

Fulbright-University of Birmingham Distinguished Scholar Award (All Disciplines)

Award Autogenerated Code

10689-UK

Region

Europe and Eurasia

Country

United Kingdom

Award Type

Fulbright Distinguished Scholar Award

Number of Recipients

1

Award Allowances

Single grant of £27,500 (about \$37,000 as of January 2021). All grants are intended as a contribution toward travel and general expenses incurred during the grant period.

A housing allowance of £750 per month allowance will be provided (about \$1,000 as of January 2021).

No additional funding provided for dependents.

Estimated Travel and Relocation Allowance for Grantee

Up to £1,000 for return airfare will be reimbursed (about \$1,335 as of December 2020).

Candidate Profile

Distinguished Chair

Activity Type

Research

Teaching/Research

Application Deadline

Closed

Award Activity

The Fulbright University of Birmingham Distinguished Scholar Award enables a prominent U.S. professor in any discipline to be based at the University of Birmingham, with access to all the University's research collections, and provides an opportunity to undertake research and build links in the UK.

The Distinguished Chair contributes to the intellectual life of the host university through seminars, public lectures, and curriculum development.

The award is open to U.S. academics from a broad range of disciplinary backgrounds with the capacity to steer and contribute to research and teaching activities.

Chairs will be made honorary fellows of the [University's Institute of Advanced Studies \(IAS\)](#) ^[1] and are invited to contribute to IAS' aim to promote cross-disciplinary research by bringing together expertise from across the University to address major cross-cutting themes that are important, relevant and timely.

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 research or teaching activities.

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Award Length and Period

Six months

Grants may begin any time after September 1, 2022, but before April 30, 2023.

Locations Text

University of Birmingham [2]: Birmingham, England, UK

Flex Option

No

Discipline Type

Projects are sought in all disciplines

Areas of Interest

Applications are sought in all appropriate specializations.

Special Features

Scholars in the UK participate in a wide range of academic, cultural, and social events and benefit from a variety of additional opportunities provided by the Commission; see Special Award Benefits section for more details.

Degree Requirements

Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) required

Additional Qualification Information

The Fulbright Commission seeks to identify potential and established leaders of academic, artistic, or professional excellence who will make significant contributions toward the discussion and development of key issues in their field of study.

Candidates who have not recently spent a considerable time in the UK are preferred.

Additional Language Requirement

All teaching and research will be in English; additional language proficiency not required.

Invitation Requirement

A letter of invitation is optional.

Additional Comments

Candidates should have strong reasons for wishing to pursue the proposed project in the UK and a clear idea of what they wish to accomplish during their time as a Fulbright Scholar, not only academically, but also in terms of reaching out to the wider community and understanding their host country and culture.

Short-listed applicants will be invited to interview with the US-UK Fulbright Commission through a Zoom video call in January 2022.

Contacts and Helpful Links

University of Birmingham [3]

U [4] S-UK Fulbright Commission [5]

Fulbright-University of Birmingham Distinguished Chair [6]

Multi-Country/Area Award

No

Award Length Filter

Seven to 10 months

Invitation Requirement Additional Information

To request a letter of invitation for this award please contact the academic or department head most relevant to your project. Should you require assistance, please contact Catherine Lemon, International Development Manager, University of Birmingham, email: c.lemon@bham.ac.uk ^[7].

While it is not a requirement to have an affiliation letter for this award it is strongly recommended that applicants get in touch with their proposed host department and applications that include an affiliation letter will be much more competitive. An email from the host institution confirming their interest in hosting the applicant will suffice as evidence of affiliation. If an applicant is struggling to make contact with their host institution they can contact the US-UK Fulbright Commission directly on fulbrightprogrammes@fulbright.org.uk ^[8]

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Special Award Benefits

Scholars are provided with a small travel allowance and accommodation to attend certain Fulbright Commission enrichment events. Scholars in the UK will have the opportunity to participate in a range of events, and benefit from a variety of additional opportunities provided by the Commission. A three-day Fulbright Orientation programme takes place in London in mid-September; a three-day Fulbright Forum highlights a specific place or region of the UK each January (this also serves as an orientation for scholars arriving in January); and a Fulbright Farewell Conference is planned around the end of June (this will be held in Scotland in 2021).

All Fulbright Scholar grantees must obtain a UK Tier 5 (Temporary Worker – Government Authorised Exchange) visa to participate in the Fulbright program in the UK. The Commission sponsors the Scholar's Tier 5 visa.

Scholars receive free institutional memberships with [The National Trust/Royal Oak Foundation](#) ^[10] and [The Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures & Commerce \(RSA\)](#) ^[11]. Scholars are also offered a free Elsevier scholar support package, which includes access to the entire suite of SciVerse products and a wide range of online journals (including The Lancet).

Scholars are asked to deliver a public lecture or other event at a location other than their host institution. They may also be offered the opportunity to deliver a Lecture at [Gresham College](#) ^[12] and [Benjamin Franklin House](#) ^[13] in London during their grant period in the UK.

Fulbright Scholars will have membership of the UK Fulbright Alumni Network and access to Fulbrighter, a networking platform which enables grantees to connect, network, engage and collaborate with Fulbright alumni and grantees around the world

Depending on the timing of the visit, scholars may also be able to attend the annual Fulbright EU-NATO Seminar held in Belgium and Luxembourg (in February) and the annual Fulbright Seminar in Berlin (in March).

During their grant period, Fulbright Scholars in Europe have the opportunity to apply for a travel grant to support short-term (up to one week) travel to other countries in the EUR region for activities such as lectures, workshops, graduate or faculty seminars, master classes or recitals, curricular advising or panel presentations. Though scholars may pursue invitations for short-term activities in other European countries once notified that they have been selected for a Fulbright grant, Scholars may only apply for the European inter-country travel grant funds when in the UK and during their Fulbright grant period.

Language Proficiency Requirements

None, English is sufficient.

Career Profile

Mid-Career Academics

Senior Academics

Scholars selected for this award will be required to:

- Conduct a research project designated by the host institution
- Conduct a research project of the applicant's choosing
- 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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