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Scholar Program

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# Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Opportunities for 2024-25

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# Today's Presentation

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- Overview of the Fulbright Scholar Program
- Eligibility
- Types of Awards
- Opportunities for 2024-25
- Selecting Your Award and Application Tips
- Questions?





## MISSION

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- In partnership with **160 countries worldwide**, Fulbright offers passionate and accomplished faculty, administrators, artists, journalists, lawyers, and other professionals from all backgrounds an **unparalleled opportunity to study, teach, or conduct research**.
- Our mission is to **foster mutual understanding** between nations, **advance knowledge** across communities, and improve lives around the world.

## A BRIEF HISTORY

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- Established in 1946 by Congress, Fulbright is the United States government's **flagship international educational and cultural exchange program**.
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# Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Accessibility

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the United States Department of State strives to embed diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) in all aspects of its work.

Public diplomacy is most effective when people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives participate in people-to-people exchanges and programs to promote mutual understanding. The Bureau incorporates DEIA best practices throughout its exchanges and programs, grants, community partnerships, and in its workforce and workplace.

ECA is committed to addressing barriers based on race, ethnicity, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, geographic location, education, income, socio-economic status, and other diversity dimensions, that may hinder inclusion in the organization. The Bureau's commitment to DEIA strengthens U.S. foreign policy and is vital to building trust and partnerships here at home and around the world.





# Fulbright by the Numbers

The Fulbright Program funds over **8,000 awards** annually:



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# Why Fulbright?

## Fulbright is transformational.

- **Foster relationships** that are real and lasting
- Expand your **publishing network**
- Become more **multicultural** in the classroom
- Serve as an **ambassador** for international exchange
- Gain the **professional recognition** as being identified as a “Fulbright Scholar”
- Join a vibrant **alumni network**





# Why Fulbright?

## Fulbright is family-friendly.

- Approximately **60%** of our awards provide **dependent support**
- 73% Scholars improved teaching and lecturing skills
- 90% Improved research ability
- 72% Changed their research methods
- 26% U.S. Scholars assumed an new leadership role







# Why Fulbright?

## Fulbright is supportive.

- **65% of applicants** engage with IIE staff
- **Continued support** while in country from IIE and host country staff
- Access to **Fulbright alumni** as a resource





# Eligibility for U.S. Scholar Program

- **U.S. citizenship**
- **Degree and experience**, as required by award:
  - Ph.D. or other terminal degree
  - MA and higher education teaching or professional experience
  - Professional and/or artistic experience with substantial accomplishments
  - Teaching experience as required
- **Compliance with policies** on previous Fulbright Scholar awards: two year waiting period between Fulbright U.S. Scholar award and next application





# Fulbright Scholar Award Types

## Award Types:

- 1 Scholar Awards
- 2 Postdoctoral Awards
- 3 Distinguished Scholar Awards
- 4 International Education Administrator Awards





# Fulbright Scholar Award Types

## Flex Option

- Available in 63 countries and all world areas
- Allows multiple visits over two years

## Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship

## Global & Regional Awards





# Regional Highlights

- East Asia and the Pacific
- Europe and Eurasia
- Middle East and North Africa
- South and Central Asia
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Western Hemisphere





# East Asia and the Pacific

- 13 countries offering over 40 awards
- **Many countries offer All Disciplines**
- **Partnership awards**
- **Postdoctoral awards**
  
- **Australia:** Regional Universities Network of Australia: Fulbright Future Scholarship
- **Korea:** Peace Studies Award (Teaching)





# Europe and Eurasia

- 43 countries offer 220 awards
  - **All 69 disciplines represented**
  - **Many new awards in STEM**
  - **Partnership awards**
  - **Postdoctoral awards**
  - **Priority: smaller countries**
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- **Albania:** NEW Information Systems and Security
  - **Austria:** Fulbright-Paracelsus Medical University Visiting Professor
  - **Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Montenegro, Kosovo:** All Discipline Award
  - **Kosovo:** NEW Developing Military Leadership
  - **Finland:** NEW Fulbright University of Oulu Scholar Award (All Disciplines)





# Middle East and North Africa

- 13 countries offer 30 awards
- **TEFL a priority discipline**
- **Flexible awards**
- **Letter of invitation is often optional**
  
- **Bahrain:** Education Administration and Teacher Education
- **Egypt:** Business Administration
- **Israel:** Distinguished Scholar and Postdoctoral Awards







# South and Central Asia

- 11 countries offer 15 awards
- **Very flexible region**
- **Open to many disciplines**
- **India is the largest program worldwide**
- **India:**
  - Distinguished Scholar Award;
  - Fulbright Kalam Climate Fellowship;
  - All Discipline award and 40 fellowships
- All Disciplines or Multiple Disciplines available in all countries!





