Multiple Disciplines

Award Autogenerated Code
11278-TX
Region
South and Central Asia
Country
Turkmenistan
Award Type
Fulbright Scholar Award
Number of Recipients
Up To 2

Award Allowances

Stipends are calculated within this range based on a number of factors including a participant’s grant activity, location in the host country, number of dependents, and home institution position.

Teaching or Teaching/Research Award Monthly Allowances
$4,940-$5,560
Teaching or Teaching/Research Award (Associate or Full Professor) Monthly Stipend and Allowances
$4,960-$5,460

Estimated Travel and Relocation Allowance for Grantee

Round-trip, Fly America Act compliant international travel for the grantee will be arranged by an agency designated by IIE.

Additional Travel and Relocation Allowances: $2,500.00.

Estimated Book and Research Allowance

$1,500 book and educational materials allowance. All materials purchased with the allowance are expected to be donated to the host institution (or other in-country entity) upon grantee’s departure.

Additional Dependent Benefits

Additional living and housing allowance is provided for grantees with one accompanying dependent or two or more accompanying dependents. These amounts range from $200/month to $400/month.

In addition, travel allowances are provided for up to two dependents.

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 homeschooling materials.

Candidate Profile

Academics, except early career
Activity Type
Teaching
Application Deadline
Thursday, September 15, 2022

Award Activity

Scholars will teach two to three classes per semester at the undergraduate level. The university may request other activities, such as public presentations for teachers or students on the scholar’s subject, and there may be opportunities for guest lectures at other universities, including universities located in other cities in Turkmenistan, depending on health and safety conditions. In general, the Embassy will ensure the scholar is assigned students who are juniors and seniors, and therefore more likely to have stronger English language skills and be active participants in the classroom. Classroom sizes in Turkmenistan range from 10-30 students; this is something that the Embassy may be able to negotiate with the host institution.

Scholars are asked to have flexibility when it comes to the academic environment in Turkmenistan and to be ready and willing to hit the ground running. Because of local regulations and Turkmenistan’s highly centralized government, obtaining class schedules and curricula before the grant starts is not always possible. It is likely that the teaching assignment will be arranged after arrival, and that teaching materials and additional activities outside the original proposal will require official approval. However, past Fulbright specialists and scholars have not found this to be a hindrance to their work.

Scholars will find the local environment to be challenging, but ultimately rewarding, as the academic community is very receptive to American experts and eager to expand its knowledge.

Award Length
10 months

Award Period
August 2023 - September 2023

Additional Notes on Award Length and Period

10 months

Grants should begin in September 2023, with arrival in August. Arrival dates are flexible and will be discussed with the scholar to accommodate his/her schedule. Although the academic year starts on September 1, there is flexibility, since the host institution is mostly preoccupied with administrative duties the first two weeks of September.

Locations

The scholar will be placed in one of the universities in Ashgabat (capital city) where English is the medium of instruction.

Flex Option

No

Discipline Type

Only projects in the following disciplines will be considered

Disciplines
Accounting/Finance
Agriculture
American Studies
Architecture
Area Studies, non-U.S.
Arts
Business
Communication
Computer Science
Economics
Education
Engineering
Environmental Sciences
Environmental Studies
History, non-U.S.
Information Sciences/Systems
International Relations
Journalism
Law
Music
Public Administration
Recruitment Priorities: (INTERNAL ONLY)

None, English is sufficient.

Language Proficiency Requirements

See "Special Features" section on the Award Details tab for more information.

South and Central Asia Fulbright Midyear Conference

The 2023-24 South and Central Asia Fulbright Midyear Conference will be dependent on global travel conditions. More information will be provided prior to grant departure.

Please note: The 2023-24 Fulbright Regional Travel Program will be dependent on global travel conditions. More information will be provided prior to grant departure.

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 (SCA) 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.

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Degree Requirements

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

Additional Qualification Information

A minimum of 10 years of teaching experience is preferred (or Ph.D. level with five years of teaching experience). However, early-career academics and retired faculty are welcome to apply. Prior experience in the country is not required.

