Fulbright Scholar Program Opportunities

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Fulbright in Numbers

- **380,000+** Fulbrights awarded since 1946
- **800** U.S. Scholar grants annually
- **160** Participants countries
- **37** Heads of State or Government
- **59** Nobel Laureates
- **84** Pulitzer Prize recipients
- **71** MacArthur Fellows
- **16** Presidential Medal of Freedom recipients
Diversity and Inclusion

Fulbright strives to ensure that it reflects the diversity of U.S. society and societies abroad. We encourage the involvement of people from traditionally underrepresented audiences in all our grants, programs and other initiatives.

Opportunities are open to people regardless of their race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, geographic location, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.
Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

- Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program
- International Education Administrator Seminars
- Collaborative Research

Percentage of U.S. Scholars 2018-2019

- 93% Fulbright US Scholar Program
- 7% IEA Seminars
Eligibility for U.S. Scholar Programs

- U.S. citizenship
- Degree as required by award
  - Ph.D. or other terminal degree may be required
  - Many awards are open to applicants with a Master’s and professional or academic experience
  - Recent Master’s degree recipients and undergraduate degree holders are eligible for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program
- Open to professionals and artists outside academia with recognized standing and substantial accomplishments
- Teaching experience as required by award
- Candidates who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces are encouraged to apply
- New policies on previous Fulbright Scholar grants and waiting periods between grants
Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

- Supports teaching and/or research for two to 12 months
- Programs active in +130 countries
- For faculty, administrators and professionals
- Open to all disciplines
- Apply to specific award with proposed project
- Application deadline: September 16th
- Variety of host institutions

Percentage of U.S. Scholar Activity 2018-2019

- 41% Teaching
- 39% Teaching/Research
- 20% Research

Grant activity type

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The Power of International Education
Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship

- Opportunities for early and mid-career professionals and practitioners to Peru, Burma, Cote D’Ivoire, Ukraine
- Placed in a host country Ministry in a range of public policy areas. Affiliations with host ministries recommended and negotiated by U.S. Embassy
- Undertake an independent research project that focuses on a public policy-related issue
- Applicant profile: Graduate degree in a field applicable to public policy and 3-5 years of relevant full-time work experience
- Grant length: 4-9 months
- Application deadline: September 16
Fulbright Program Process

1. What do you want to do and/or where do you want to go?
2. Develop project and identify location
3. Apply
4. Peer Review and Selection

U.S. SCHOLAR PROGRAM
Selecting the Right Award

- Match your expertise, experience and proposal to the award description
- Regional experience and language ability
- Discipline preferences listed in the award
- Relevance of the project to the country; why will host country benefit from your project?
- Career level - early career, postdoctoral, mid-level, Distinguished Chair
A Fulbright that Works for You

**Flex option**
- Available in approximately 63 countries and 2 world areas
- Allows multiple visits over two years

**Awards throughout your career:**
- Postdoctoral awards
- Early Career
- Distinguished Chair

**Multi-country awards**

**Global Scholar Award**

**Home university affiliation is not required. Applications from artists and professionals, independent and emeriti scholars are welcomed!**
Application Resources

- Fulbright Scholar Program website and Catalog of Awards

Apply

- Application and Application Instructions
- Application Guidelines, Project Statement Guidance and Samples

Learn

- Webinars
- The Fulbright Scholar Blog

Connect

- MyFulbright
Application Components

- Application Form
- Project Statement
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Letters of Reference
- Additional components, depending on award
  - Course Outlines or Syllabi (for teaching awards)
  - Select Bibliography (for research awards)
  - Language Proficiency Report
  - Letter of Invitation
  - Supplemental materials for applicants in the Arts, Architecture, Writing and Journalism
Project Statement

- Your opportunity to lay out your proposed **project specifics** in as much detail as possible
- Why Fulbright and why this country/institution/organizations?
- Focus on what you plan to do; the specific courses you plan to teach/the methods and goals of your research
- Outcomes from the grant - impact on hosts, home institution and you
- How adaptable are you? How well will you deal with challenging situations?
Affiliations and Invitations

Host Institution:
- If a host is identified, it will be found under Location in the Catalog.
- When a host is not identified, there are several resources to help find an affiliation:
  - International office on your campus
  - U.S. and Visiting Fulbright Scholar Directory
  - Review award description for suggested hosts or resources

Letter of Invitation:
- Non-binding expression of interest from proposed host abroad
- Should come from person with whom you will be collaborating
- Should be on host institution letterhead
Submitting a Competitive Application

- Address the Fulbright goal of promoting mutual understanding
- Why you are interested in a Fulbright and why in your proposed host country
- Professional expertise and skills you can offer; benefits to the host institution and host country; exchange of knowledge and experience
- Cultural diplomacy; demonstrated flexibility, adaptability
- Outcomes, impact, and multiplier effect
  - for your professional development, home campus, students, field at large; for your host institution
  - future collaborations; linkages: personal, professional, institutional; plans for sustaining relationships
  - internationalizing campus and curriculum
Review Process and Timeline

**SEPT. 16**  
Application deadline

**SEPT.**  
Program staff conduct technical reviews for completeness

**OCT. - NOV.**  
U.S. peer review

**DEC.**  
Applicants notified of status - Recommended applications are sent to host countries and to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board

**JAN. – APR.**  
Grantees notified of final approvals

**MAY – onward**  
Grantees prepare for grants
Administrator Seminars

- International Education Administrator Seminars (IEA)
  - India – Aug. 1
  - Taiwan - Sept. 16
  - Japan, Korea- Nov. 1
  - France, Germany- Feb. 3
- Russia Community College Administrators Seminar
  - Oct. 15
Visiting (Non-U.S.) Scholar Programs

- Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program
- Fulbright Scholar-In-Residence (S-I-R) Program
- Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF)

Percentage of Visiting Scholars 2018-2019

96% Visiting Scholar Program
4% Scholar-In-Residence
Purpose and Application

Visiting Scholars from other countries engage in research and teaching activities on U.S. campuses.

Visiting Scholars apply through the Fulbright Commission or U.S. Embassy in their home countries.

Percentage of Visiting Scholar Activity 2018-2019

- Teaching: 88%
- Teaching/Research: 2%
- Research: 10%
Visiting Scholar Program

Brings scholars and professionals from abroad to campuses that do not often host visiting scholars.

Involves colleges and universities that serve student populations underrepresented in international exchange programs.

S-I-R grantees
- Primarily teach undergraduates
- Provide cross-cultural/international perspective

Application is made by the interested U.S. institution
- 1 semester or full academic year options

Deadline is November 1; Email: sir@iie.org
Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF)

- Travel grant for Fulbright Visiting Scholars already in the U.S. for short-term guest teaching
- Institutionally driven application by U.S. Host Institutions
- Scholars can meet, lecture and exchange ideas with
  - Faculty and students
  - Community organizations
  - K-12 schools
- View the online scholar directory for a list of 900+ scholars who are currently in country.
- Email: olf@iie.org
Other Fulbright Programs

- **Fulbright Arctic Initiative**
  - Collaborative research opportunity that brings together a network of scholars, professionals and applied researchers to research Arctic issues

- **Fulbright Specialist Program**
  - Short term program that promotes linkages between U.S. scholars and professionals and their counterparts at host institutions overseas

- **Fulbright U.S. Student Program**
  - Recent graduates, postgraduate candidates through dissertation level, developing professionals and artists to study and research abroad

- **Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program**
  - Principally for primary- and secondary-level educators

- **Fulbright-Hays Awards**
  - Faculty research, group projects and seminars in designated social sciences and humanities fields
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