

## All Disciplines

### Award Autogenerated Code

10655-BU

### Region

Europe and Eurasia

### Country

Bulgaria

### Award Type

Fullbright Scholar Award

### Number of Recipients

Approximately 5

### Stipend

\$3,000 per month for lecturers or lecturer/researchers;

\$2,800 per month for researchers and professionals;

For Flex grants: \$3,000 per month for lecturers, researchers, and professionals.

### Estimated Travel and Relocation Allowance

Travel allowance of \$1,700 and relocation allowance of \$1,300 for grantee. Travel allowance of \$1,500 for one dependent and \$3,000 for two or more accompanying dependents who remain in country with grantee for at least 80% of grant duration.

For Flex grants: Travel allowance of \$ 4000 total for all segments of the grant. Dependent travel will not be provided.

### Candidate Profile

Professionals

Academics, all levels including early career

### Activity Type

Professional Project

Research

Teaching

Teaching/Research

### Application Deadline

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

### Award Activity

Teach undergraduate and/or graduate courses and/or conduct research in area of specialization. In addition, scholars can consult on program development and curriculum design, assist with thesis advising, collaborate with faculty on research projects, produce artworks, participate in open lectures, seminars, conferences, performances, and engage in guest lectures at other institutions.

Candidates proposing teaching projects should be very flexible in terms of syllabi and proposed course topics which may change due to host institution's needs and preferences. While teaching-only proposals are welcome, we encourage candidates to consider including a research/professional project component, as many hosts are not able to offer visiting scholars a full course load.

Professional projects can be carried out with local NGOs or non-strictly academic institutions, and can consist of consultation, capacity building, practical training or project development.

### Award Length

Three to five months. For Flex grants: two to four months.

### Award Dates

Teaching grants begin in either October 2022 or February 2023. For the American University in Bulgaria, grants begin in either August 2022 or January 2023. For research and professional projects, start date is flexible, as long as they are conducted within the academic year for which the grant was awarded (academic year 2022-23 for the current competition).

## Locations

Applicants may indicate host institution preferences anywhere in the country and submit letters of affiliation. The Bulgarian Fulbright Commission tries to honor preferences, but may also propose alternate placements based on past experience. The Bulgarian-American Fulbright Commission can also assist in identifying prospective host institutions and in providing relevant contact information. If you need more information about the hosts, please contact Program Officer Rada Kaneva at 359-2-9808212 or [rkaneva@fulbright.bg](mailto:rkaneva@fulbright.bg) <sup>[1]</sup>.

## 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 awards are offered for teaching, teaching/research, research, and professional projects. Flex grantees may be asked to give public talks, mentor students, consult on program development and curriculum design, participate in open lectures, seminars, conferences, performances, and otherwise engage with the host-country academic community.

Flex grant parameters:

- Minimum length of the total grant is two months and the maximum is four months;
- Minimum length for any grant segment is one month; grant segments may be spread over two consecutive years.

## Discipline Type

Applications are sought in all disciplines

### Special Features

The grant includes a housing allowance to support Scholars to pay for their accommodation. For core grants of four months or longer, the Commission offers relocation allowance and dependent travel allowance.

## Degree Requirements

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

### Additional Qualification Information

Projects are welcome in all disciplines, as well as those with an interdisciplinary focus. The Program is open to both academics and professionals. Please note that for teaching grants, some universities/departments require a Ph.D. while others do not. Candidates should inquire about degree requirements when reaching out to potential host institutions. For research and professional projects, applications are accepted from university faculty, and from professionals, artists, journalists, scientists, lawyers, or independent scholars outside of academia who have recognized professional standing and substantial professional accomplishments.

## Additional Language Requirement

English is sufficient for teaching. Conversational Bulgarian is useful. For applicants for research and professional projects without local language proficiency, feasibility of conducting the project must be demonstrated in the project statement.

## Invitation Requirement

A letter of invitation is optional.

### Additional Comments

## Helpful Links

Information on types of institutions of higher education in Bulgaria, types of programs offered, admission, Curriculum and graduation requirement can be found at [this link](#) <sup>[2]</sup>. Official profiles that offer information about the country can be found at the following links:

- [U.S. Department of State](#) <sup>[3]</sup>
- [The European Union](#) <sup>[4]</sup>
- [BBC Country Profile](#) <sup>[5]</sup>

If you have questions about the program and need assistance in identifying the best host institution for your project, do

not hesitate to contact the [Bulgarian Fulbright Commission](#) [6]

### **Multi-Country/Area Award**

No

### **Award Length Filter**

Flex

Three to five months

### **Invitation Requirement Additional Information**

While a letter of invitation is optional, applicants are encouraged to reach out to local institutions and try to obtain one. The Bulgarian-American Fulbright Commission can assist in identifying prospective host institutions, and in providing relevant contact information. In some fields, such as pure and applied sciences, a letter of invitation is preferred due to the limited number of host institutions where the Scholar can teach or conduct research. Candidates should begin contacting potential hosts as early as possible (May-June) as most academic institutions are difficult to reach during the summer months. Applicants can indicate preferences for affiliation if invitation is not available. Final assignment is coordinated with the Bulgarian Fulbright Commission.

### **Award Code**

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### **Award Year**

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### **Special Award Benefits**

Basic housing allowance for scholars with no dependents is \$600 per month; additional housing allowance of \$100 per month for one dependent / \$200 per month for two or more dependents.

For Flex awards housing allowance is \$600 per month. Additional housing allowance for dependents is not provided.

### **Language Proficiency Requirements**

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

### **Recruitment Priorities (INTERNAL ONLY)**

Applications are sought in all appropriate disciplines and specializations. Slight preference is given to applications in the following fields: American Studies; English Literature; Teaching English as a Foreign Language; Economics, Business, and Finance; Education; Political Studies and International Relations; Pure and Applied Sciences; Communications, Journalism, and Media; Fine and Performing Arts.

### **Career Profile**

Artists

Early Career Academics

Mid-Career Academics

Professionals

Senior Academics

### **Scholars selected for this award can choose to:**

- Advise and/or mentor students
- Assist in faculty, curriculum, and/or program development
- Conduct a professional and/or artistic project
- Conduct a research project designated by the host institution
- Conduct a research project of the applicant's choosing
- Participate in a two-week group seminar
- Teach graduate and/or undergraduate courses designated by the host institution
- Teach graduate and/or undergraduate courses of the applicant's choosing

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### **Links**

[1] <mailto:rkaneva@fulbright.bg>

[2] <http://www.euroeducation.net/prof/bulgaco.htm>

[3] <https://www.state.gov/p/eur/ci/bu/>

[4] [https://europa.eu/european-union/index\\_en](https://europa.eu/european-union/index_en)

[5] <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-17202996>

[6] <http://www.fulbright.bg/en/>

[7] <https://awards.cies.org/award-years/2022-2023-awards>