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# Mathematics Opportunities

## Annual Competition for Fulbright Grants Opens

The United States Information Agency, the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, and the Institute of International Education announce the official opening on May 1, 1997, of the 1998-1999 competition for Fulbright Grants for graduate study or research abroad. The purpose of the grants is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the U.S. and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge, and skill.

An applicant must be a U.S. citizen at the time of application and hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent by the beginning date of the grant. All applicants are required to have sufficient proficiency in the language of the host country to carry out the proposed study or research. The grants provide travel, maintenance for the duration of the grant, a research allowance, and tuition waivers, if applicable.

Further information is contained in the brochure "Fulbright and Related Grants for Graduate Study and Research Abroad, 1998-99", available from the Institute of International Education, 809 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017; telephone 212-984-5327.

—from IEE News Release

Council is accepting proposals for collaborative research programs which link individual U.S. scientists with their counterparts in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

The grants awarded under this round of the Twinning Program will begin in September 1997 and run through December 1999. Subject to the availability of funding, support will be provided for travel and living expenses for research visits by U.S. grantees and junior scientists from the same institution to the three countries listed above, and for visits by their foreign counterparts to the U.S. Applicants may also request modest funding for scientific supplies, telecommunications fees, and publications costs.

Applications will be accepted from U.S. citizens, nationals of a possession of the U.S., or permanent residents. While scientists of any age are eligible, those who have received their doctoral degrees within the past six years or who are entering an international collaboration for the first time are strongly encouraged to apply. Grants will generally be in the \$12,000-\$15,000 range.

Applications must be postmarked no later than **May 16, 1997**. For further information, contact: Office for Central Europe and Eurasia (FO2014), National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20418; telephone 202-334-2644; fax 202-334-2614; e-mail [occe@nas.edu](mailto:occe@nas.edu).

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