Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship

Award Autogenerated Code
10508-MC
Region
Global/Multi-country
East Asia and the Pacific
Africa, Sub-Saharan
Western Hemisphere
Europe and Eurasia
Country
Multi-country
Burma
Cote d'Ivoire
Peru
Ukraine
Award Type
Fulbright Scholar Award
Number of Recipients
Approximately 10
Stipend

Monthly benefits will follow the rates for Fulbright U.S. Scholar research grants in each proposed country. Dependent benefits are not available under the Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship.

Estimated Travel and Relocation Allowance

Round-trip, economy-class, international travel for the grantee provided. Relocation Allowance of $500 provided.

Estimated Book and Research Allowance

A $750 book/research allowance is provided to assist with the costs of research materials. Books purchased should be donated to the host institution upon completion.

Candidate Profile
Professionals
Academics, all levels including early career
Activity Type
Professional Project
Research
Application Deadline
Wednesday, September 15, 2021
Award Activity

The Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship provides opportunities for U.S. early and mid-career professionals and practitioners to serve in placements in a foreign government ministry or institution around the world. Fulbright Public Policy Fellows build mutual understanding and contribute to strengthening the public sector while cultivating public policy experience in their area of expertise. The Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship also includes an independent research component that focuses on an issue related to the Fellow's in-country work.

The Fellows will have an opportunity to build their knowledge and skills, provide support to partner-country institutions, and promote long-term ties between the U.S. and the partner country.

Fellows will work with ministry officials as "technical specialists", immersing themselves in ongoing assignments and new initiatives, at the direction and under the supervision of host government officials. They will have the opportunity to work on issues related to their sector and contribute to public policy-related projects that benefit the host country. In addition, Fellows will undertake an independent research project related to their area of expertise.

Fellows will be hosted a ministry or institution and spend approximately 80% of their time carrying out ministry-directed projects. Approximately 20% of their time will be dedicated to their independent research project. Fellows must work with their

ministry supervisors to agree upon a schedule, which will be determined on an individualized basis and will take different forms depending on the country and the placement.

The research project is expected to be an independent project proposed during the application phase, but should be focused on a field or sector related to the ministry placement and be adaptable to the work done in the ministry.

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 asked to give public talks, mentor students, and otherwise engage with the host community, in addition to their primary activities.

Award Length
Minimum length of the total grant is four months and the maximum is nine months.
Award Dates

Earliest start date is July 2022; latest start date is March 2023. Grants for the Fulbright Public Policy have a flexible start date and also flexible timeframe of a semester or academic year (4-9 months), with sufficient time to carry out the goals of the project. For Ukraine, preference will be given to grants that begin in September 2022.

Locations

Fulbright Public Policy Fellowships are available in: Burma, Cote d'Ivoire, Peru, Ukraine.

US Embassies, Fulbright Commissions (where applicable), and host country governments will coordinate placements in a host country ministry or institution in a variety of public policy areas.

All qualified applicants with skills applicable to public policy in any field are eligible and encouraged to apply
Preferred fields of interest and/or potential ministry hosts, along with language requirements, for each country are:

PERU:

Fields: Combatting gender-based violence, social inclusion, anti-corruption, equality, integration, sustainability, dialogue and reconciliation, identity and diversity

Potential Host Ministries/Focus Areas: Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Energy and Mines, Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations, Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion, Ministry of Production, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Transportation and Communications, Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Housing and Construction, Ministry of Labor, Ministry of Economy and Finance, the Mesa de Concertación de Lucha contra la Pobreza (a multiparty group that works on policies to fight poverty), and the National Council for Science, Technology, and Technical Innovation (CONCYTEC), among others

Language: Advanced (superior) Spanish is required.

BURMA:

Fields: Economics, Economic Development, Public Administration, Public/Global Health, Education, Environmental Science, Environmental Policy, Political Science, Agriculture, energy, drug issues, policy on rehabilitation of drug users, cyber crimes & cyber security, media

Language: Fulbright Public Policy Fellows for Burma do not need language proficiency skills, though they are helpful. Fellows communicating in English are strongly encouraged to use simple, clear English spoken slowly with counterparts.

COTE D'IVOIRE:

Fields: Security sector reform, environment and sustainable development, customs reorganization, justice and human rights, construction and urban planning, commerce and industry, and entrepreneurship

Potential Host Ministries: Ministry of Water and Forests, National Security Council, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Office of the Prime Minister, Ministry of Justice/Human Rights, Ministry of Construction, Housing & Urbanization, Administration of Territory and Decentralization, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Ministry of Private Sector Promotion

Language: French proficiency is required.

