Morocco-Spain Joint Teaching/Research Award

Award Autogenerated Code
9775-MC

Region
Global/Multi-country
Europe and Eurasia
Middle East and North Africa

Country
Multi-country
Spain
Morocco

Number of Grants
Approximately 1

Stipend

Spain:

- Scholar: € 3,200 per month (about $3,600 USD, subject to change based on currency fluctuations)
- Dependents: a monthly allowance of €150 (approximately $165) for one dependent or €300 (approximately $330) for two or more dependents.

These amounts cover the monthly stipend, housing and living allowances.

Morocco:

- Base: $2,000-$2,300 per month, depending on grant type and seniority
- Housing: $700-$900 per month, depending on number of dependents
- Monthly subsistence: $900-$1,500 per month, depending on number of dependents

Allowances identified above for dependents apply only to those accompanying the Scholar for at least 80 percent of the grant period in each country. Funds will be distributed 70% in Moroccan Dirhams and 30% in U.S. Dollars.

Estimated Travel and Relocation Allowance

Spain: $1,400 for the scholar, plus $800 per dependent for up to two dependents.

Morocco: Baggage ($600), relocation ($750), (No relocation for dependents)

Estimated Book and Research Allowance

Spain: N/A

Morocco: $500 if the scholar will reside in Morocco for more than five months, $250 if less than five months.

Dependent Tuition Allowance

Spain: No tuition allowance will be provided. Both public and private schools in Spain have bilingual or English language instruction available.

Morocco: No tuition allowance will be provided. English-language schooling is available. An alliance of American schools in Rabat, Casablanca, Marrakech and Tangier follow a regular U.S. curriculum. For Department of State information on K-12 schools in general, visit the Office of Overseas Schools website. Information is also available about Rabat, Casablanca.
Candidate Profile
Academics, except early career

Activity
Research
Teaching
Teaching/Research

Application Deadline
Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Grant Activity

Award sponsored by Fulbright Commissions in Madrid and Rabat

- Scholars may teach, conduct research or pursue a combination of teaching/research activities at Spanish and Moroccan academic and research institutions
- Projects that are comparative in nature and address issues linking Spain & Morocco are encouraged
- Activities may include presenting lectures, seminars and workshops as arranged by host institutions or the Fulbright Commissions
- No less than 40% of the grant period may be spent in either country.

Grant Length
Six to 10 months

Grant Dates
Grants may begin anytime after September 1, 2021 and must be completed by July 31, 2022.

Locations
Spanish and Moroccan universities, institutions of higher education, cultural, or research centers.

Flex Option
No

Discipline Type
Applications are sought in all disciplines

Degree Requirements
Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) required

Additional Qualification Information
Open to mid-career and senior scholars in all relevant disciplines at all academic ranks and professional equivalents.

Candidates with dual U.S.-Spanish citizenship, or candidates who are residing in Spain at the time of application or anytime thereafter are not eligible for the Fulbright program in Spain.

Additional Language Requirement
Language proficiency should be commensurate with the project scope. Spanish, Arabic, or French proficiency is not required as long as it is not necessary to complete the teaching or research project.

- Some study of Spanish and Arabic or French prior to arrival is encouraged in order to promote deeper engagement with the host community. Please discuss this point with your host institutions beforehand.
- In Spain, ask specifically whether a language other than Spanish is widely used in the area (Catalan, Basque, or Galician).

Invitation Requirement
A letter of invitation is required

Additional Comments
For Research in Morocco:

Moroccan government clearance is required for all research projects and this may take three or four months to obtain once submitted by the Commission to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Fulbright Commission in Rabat requests clearance on
behalf of all American Fulbrighters. The project statement in your application must include a detailed plan of research. A one-page summary of proposed activities in Arabic or French is also required for research clearance. This summary can be added in the letter of invitation section of the application. If the applicant is not proficient in one of these two languages, it is recommended that the applicant get the summary translated. The Commission will forward this summary along with the clearance request to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

While awaiting official clearance, research may be done on the basis of a "lettre d'attestation" (letter of credence) which will be provided by the Commission. Subsequent changes to the research topic, host institution, or research sites are not recommended, as a second research clearance may have to be initiated, which will take additional time. With some exceptions, notably research in political affairs, research may begin with the lettre d'attestation, which is delivered to grantees during in-country orientation. Applicants should be aware of their on-line presence, since negative remarks concerning Morocco may surface during the official clearance process, resulting in denial of clearance.

