Multiple Disciplines

Award Autogenerated Code
10094-UZ

Region
South and Central Asia

Country
Uzbekistan

Number of Grants
Up To 4

Researcher Monthly Stipend and Allowances
$3,870-$4,870

Teaching or Teaching/Research Award (Assistant Professor or Below) Monthly Stipend and Allowances
$4,640-$5,640

Teaching or Teaching/Research Award (Associate or Full Professor) Monthly Stipend and Allowances
$4,860-$5,860

Estimated Travel and Relocation Allowance
$5,900-$13,400

Estimated Book and Research Allowance
$1,500 books and educational materials allowance. Materials to be donated to the host institution (or other entity) upon grantees departure

Dependent Tuition Allowance
Up to $6,000 per child (up to two) or $12,000 per family for accompanying dependent children in grades K-12 is reimbursed for one semester, upon submission of receipts. Up to $12,000 per child (up to two) or $24,000 per family for accompanying dependent children in grades K-12 is reimbursed for two semesters, upon submission of receipts. Amount may be adjusted for shorter grant periods. Reimbursement is based on actual cost of tuition and fees only or home schooling materials.

Candidate Profile
Professionals
Academics, all levels including early career

Activity
Professional Project/Teaching
Research
Teaching
Teaching/Research

Application Deadline
Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Grant Activity
For teaching awards, the grantee will teach undergraduate and graduate courses. The grantee may also be asked to assist in professional development activities for faculty, or with curriculum development for the department. For teaching/research awards, the grantee will spend 70 percent of grant period teaching and 30 percent conducting research independently. This is subject to further discussion with the host institution and the Ministry of Higher Education. There may be opportunities for several guest lectures at other universities, including institutions in other regions of the country.

In addition to being a prestigious academic exchange program, the Fulbright Program is designed to expand and strengthen
relationships between the people of the United States and citizens of other nations and to promote international understanding and cooperation. To support this mission, Fulbright Scholars will be encouraged to give faculty workshops, public talks, mentor students, provide English language clubs, and otherwise engage with the host community, in addition to their primary activities.

Additional important information for types of awards:

**Teaching Grant:**

Fulbright U.S. Scholars to Uzbekistan will be expected to lead **four courses per semester**. Each course must include at least **three contact hours** of student-faculty interaction, to include lecturing, lab work, or other activities, for a **total weekly teaching load of 12 hours**. This time does not include office hours, grading, regular faculty/staff meetings, faculty workshops, or student clubs.

Applicants must include a breakdown of their proposed courses in their application. Potential options for structuring each course are outlined below:

- **Monday, Wednesday, Friday**: three one hour classes (3 hours)
- **Tuesday/Thursday**: two 1.5 hour classes (3 hours)
- **One day per week**: one 3 hour lecture (3 hours)

Candidates who wish to teach less than 12 hours per week on a full-time lecture grant must contact the U.S. Embassy in Tashkent to request a course-load waiver before applying.

**Teaching/Research or Professional Project/Teaching Grant:**

These Fulbright U.S. Scholars to Uzbekistan will be expected to teach 60% of the time, and work on personal research or projects 40% of the time. This means teaching at least **two courses per semester**. Each course must include at least **three hours** of student-faculty interaction, to include lecturing, lab work, or other activities, for a **total weekly teaching load of 6 hours**. This time does not include office hours, grading, regular faculty/staff meetings, faculty workshops, or student clubs. Scholars should be cognizant, however, that approval for research, and access to certain facilities, libraries and archives may need additional governmental approval which can take time. Applicants should obtain as much information regarding research institutions in advance and be prepared to facilitate these permissions independently.

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- **Tuesday/Thursday**: two 1.5 hour classes (3 hours)
- **One day per week**: one 3 hour lecture (3 hours)

Candidates who wish to teach less than 6 hours per week on a part-time lecture grant must contact the U.S. Embassy in Tashkent to request a course-load waiver before applying.

**Grant Length**

Five or 10 months

**Grant Dates**

The academic year consists of two semesters. The first semester lasts from September to January, while the second semester starts in February and ends in July. During the last month of each semester, universities are busy with examinations, so there is usually no student instruction. This time should be used for work on research or the coordination of faculty trainings in consultation with your host.

**Locations**

Applicants are welcome to propose any institution in any city of Uzbekistan. The U.S. Embassy gives preference to placing scholars in public Uzbek universities over foreign branch campuses. Please note that some placements may need to be cleared by the government of Uzbekistan.

The U.S. Embassy in Taskent maintains good relationships with universities across the country, and is willing to advise
applicants about specific institutions and locations.

**Flex Option**
Yes

**Flex Description**

The Flex Award is designed for scholars who require multiple visits to the host country. This option allows grants to be conducted over short segments, preferably during the fall and/or spring semesters. Interested applicants should clearly indicate plans for Flex in their project statement, including a project timeline. Flex grantees may be asked to give public talks, mentor students, and otherwise engage with the host-country academic community.

Flex grant parameters:

- Minimum length of the total grant is four months and the maximum is six months;
- Minimum length for any grant segment is one month and the maximum is three months;
- Two or three grant segments may be spread over one or two consecutive years; and
- Flex awards are offered for teaching grants.

For more information, please see the Fulbright Flex Award [webpage](#).

