



**Restore the Fulbright Program at \$369.5 million for FY 2024**  
(**\$82m over \$287.5m for FY 2023**)

For more than 75 years, the Fulbright Program has strengthened U.S. national security by building alliances, partnerships, and goodwill in 165 countries. Fulbright is an efficient and effective national security and diplomatic tool that promotes American values and mutual understanding, funds American higher education, and leverages the investment of over \$100m from other countries.

**The Fulbright Program has lost 28.5% of its value since 2010,**  
**even after the \$12.5m increase for FY23.**

Congress saw the need to increase its investment in Fulbright after 12 years of flat funding. It recognized that inflation and new challenges (healthcare, American tuition costs) have diminished the Program's impact, prestige, and effectiveness. This increased investment was a good start.

Importantly, restoring funding to the 2010 level would accomplish the following:

1. **Counter China, which has filled the financial and leadership void** by funding many more scholars in their exchange program;
2. **Increase strategic investments**, such as boosting grants to NATO countries in response to Russian aggression;
3. **Recruit and fund diverse and representative candidates** with grants that have greater monetary value;
4. **Provide needed resources to Fulbright Commissions and US Embassies** to support grantees properly.

**The Fulbright Association, representing over 400,000 alumni worldwide, asks our friends in Congress to support an appropriation of \$369.5 million for FY 2024, restoring funding to the 2010 level.**

**Thank you for supporting the Fulbright Program,  
America's flagship connection to the world.**