 is:
MONDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, 2016

Each applicant will be required to submit:

- an online application form (<https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/scholars/>);
- a personal statement uploaded to the online application;
- one letter of support, provided by your home university administrator/vice-rector or faculty dean using the standard form (<http://bit.ly/2bUp3BE>) directly uploaded to the online application, by **October 31st, 2016** (postmarked);
- the applicant's CV, along with a valid passport copy, plus dependent's valid passports (if need be), uploaded to the corresponding sections of the online application;

Selection Steps:

- applications are pre-screened for eligibility and completeness;
- the assessment of the projects is performed by Fulbright alumni and leading Romanian and U.S. scholars in the respective fields of expertise;
- the applicants recommended by reviewers will be invited to an in-person interview conducted in English by a bi-national panel, in January, 2017;
- the nominated finalists are subject to final approval by the Foreign Scholarship Board.

All the required documents must be submitted in English no later than **Monday, October 31st, 2016**. Applications or supporting materials received after the deadline will be deemed ineligible. Only online applications will be accepted. Before beginning an application, candidates should carefully check the requirements included in the **official announcement of the program** (<http://www.fulbright.ro/news/680-the-fulbright-raf-scholar-award-2017-2018>) and the application instructions.

For any questions concerning the application process, please contact us at: corina.danaila@fulbright.ro; office@fulbright.ro or techinno@RAFonline.org.