Multiple Disciplines

Award Autogenerated Code
9779-TX

Region
South and Central Asia

Country
Turkmenistan

Number of Grants
Up To 2

Teaching or Teaching/Research Award (Assistant Professor or Below) Monthly Stipend and Allowances
$4,740-$5,340

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

Estimated Travel and Relocation Allowance
$5,500-$13,000

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.

Dependent Tuition Allowance
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 home schooling materials.

Candidate Profile
Academics, except early career

Activity
Teaching

Application Deadline
Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Grant Activity

Scholars will teach two to four classes at the undergraduate level, matching the scholar's current teaching load. 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. The Embassy will ensure the scholar is assigned upper-level students, who will be more likely to have stronger language skills, and to be active participants in the classroom.

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.

Grant Length
10 months

Grant Dates
Grants should begin September 2021, with arrival in August.

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 applications in the following disciplines will be considered

Disciplines
Accounting/Finance
American Studies
Architecture
Area Studies, non-U.S.
Arts
Business
Communication
Computer Science
Economics
Education
Engineering
Environmental Sciences
History, non-U.S.
Information Sciences/Systems
International Relations
Journalism
Law
Music
Public Administration
Sociology
TEFL
Urban Planning

Areas of Interest

Proposals in the following specializations have a higher priority: international public law, international private law, international economy, international trade, international finance, insurance, international management, information and communications technology, computer technology and computer programming. Humanities are also in demand, as well as fields related to the oil and gas sphere.
South and Central Asia Fulbright Regional Travel Grant

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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 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.

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 teaching experience). 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 provide assistance in identifying interpreters in the country, this is likely to be cost-prohibitive, and would not be convenient in a daily setting. 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 every day 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. The Public Affairs Section of U.S. Embassy (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 washing machine (dryers are not available in Turkmenistan), uninterrupted hot/cold water, air conditioning and heating, etc.

Helpful Links

United States Embassy in Ashgabat: https://tm.usembassy.gov
Turkmenistan Consular Information Sheet: https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html

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

Grant Length Filter

Six 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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Award Year

2021-2022 Awards

Special Award Benefits

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Language Proficiency Requirements

None, English is sufficient

Recruitment Priorities (INTERNAL ONLY)

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.
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.

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