

Fulbright Austria Chapter

“Chapter” is the new term! Starting a new chapter and getting that chapter off the group entails work. If you are ready for that challenge and commitment, then we have created this guideline to help you.

How do we define a chapter?

A chapter of Fulbright Austria is an initiative of the community to create a local branch in an area outside of Vienna, Austria. This initiative is supported by Fulbright Austria, organized and run by alum members, and needs to be voluntary and free of charge. We understand our alum community is dynamic, and we know there are a number of topics and fields the community is interested in—and that our events and activities might not always be able to dive deep enough into the needs of a particular group within our community. As a result, if you are interested in bringing together members of the community in your local area to exchange experience, swap know-how, or create thematically driven networking events, then a local chapter will be perfect.

Why have a chapter in the first place?

A chapter is perfect for a group of like-minded individuals to meet and exchange on a number of topics that in essence supports the community at large and upholds the Fulbright spirit. Be it helping newly arrived scholars acclimate to their new surroundings, creating visibility for the academic excellence of our grantees, raising money for a grant, or creating symposia on a particular topic; the options are endless.

What is the objective of a chapter?

A chapter should meet on a regular basis (a minimal frequency of two times per year), create activities to promote the Fulbright mission and support the community at large, take place online or in person, and be free of annual dues. Like Fulbright Austria, the chapter should also be committed to building meaningful relationships with Fulbright Austria current program participants, alums, partners, future Fulbrighters, and local community members.

What steps are needed before you start a chapter?

Once you decide to start a chapter, we require each chapter to:

- Sign a chapter agreement with Fulbright Austria
 - An agreement between both parties will define
 - the chapter’s relationship will be with Fulbright Austria,
 - the use of Fulbright Austria’s trademarks by a chapter,
 - guidelines for approval of events and activities prior to the event/activity,
 - the chapter’s yearly reporting and recording of their activities and officers, and
 - how a chapter status may be revoked.
- Name the organizers / contact persons
- Name the focus of the chapter (e.g. description & geography)
- Name the meeting location or define the setup of a varying-location meeting arrangement