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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **FULBRIGHT GRANT COMPETITION OPENS**

#### **MISSOULA—**

The Institute of International Education, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, has announced the launch of the 2009-10 Fulbright U.S. Student Program competition. University of Montana students are encouraged to apply.

The program awards about 1,450 grants annually and currently operates in more than 140 countries. Fulbright English teaching assistantships now are available in 32 countries.

The grants generally provide funding for round-trip travel, maintenance for one academic year, health and accident coverage, and full or partial tuition.

Applicants to the Fulbright program must be U.S. citizens at the time of application and hold a bachelor's degree or the equivalent by the beginning of the grant. In the creative and performing arts, four years of professional training or experience meets this basic eligibility requirement.

Students currently enrolled at UM should call Professor Elizabeth Ametsbichler, UM Fulbright program adviser, at 406-243-5001 or e-mail [liz.ametsbichler@mso.umt.edu](mailto:liz.ametsbichler@mso.umt.edu) for information.

UM students must submit applications both electronically and in hard copy to

Ametsbichler by Tuesday, Sept. 30, to meet the IIE deadlines of Monday, Oct. 20, for electronic applications and Wednesday, Oct. 22, for hard copies.

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program does not require applicants to be currently enrolled in a college or university. Applications from young professionals interested in an international experience also are encouraged.

Since its inception in 1946, the Fulbright Program has provided more than 286,000 participants the opportunity to exchange ideas and embark on joint ventures of importance to the general welfare of the world's inhabitants. In the past 62 years, more than 108,000 students, scholars and teachers from the United States have benefited from the Fulbright experience.

For more information, visit <http://www.fulbrightonline.org>.

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