**Discipline Type**

Only applications in the following disciplines will be considered

**Disciplines**

- Agriculture
- Architecture
- Art History
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Communication
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Education
- Engineering
- Environmental Sciences
- Geology
- Information Sciences/Systems
- International Relations
- Journalism
- Law
- Library Science
- Linguistics
- Marketing
- Materials Sciences
- Mathematics
- Medical Sciences
- Museum Studies
- Neuroscience
- Nutrition
- Physics
- Public Administration
- Public Health
- Public Policy
- TEFL
- Tourism
- Urban Planning

**Areas of Interest**
While all of the disciplines above will be considered, host institutions are especially in need of English-speaking faculty in STEM and business fields. Faculty and higher education administrators with expertise in research and publication, curriculum development, transition to the credit system, and internationalization are also welcome to apply.

Special Features

South and Central Asia Fulbright Regional Travel Grant

During their grant period, Fulbright Scholars in the South and Central Asia (SCA) region may apply for a regional travel grant to engage in a variety of activities at academic institutions or non-profit organizations in eligible SCA countries (India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Nepal, Republic of the Maldives, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan). Activities that U.S. Scholars may engage in include: faculty and student lectures, graduate or faculty seminars, conferences, curriculum development, public lectures, panel presentations, needs assessment, or some combination thereof. Scholars in the arts may be invited to give master classes or recitals, participate in exhibitions or workshops, or consult with cultural institutions. Activities may not include research. This grant will cover travel to and from the destination and lodging may be offered by the hosting institution. Scholars may only apply for this grant once in country on their Fulbright grant. As funds are limited, Scholars are limited to one such travel grant.

South and Central Asia Fulbright Midyear Conference

With funding provided by the United States Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the U.S.-India Educational Foundation (the Fulbright Commission in India) invites eligible Fulbright Scholars in the South and Central Asia region to attend the annual South and Central Asia Fulbright Midyear Conference in India (usually held in February or March). The conference is an opportunity for current Fulbright U.S. Scholars who are on their Fulbright grants in the SCA region at the time of the conference to gather to discuss each other’s work and educational exchange issues and to invite suggestions for the future development and enhancement of the Fulbright Program. Financial assistance to attend the conference is provided as an additional Fulbright grant benefit.

Degree Requirements

Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) not required

Additional Language Requirement

The ability to teach in Russian or Uzbek language is useful but not required. Due to a governmental and country-wide focus on improving skills in English language, native English-speaking teachers are in high demand. More universities are beginning to offer courses in various disciplines taught in English. Interpreters are available at some institutions, but the quality and availability of the interpreting staff may vary. All major universities have an English language faculty as well as some administrators who are proficient in English.

For research projects, language proficiency sufficient to complete the research project is required; teaching/research applicants must submit a language proficiency evaluation. For applicants without local language proficiency, the feasibility of conducting the project must be demonstrated in the project statement.

Invitation Requirement

A letter of invitation is optional

Additional Comments

Uzbek universities have previously been regulated by the Ministry of Higher Education, but the government is now giving more autonomy to universities. Frequently, universities seek help from U.S. faculty on how to improve their curriculum to make their universities more competitive and modern, and to create courses that make their students more employable. Scholars with curriculum design experience are welcome. Uzbek universities are also very interested in American teaching methodologies, and faculty training workshops are often requested.

Because a top-down system of education had previously been in place for over sixty years, the universities are not used to receiving foreign scholars and creating comprehensive programs for them. Fulbright Scholars will need to take initiative and offer programming to their hosts. Please note that information about curricula, class schedules and other specifics related to teaching at local educational institutions may not be available prior to the program start, therefore it is important for scholars to be willing to work with last-minute schedule changes, and possibly have a nonstandard work schedule (for example, local institutions work six days a week).

Due to low internet speeds and intermittent connection at educational institutions, especially outside Tashkent, scholars should not rely only on internet-dependent tools for teaching, such as online platforms or assignments; rather, they should be
prepared to use “pen-and-paper” methods.

Adequate housing in Uzbekistan, in general, is not a problem. Scholars will be able to select from a variety of options (an apartment or a house with a yard or garden) by using services of a housing agency. The host institution may also provide assistance in locating suitable housing.

Helpful Links

U.S. Embassy in Tashkent [2]
Uzbekistan Consular Information Sheet [3]
U.S. Embassy in Tashkent - Facebook [4]
U.S. Embassy in Tashkent - Twitter [5]

Applicants with country-related questions may email the U.S. Embassy’s Public Affairs Section [6] at Tashkent-Program@state.gov, or contact by telephone at: +998-78-140-2434.

For more information on applying, including alumni perspectives, please view our webinars on Fulbright Opportunities in Central Asia [7].

Email the South and Central Asia Team [8] with questions about applying.

Multi-Country/Area Award

No

Grant Length Filter

Flex
Three to five months
Six to 10 months

Invitation Requirement Additional Information

The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy will work with universities and applicants to find the best and most appropriate match between the expertise of scholars and the needs of prospective hosts.

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Special Award Benefits

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**Language Proficiency Requirements**
None, English is sufficient. However, feasibility of conducting the project must be demonstrated in the project statement.

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[5] https://twitter.com/usembtashkent
[6] mailto:Tashkent-Program@state.gov
[8] mailto:southcentralasia@iie.org