Additional Language Requirement

Knowledge of Russian, Turkmen, Turkish, or another Turkic language would be helpful for the scholar to adjust to life in Turkmenistan. Although the Embassy provides assistance in identifying interpreters in the country, this is likely to be cost-prohibitive, and would not be convenient in a daily setting. The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy (Post) will seek placement with the International University for the Humanities and Development, the International Oil and Gas University, or Oguzhan University of Engineering Technologies (depending on the scholar's area of specialization) where the medium of instruction is English, and knowledge of the local languages would not be required. However, in everyday life, knowledge of any Turkic language or some Russian would be advantageous and useful. Completion of the language proficiency evaluation(s) is optional.

Invitation Requirement

A letter of invitation should not be sought.

Additional Comments

Process

Following peer review, IIE/CIES forwards candidates recommended for further consideration. Post will then contact candidates for an interview. Pending selection, Post seeks approval from the Government of Turkmenistan for the host institution affiliation. Pending government approval, Post works with the host institution and scholar to finalize the affiliation.

Housing

Due to local regulations, Post will not be able to secure housing for the scholar prior to arrival. Apartments will be lined up for the scholar to see. Please note that apartments within walking distance from campus may not be possible if the university in question is in one of the central areas of the city. However, the Embassy will do everything possible to provide different options for the scholar to choose from. All apartments will be screened by the Embassy's security office for safety and security and will have all the necessary amenities, such as a washing machine (dryers are not readily available in Turkmenistan), uninterrupted hot/cold water, air conditioning and heat, etc.

Any questions about the program can be sent to the Public Affairs Section at AshgabatEducation@state.gov or to the Exchange Program Coordinator Maysa Niyazova at NiyazovaMM@state.gov.

Contacts and Helpful Links


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

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

Multi-Country/Area Award

No

Award Length Filter

Seven to 10 months

Invitation Requirement Additional Information

The applicant should not seek contact with the educational institution; because of local restrictions, educational institutions cannot discuss possible affiliation with scholars, send letters of invitation, or request the government to place the scholar at their institution. All affiliations are proposed by the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy according to specialization, and approved by the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan. The Public Affairs Section will apply for a letter of invitation on behalf of the scholar.

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Special Award Benefits

South and Central Asia Fulbright Regional Travel Grant

South and Central Asia Fulbright Midyear Conference

See "Special Features" section on the Award Details tab for more information.

Language Proficiency Requirements

None, English is sufficient.

Recruitment Priorities: (INTERNAL ONLY) For Posts and Commissions to enter priorities for IIE Staff
Although not required, the Embassy recommends previous Central Asian experience, and some knowledge of Russian or a Turkic language. This will make adjusting to life in Turkmenistan easier for the scholar - both professionally and in everyday encounters. That said, there have been scholars, specialists, and English Language Fellows with no Russian or Turkic languages at all who were able to spend a full academic year in Turkmenistan with minimal linguistic difficulty. This is the reason the Embassy asks for personal flexibility. Certain types of active, open, research are not possible in country, in particular polling. It may also be best for the scholar to refrain from publishing any new research on Turkmenistan while still in country. The Embassy will meet all EEOC requirements in regard to applications, however we are aware that due to the local highly conservative environment, unmarried male scholars may find it more difficult to obtain Turkmen government approval for their program. In addition, homosexual relationships and partnerships are illegal in Turkmenistan, and the Turkmen government will not issue visas to same-sex partners (even spouses) to accompany the scholar to Turkmenistan. Opposite-sex spouses and any dependents may accompany the scholar. School-age children can attend the Ashgabat International School (they may not attend public schools). Individuals with health issues should keep in mind that all prescription medication must be brought to Turkmenistan by the scholar, as medication available locally may not be of the same quality. Medical services are also very poor. All scholars and dependents must have medical insurance that includes a medical evacuation clause.

Career Profile

Early Career Academics
Mid-Career Academics
Professionals
Senior Academics

Scholars selected for this award will be required to:

- Assist in faculty, curriculum, and/or program development
- Teach graduate and/or undergraduate courses designated by the host institution

Citizenship/Residency Requirement

Not applicable – all U.S. citizens are eligible to apply, regardless of dual citizenship or residency.

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