

FULBRIGHT Scholar Program

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Opportunities in 2025-26 for Faculty, Artists, Researchers and Professionals

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MISSION

- 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

- Established in 1946 by Congress, Fulbright is the United States government's flagship international educational and cultural exchange program.
- Fulbright is sponsored by the U.S.
 Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and administered by the Institute of International Education.





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 peopleto-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:

900
U.S. scholars and administrators

900

Visiting scholars

2,200

U.S. students

4,000

foreign students

400

language teaching assistants







Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards give opportunities to U.S. citizens to teach, research, carry out professional projects, and participate in seminars around the world.

Why Fulbright?

Fulbright is transformational.

- Foster sustainable partnerships
- Expand your publishing network and gain new teaching perspectives
- Serve as a cultural ambassador
- Gain the professional recognition as being identified as a Fulbright Scholar
- Join a vibrant and supportive alumni network!









Why Fulbright?



Fulbright is family-friendly.

- Approximately 60% of our awards provide dependent support
- Many Fulbright dependents go on to have international careers







Why Fulbright?

Fulbright is supportive.

- 70% of applicants engage with IIE staff
- Continued support while in country from IIE and host country staff
- Access to Fulbright scholar liaisons and alumni as resources









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
- Fulbright U.S. Scholar alums are eligible; two year waiting period between end of your last Fulbright U.S. Scholar award and next application





What can a Fulbright U.S. Scholar do? Start by finding your award!

Over 400 individual awards in more than 100 countries to **teach, research,** teach AND conduct research (listed as **teaching/research**), carry out a **professional project** or attend a **seminar**:

fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search

Select *one award* that suits your profile as a scholar, your project and your goals – and apply!









Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards

Award Types that support research, teaching, and/or professional projects:

- Postdoctoral Awards
- Scholar Awards
- Distinguished Scholar Awards

Awards vary from 2-12 months



Over 60 countries allow for the **Flex option**, which lets you divide a longer grant into two to three visits over up to two years, depending on the award.







Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards – FPPF and IEA

- Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship
 (FPPF): Early and mid-career public
 policy professionals serve in foreign
 government ministries or institutions
- Fulbright International Education
 Administrator (IEA) Awards: Higher education administrators participate in seminars to learn about a country's higher education system and context.









Selecting the Right Award

- Match country interest, expertise, career profile, and proposal to the award description
- Most awards are for one country, but there also some regional and global awards – check your options!
- Language ability (if applicable)
- Discipline preferences, when specified
- Project relevance to the host country and/or institution
- Benefits to you and your community

Research

Teaching/
Research

Professional
Project

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





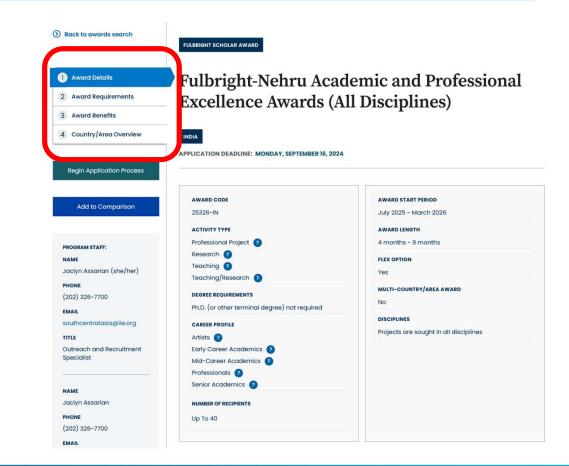


Understanding the Awards

Visit <u>fulbrightscholars.org</u> to search awards

Review important details in:

- award details
- award requirements
- award benefits
- country/area overview







Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program:

Regional Highlights from the 2025-26 Competition





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Europe and Eurasia

224 awards across 44 countries – by far Fulbright's biggest region!

Examples of awards include:

- Kosovo: NEW Sharing Lessons from Kosovo's Post-War Health Experiences
- Kosovo: NEW Balkan linguistics with Focus on Albanology
- Iceland: NEW Fulbright Iceland-National Science Foundation Nordic Award in Arctic Security now open to Finland, Iceland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden



Denmark: NEW Community College Faculty Award





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- Malta: All Disciplines
- Spain: NEW <u>International Innovation</u>, <u>Entrepreneurship</u>, <u>Business Administration & Leadership at the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid</u>
- France: NEW Université de Montpellier Award
 - **NEW** <u>France/Senegal International</u> <u>Education Administrators</u>









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- Armenia, Bulgaria, Georgia, Slovak
 Republic: All Discipline Awards
- Hungary: NEW <u>Fulbright-Ludovika University of</u> Public Service Award
- Poland: NEW Fulbright Writer-in-Residence at Adam Mickiewicz University