UKRAINE:

Potential Host Ministries/Focus Areas: Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Social Policy;

Ministry of Education; Ministry of European and Euro-Atlantic Integration; Ministry for Veterans Affairs, Temporarily Occupied Territories and Internally Displaced Persons of Ukraine

Language: Level of Ukrainian depends on the ministry. Some ministries will require a basic level of Ukrainian or Russian language skills; others work in English on a regular basis.

Flex Option
No
Discipline Type
Only applications in the following disciplines will be considered
Disciplines
Agriculture
Communication
Economics
Environmental Sciences
Information Sciences/Systems
Law
Political Science
Public Administration
Public Health
Areas of Interest

Child Labor and Protection

Economic Development

Education and STEM

Energy

Environmental Policy

Infrastructure

Justice

Public Finance

Transparency and Good Governance

Women's Issues

Degree Requirements
Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) not required
Additional Qualification Information

Successful candidates will include early to mid-career entrepreneurial and self-starter professionals with a graduate degree in a public-policy related field (e.g., JD, MPA, MPH) and a minimum of three to five years of full-time work experience. Postdoctoral candidates and practitioners active in the academic, public, or private sectors with a record of experience and accomplishment in a public policy related area are encouraged to apply. Candidates with field-specific background applicable to public policy (e.g.., Energy, Agriculture, Engineering) are preferred.

PhD is not required. Doctoral degree holders are eligible as long as they have three to five years of public policy relevant experience – as a professional/practitioner outside of the classroom. Candidates enrolled in a PhD are eligible as long as they have a MA degree AND three to five years of experience. Candidates who have gone directly from undergraduate to PhD and have completed the PhD, but do not have any work experience are not eligible.

Additional Language Requirement

U.S. Embassies have consulted with host government representatives to determine the language requirements for Fellows.

Peru - Advanced (superior) Spanish is required. Applicants must submit the Language Proficiency Report: Self Evaluation and Language Proficiency Report: External Evaluation. Native speakers need only to complete the Language Proficiency Report: Self Evaluation.

Burma- Burmese language fluency is not required but helpful. Fellows communicating in English are strongly encouraged to use simple, clear English spoken slowly with counterparts until their facility with English is clear.

Cote d'Ivoire - Proficiency in French is required. Applicants must submit the Language Proficiency Report: Self Evaluation and Language Proficiency Report: External Evaluation. Native speakers need only to complete the Language Proficiency Report: Self Evaluation.

Ukraine – Level of Ukrainian depends on ministry placement. Preferred: basic level of Ukrainian or Russian language skills for some specific ministries; others work in English on a regular basis. For research, language proficiency sufficient to complete the proposed project is required. For applicants without local language proficiency, feasibility of conducting the project must be demonstrated in the project statement.

Fulbright Public Policy Fellows will be required to carry out a position in a foreign government ministry effectively and seamlessly. Meeting the language requirements is critical for completing the daily requirements of the professional placement. For research grant activity, language fluency sufficient to complete the research project is required. For applicants without local language proficiency, feasibility of conducting research must be demonstrated in both the project statement and the language self-evaluation form of the Fulbright application. Non-native speakers who have local language abilities will be asked to also register an external evaluator within the application.

Invitation Requirement
A letter of invitation should not be sought.
Additional Comments

US Embassies/Fulbright Commissions will work toward placement in a host country Ministry.

Helpful Links

https://www.cies.org/program/fulbright-public-policy-fellowship [1]

Archived Webinar [2] - Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship Info Session

Multi-Country/Area Award
Yes
Award Length Filter
Three to five months
Six to 10 months
Invitation Requirement Additional Information

No Invitation Required

A letter of invitation is not required for professional placement.**Applicants should not contact potential host ministries to organize or advocate for a placement.** Placements are negotiated directly between the U.S. Embassy and the Host Ministry. A letter of invitation from organization or academic institution supporting the research component is encouraged but not required.

Award Code
12529-MC
Multiple country program staff

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Special Award Benefits

Fellows will participate in an in-person pre-departure orientation (approximately 1.5 days) in July 2022. Fellows to Burma, Cote d'Ivoire and Ukraine will also participate in Fulbright regional PDOs in June/July 2022.

Language Proficiency Requirements
None, English is sufficient.
Career Profile
Professionals
Scholars selected for this award will be required to:

- Conduct a research project of the applicant's choosing

Links
[1] https://www.cies.org/program/fulbright-public-policy-fellowship
[2] https://www.cies.org/event/fulbright-public-policy-fellowship-info-session
[3] mailto:FPPF@iie.org
[4] https://awards.cies.org/award-years/2022-2023-awards