# Sub-Saharan Africa

- 28 countries offer 35 awards
- **Open to any discipline**
- **Impactful and far reaching**
- **Great benefits!**
  
- **Cabo Verde:** All Disciplines
- **Eswatini:** All Disciplines
- **Uganda:** All Disciplines
- **Botswana:** All Disciplines





# Western Hemisphere

- 25 Countries and close to 60 awards
- **STEM Disciplines**
- **Fulbright Regional Travel Program**
- **Flex option**
  
- **Guyana:** STEM and Agriculture
- **Chile:** Science and Technology
- **Canada:** All 15 awards
- Fulbright **Amazonia**
- Multi-Country awards:  
**Canada** and **Mexico:** Carlos Rico Award for North American Studies





# Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship

- Early to Mid-Career Professionals/Practitioners in Public Policy
- Work with a Foreign Ministry directly
- Project statement and letter of invitation is not required
- Available in:
  1. Africa: **Botswana, Ghana and Rwanda**
  2. East Asia and the Pacific: **Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, Timor-Leste and Fiji**
  3. Western Hemisphere: **Peru and Colombia**



Visit [fulbrightscholars.org/FPPF](https://fulbrightscholars.org/FPPF) for details





## Fulbright International Education Administrator (IEA) Seminars

**Fully-funded** two-week seminars for administrators (**staff** and faculty/leadership with responsibilities related to international education on U.S. campuses), allowing you to:

- Expand your institution's capacity for international education
- Broaden your network
- Grow as a professional in your field

Seminars available in **France, Germany, India, Japan, Korea and Taiwan** in the 2024-25 cycle



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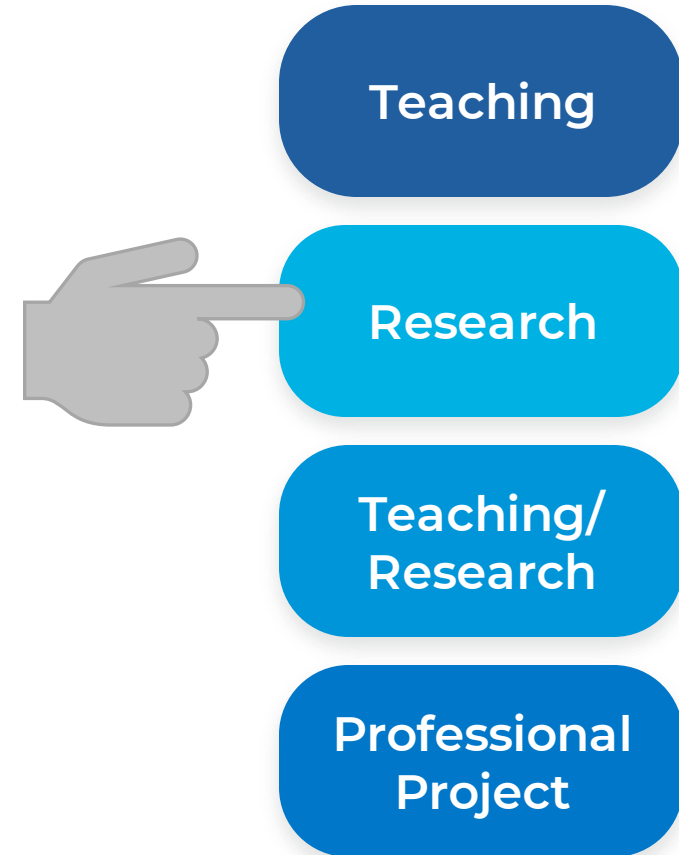




# Selecting the Right Award

- **Match** country interest, expertise, career profile, and proposal to the award description
- **Language ability** (if applicable)
- **Discipline preferences**, when specified
- **Project relevance** to the host country and/or institution
- **Benefits** to you and your community

**Remember:** *you can only apply for **ONE AWARD** per application cycle*





# Understanding the Awards

Visit [fulbrightscholars.org](https://fulbrightscholars.org) to search awards

2024-25 competition available in **February 2023**

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FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR AWARD

**Developing Military Leadership**

KOSOVO

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

Begin Application Process

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**ACTIVITY TYPE**  
Teaching/Research

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**  
Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) not required

**CAREER PROFILE**  
Professionals

**NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS**  
Exactly 1

**AWARD START PERIOD**  
January 2024

**AWARD LENGTH**  
3 months

**FLEX OPTION**  
No

**MULTI-COUNTRY/AREA AWARD**  
No

**DISCIPLINES**  
Education





# Application Components

## Requirements:

- ✓ Application Form
- ✓ Project Statement
- ✓ Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- ✓ 2 Letters of Recommendation
- ✓ Language Proficiency Report *(if required)*
- ✓ Letter of Invitation *(if required)*

## Supplemental Materials:

- ✓ Course outlines or syllabi *(for teaching)*
- ✓ Reference list *(for research)*
- ✓ Portfolio submissions *(for artists, architects, and journalists)*







# Tips for a strong application:



Before you start, **read your award's description carefully** to ensure you meet all requirements and your proposed project is possible.



Start application and enter referees' information **as soon as possible**.



**Take advantage of IIE resources**, including webinars, office hours and application guidance on our website.





# Application Cycle

## 2024-25 Competition to open in late February 2023

FEBRUARY	Competition Opens
<b>SEPTEMBER 15</b>	Application Deadline
SEPTEMBER	Program staff conducts technical reviews for completeness
OCTOBER – NOVEMBER	U.S. peer review
NOVEMBER – JANUARY	Applicants notified of status. Recommended applications are sent to host countries and to the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.
JANUARY – JUNE	Final decisions are made
JUNE – ONWARD	Participants prepare for departure



# Stay Connected with Fulbright

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