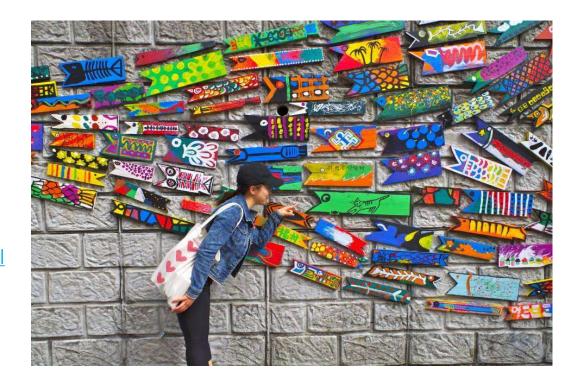
East Asia and Pacific

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44 awards across 14 countries

Examples of awards include:

- Australia: <u>Distinguished Chairs and Postdoctoral Scholarships</u>
- Korea: <u>U.S.-Korea Presidential STEM</u> <u>Initiative</u>
- Philippines: <u>U.S.-Philippine Relations</u>
- **Taiwan**: Political Science and International Relations
- Timor Leste: All Disciplines







Western Hemisphere

57 awards across 24 countries

Examples of awards include:

- Brazil: NEW <u>Fulbright Distinguished Scholar</u>
 Awards, <u>Fulbright-FAPESP Network</u>
 - NEW Fulbright Distinguished Scholar
 Award in Social Innovation and
 Sustainability in Multicultural Contexts
- Chile: NEW Fulbright Chile Distinguished
 Scholar Awards
- Guyana: NEW <u>STEM/Agriculture/Strategic</u>
 <u>Security</u>









Sub-Saharan Africa

30 awards across 25 countries

Teaching is a priority!

Examples of awards include:

Cabo Verde: All Disciplines

• Eswatini: All Disciplines

• The Gambia: All Disciplines

• Zambia: <u>Broadcasting and Journalism</u>

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Middle East and North Africa

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33 awards across 13 countries

Examples of awards include:

- Egypt: Multiple Awards
- **Bahrain**: <u>Educational Administration and</u> Teacher Education
- Kuwait and United Arab Emirates: <u>Multiple</u> <u>Disciplines</u>
- <u>Tunisia</u>: All Disciplines and <u>Algeria</u>: Multiple Disciplines
- TEFL/Applied Linguistics in Algeria and Jordan







South and Central Asia

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16 awards across 12 countries – focus on All Disciplines!

Examples of awards include:

- India: Seeks largest cohort ever for <u>All Awards</u>, including:
 - -Fulbright-Nehru Distinguished Scholar Award
 - Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence (APE)
 Award
 - -Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellowship
- Nepal: All Disciplines (Teaching/Research or Research)
- Kyrgyzstan: All Disciplines
- Multiple Disciplines awards in Taiikistan and Uzbekistan







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

The 2025-26 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Competition: Open in February 2024

FEBRUARY	Competition Opens
SEPTEMBER 16	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







Connect with a Fulbright Alumni Ambassador

- Official representatives of the Fulbright Program
- Share the impact Fulbright had on them personally and professionally, as well as on their institution.

For more information, visit: <u>fulbrightscholars.org/alumni-ambassadors</u>









Bring Foreign Fulbrighters to your Campus

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE (S-I-R) PROGRAM

Host scholars from other countries to teach for a semester or an academic year

Deadline: Proposals due in June to host in the following academic year

Website:

fulbrightscholars.org/sir

Email: SIR@iie.org

FULBRIGHT OUTREACH LECTURING FUND (OLF)

Host current Fulbright Visiting Scholars for shortterm lectureships of 2-6 days on discipline or cultural topics to internationalize the campus

Website:

fulbrightscholars.org/OLF

Email: OLF@iie.org

FULBRIGHT LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSISTANT (FLTA) PROGRAM

Host native speaking language teaching assistants to enhance students' understanding different languages and cultures

Website:

foreign.fulbrightonline.org

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Additional Fulbright U.S. Programs

SCHOLARS

- Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship FPPF@iie.org
- Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program GPA@ed.gov
- Specialist Program
 <u>FulbrightSpecialist@worldl</u>
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STUDENTS

- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program DDRA@ed.gov
- English Teaching Assistant (ETA) Program
 FBstudent@iie.org
- Student Program FBstudent@iie.org

TEACHERS

- Distinguished Award in Teaching Research Program FulbrightDA@irex.org
- Group Projects Abroad GPA@ed.gov
- Teachers for Global Classrooms FulbrightTGC@irex.org





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