Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship

Award Autogenerated Code
10986-BC

Region
Africa, Sub-Saharan
East Asia and the Pacific
Western Hemisphere
Global/Multi-country

Country
Botswana
Cambodia
Colombia
Fiji
Ghana
Multi-country
Peru
Rwanda
Thailand
Timor Leste
Vietnam

Award Type
Fulbright Scholar Award

Number of Recipients
Approximately 10

Award Allowances

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 for Grantee

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
Thursday, September 15, 2022

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 by 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.

**Award Length**
4 months - 9 months

**Award Start Period**
July 2023 or July 2023 - March 2024

**Additional Notes on Award Length and Period**
Minimum length of the total grant is four months and the maximum is nine months.

Earliest start is July 2023; latest start is March 2024. 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.

**Locations**

Fulbright Public Policy Fellowships are available in three world regions: Africa (Botswana, Ghana, and Rwanda); Western Hemisphere (Peru and Colombia); and East Asia and the Pacific (Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, Timor-Leste, and Fiji).

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. Applicants should apply for their country of choice but should be aware that in some cases their applications will be considered for other countries in the same region.

**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:

**Western Hemisphere**

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


Language: Advanced (superior) Spanish is required.

**COLOMBIA:**
Fields: Public/Global Health, Information Sciences, Energy, and Agriculture

Potential Host Ministries/Focus Areas: Servicio Nacional de Aprendizaje (SENA), Secretary of Culture, National Planning Department Public Innovation Team, Ministry of Education, and Ministry of Foreign Relations

Language: Advanced (superior) Spanish is required.

**Africa**

**BOTSWANA:**
Fields: Check Back for Updates

Potential Host Ministries: Check Back for Updates

Language: English is an official language

**GHANA:**
Resolution/National Security, Labor Relations, Trade and Investment, Governance/Parliament/Legislature, Finance/Economics

Potential Host Ministries: Ministry of Health, Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture

Language: English is an official language

**RWANDA:**
Fields: Public health, Infrastructure, Governance

Potential Host Ministries/Focus Areas: Ministry of Health, Ministry of Infrastructure, Ministry of Gender and Family Promotion, Ministry of Local Government, Rwanda Social Security Board

Language: English is an official language. Fluency in French or Kinyarwanda is helpful, but not required.

**East Asia and the Pacific:**
**CAMBODIA:**
Fields: Tourism and the Arts

Potential Host Ministries/Focus Areas: Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts

**FIJI:**
Fields: Education, Energy, Environmental Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Economics, Public Health

Potential Host Ministries/Focus Areas: Ministry of Education; Ministry of Environment and Waterways; Climate Change Division, Ministry of Economy; Ministry of Agriculture; Ministry of Health and Medical Services; Ministry of Forestry; Ministry of Fisheries; National Disaster Management Office; Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources; Ministry of Infrastructure and Meteorological Services

Language: English is an official language

**THAILAND:**
Fields: Check back for updates

Potential Host Ministries/Focus Areas: Check back for updates

**TIMOR-LESTE**
Fields: Public Health, Food Security, Infrastructure, Education

Potential Host Ministries/Focus Areas: Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Ministry of Public Works, Ministry of Higher Education

Language: Some Portuguese is encouraged although not required.

**VIETNAM:**

Potential Host Ministries/Focus Areas: Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture

Flex Option
No

**Discipline Type**
Only projects 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
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.

Ph.D 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 Ph.D 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 Ph.D and have completed the Ph.D, 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.


Africa (Ghana, Botswana, Rwanda): English is an official language of all three countries. For Rwanda, additional fluency in French or Kinyarwanda is not required but helpful.

Note: While the application requires the Language Proficiency Report: Self Evaluation to be completed, proficiency is not required (you can enter “no ability” or other appropriate level). The Language Proficiency Report: External Evaluation is optional. Native speakers need only to complete the Language Proficiency Report: Self Evaluation.

East Asia and the Pacific (Cambodia, Fiji, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vietnam): For Timor-Leste, government business is conducted in Portuguese and Tetum and, although not required, fluency in either language would be helpful. For Fiji, English is an official language. For Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam, local language proficiency is not required.

Note: While the application requires the Language Proficiency Report: Self Evaluation to be completed, proficiency is not required (you can enter “no ability” or other appropriate level). The Language Proficiency Report: External Evaluation is optional. Native speakers need only to complete the Language Proficiency Report: Self Evaluation.

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.

Contacts and Helpful Links

**Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship** - Program details and application guidelines

**Archived Webinar** - Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship Info Session

**Multi-Country/Area Award**
Yes

**Award Length Filter**
- Three to six months
- Seven 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**
13529-MC

**Multiple country program staff**

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**Award Year**
2023-2024 Awards

**Special Award Benefits**
Fellows will participate in an in-person pre-departure orientation (approximately 1.5 days) in July 2023. Fellows to Botswana, Ghana, Rwanda, Cambodia, Fiji, Timor-Leste and Vietnam will also participate in Fulbright regional PDOs in June/July 2023.

**Language Proficiency Requirements**
Recommended

**Career Profile**
Professionals

Scholars selected for this award will be required to:
- Conduct a research project of the applicant’s choosing
- Conduct a professional and/or artistic project

**Citizenship/Residency Requirement**
Not applicable – all U.S. citizens are eligible to apply, regardless of dual citizenship or residency

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**Links**
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