Additional information for Moroccan research clearance will be requested at the semi-final (or final) selection stage.

Helpful Links

Research centers and universities in Spain:
- Registro de Universidades, Centros y Títulos [6]
- Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas [7]

Research centers and universities in Morocco:
- Moroccan-American Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange [8]
- Jamaiti [9]
- uniRank [10]

The lists are not exhaustive. Institutions not listed here can be considered as potential hosts.

Multi-Country/Area Award
Yes

Grant Length Filter
Six to 10 months

Invitation Requirement Additional Information

A letter of invitation is required from a host institution in each country.

- Applicants must arrange affiliation in both Spain and Morocco.
- Letters must indicate the names and positions of the academic advisers with whom the scholar will collaborate.
- The letters should also specify the teaching programs, workloads, and availability of research resources.
- The letters of affiliation should indicate that authors understand the proposed project or teaching and/or research.
- Host institutions are encouraged to note direct and in-kind contributions (such as facilities) in the letter of invitation/affiliation. These contributions help maximize the benefits provided by the Fulbright Program and can serve as a sign of the host institution’s commitment to the particular project.

The Fulbright Commission in Spain cannot assist in establishing contacts at prospective host institutions.

The Fulbright Commission in Morocco can offer suggestions and propose institutions and contacts but securing an affiliate is the applicant’s responsibility.

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Countries Overview

Spain and Morocco share environmental, historical, and cultural links at all levels back through time. These range from their shared geology and climate in the western Mediterranean to the kingdoms of Al-Andalus and the Sephardic Jewish community and more modern times with the establishment of the Spanish Protectorate over northern Morocco and the presence of Spanish cities, Ceuta and Melilla, along the southern shores of the Mediterranean on the African continent. Nearly a half million Moroccans have migrated to Spain in the last generation and Spanish investment in Morocco is strong and
widespread. Deep artistic and architectural influences are shared between the two countries.

Morocco offers much to the talented researcher, teacher, or scholar. With its three major languages—Arabic, Berber (Amazigh), and French—Morocco’s past is reflected in every aspect of its present. American grantees in Morocco have lived in environments ranging from big-city Casablanca to nomadic encampments in the Sahara. The Moroccan university year begins in late September and runs through late June to early July. University breaks depend on Islamic holidays, fall in the latter half of January following fall semester exams, and there is a spring break in mid-March. More information on Moroccan institutions of higher education may be found at the 2018 University Web Ranking website for Morocco. The Moroccan-American Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange (MACECE) in Rabat, the Fulbright Commission for Morocco, can help you make contact with Moroccan universities, professors, professionals, and NGOs. All Fulbright programs for Morocco are available at the MACECE website.

Spain is one of the most multi-ethnic nations in Europe, both today and in its past. University students increasingly come from a wide variety of other countries, providing unique and enriching viewpoints for U.S. scholars. Opportunities to work with faculty on curriculum development often occur for both researchers and visiting scholars. Scholars will find that university research groups are often multicultural and that English is their working language. The U.S.-Spain Fulbright Commission sponsors U.S. senior lecturers and researchers at host institutions that benefit from their experience, different perspectives, training, and educational culture, and have in mind the goal of establishing long-lasting partnerships. The academic year in Spain runs from September to June, with breaks for winter and spring holidays. Research activity continues during July, whereas August is a very quiet month. You can find some general facts about Spain at this link.

Research/teaching proposals will be evaluated not only for their excellence but also for their potential to increase mutual understanding and future collaboration between Spain, Morocco, and the United States. Spain and Morocco share environmental, historical, and cultural links at all levels back through time and the aim of this award is to heighten awareness of those links.

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Language Proficiency Requirements

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

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