

# Fulbright U.S. Scholar Opportunities in Europe and Eurasia

## Webinar Q&A Box Questions and Answers

*These questions have been anonymized. Any question too specific to any one applicant has been removed. Questions answered live will appear only in the video recording.*

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| Some years ago I was told of the Fulbright Senior Scholar program, in which the Fulbright staff would review the credentials of an applicant and offer the applicant some possible placements relevant to the applicant's strengths. Does anything like that still exist? | Hello! We do not have an applicant where you can be considered for more than one placement anymore; you must apply to only one award. However, you can email us at <a href="mailto:EuropeEurasia@iie.org">EuropeEurasia@iie.org</a> and we can help you consider your options before you apply.   |
| Is India part of Eurasia?   | Hi! It is not. It's part of South and Central Asia. That webinar has already happened, and the recording is on our website:<br><a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/events/webinars#layout-multitab-tab-2">https://fulbrightscholars.org/events/webinars#layout-multitab-tab-2</a>  |
| how can we find the names of the recipients of a fullbright per host country  | Hello! You can find past Fulbrighters on our directory: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/fulbright-scholar-directory">https://fulbrightscholars.org/fulbright-scholar-directory</a>   |
| How US Scholars and Administrators is different from visiting faculty?  | Thank you for your inquiry! The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program is specifically for U.S. citizens. For details about the Visiting Scholar Program, please be in touch with the Fulbright contact in your country. You can find that information here: <a href="https://exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/fulbright-visiting-scholar-program">https://exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/fulbright-visiting-scholar-program</a> (see country specific information) |
| What percentage of awards are earmarked for/go to community college faculty? Or does it vary year to year? Thank you!   | Hello! We are unable to provide this information.   |
| Is it permitted to apply for more than one Fulbright in a given cycle (with the understanding that the applicant would only accept one, of course).   | Hello! Unfortunately, no. You may only apply to one award per cycle.  |
| Are Turkey and Greece covered in this webinar?  | They are in the region, but I know at least Greece- one of my countries - is not on the slides today. Feel free to ask me about Greece at <a href="mailto:EuropeEurasia@iie.org">EuropeEurasia@iie.org</a> today, though!   |
| I am currently collaborating with Freie Universität Berlin in Germany. Is it possible for me to visit his lab through one of Fulbright's programs?  | Yes, you can apply to the Fulbright U.S. Scholar award in Germany for research position.  |

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| <p>Thank you! In that case, are there opportunities to engage with IIE personnel to discuss which might be the most promising to optimize one's chances?</p>  | <p>Hello! Yes. If you're interested in Europe Eurasia, please email them at <a href="mailto:EuropeEurasia@iie.org">EuropeEurasia@iie.org</a> so they can help you consider your options.</p>  |
| <p>Can you please email me the contacts at Fulbright/IIE that I can connect with/ask questions. I am interested in serving as a Fulbright scholar. I have served as one in Asia in 2016. I would like to do so in Europe next. Julia/Keegan, can you please email me the slides and your email address so I can reach you if I have any questions. Thank you so much!</p> | <p>Hello! The slides will be posted later, and you'll get a link as a registrant. You can email us at <a href="mailto:EuropeEurasia@iie.org">EuropeEurasia@iie.org</a>, and depending on your message content, one of us will get back to you.</p>  |
| <p>Thank you for doing this. Are there any resources and links on how to gain a letter of invitation?</p>   | <p>On the application steps page, please see the letter of invitation section <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</a></p>   |
| <p>I'm originally from Romania and would like to apply for an award in Romania. Would that be considered an advantage or a disadvantage?</p>  | <p>Do you have the dual citizenship with U.S. and Romania? Please review the dual citizenship and residency requirements for Romania/</p>   |
| <p>Can we ascertain the number of people applying for a award</p>   | <p>Hello! We do not share numbers on competitiveness. This is because of the somewhat diplomatic aspect of the Fulbright Scholar Program. In this scenario, though, the way to be most competitive is to find the most specific award that meets your needs.</p>  |
| <p>Probably an obvious question, but is the Ukraine program for U.S. scholars still suspended for 2025-26?</p>  | <p>Yes, but let us know if you are open to apply to other neighboring countries.</p>  |
| <p>I have worked as a professor (including as a visiting professor under a Fulbright), but it has been many years. Am considered an academic or is that no longer applicable?</p>   | <p>Hello! This would depend on the number of years that you worked as an academic. However, if you're an independent or unaffiliated academic, you're still eligible to apply.</p>  |
| <p>The City of Paris has made it difficult to find long term housing unless you have a "bail mobilité" which is given to foreign students/visiting researchers, among others. Would a Fulbright scholar be eligible to receive this status?</p>   | <p>Hello! I recommend contacting Fulbright France about this. On every French award, at the bottom of the Award Requirements tab is a contact for Charlotte Goodwin, who will know all about this.</p>  |
| <p>Will posted awards be added to prior to the deadline? Or are the ones there now the maximum for this cycle?</p>  | <p>Hello! The awards posted now are the awards for this cycle.</p>  |
| <p>Can you find a host institution or does it need to be listed as a pre-existing award? I'm looking in the UK. Thank you.</p>  | <p>You should check the award! Many awards in the UK are what we call "partner awards", meaning they are co-sponsored by an institution in the country and that is the designated host institution for that opportunity. Whether a letter of invitation is required is listed in the award requirements section of the description.</p> |
| <p>Can a Fulbright Schuman scholar from the 2022-2023 class (Fulbright completed Jan. 2023) apply this year? It would be more than two years for the start time if selected again.</p>  | <p>Hello! If your last day on grant was in Jan 2023, then you need to wait until September 2026 to reapply (since September 2025 is less than two years after your last day on grant.). We measure by the last day.</p>   |
| <p>It does not seem like a spouse would qualify as a dependent.</p>   | <p>Yes, they do qualify as a dependent.</p>   |
| <p>if we are submitting to all disciplines, doctorate in business admin counts, by looking at previous awardees for poland, i did not see any award for business majors, I made it through the last stage and i will reapply, as the letter i received fundamentally</p>  | <p>Hello! All Disciplines awards accept projects in any discipline. However, do we recommend speaking with the host institution before you apply to gather what their needs are.</p>  |

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| mentioned that i was recommended to receive a grant by the panel, but did not end up being selected. Do you think they are not looking for business majors at all   |  |
| For the flex option, is this for all award types?   | We have it offered in 30 countries in Europe and Eurasia.  |
| I completed my US Scholar Fulbright program in July 2023. Am I eligible to apply for the 2025-2026 cycle?   | Two years need to elapse between the end of your last grant and your next application. Therefore, if your last grant ended in July 2023, you'll be eligible to apply again after July 2025   |
| I have a desire to study immigrant youth in Northern Europe, preferably Sweden. I don't have a scholar or contact in that country or in any European country. How do I best find these contacts to partner with them in research and/or teaching?   | Hello! For more information on contacting/finding a host institution, please see our website: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</a>  |
| would academics be able to apply to the Public Policy fellowships?  | Thank you for your inquiry! Academics can apply if they have 3 years of professional experience. However, I encourage applicants who are academics to consider applying for a general Scholar award.   |
| Is Uzbekistan a part of Eurasia region? If so, I would love to have a contact! Thank you!   | Hello! We consider that South and Central Asia. Please email <a href="mailto:southandcentralasia@iie.org">southandcentralasia@iie.org</a> .  |
| I was wondering from a cultural perspective if the host would prefer a culturally diverse scholar?  | I'm not sure I understand your question... but note that U.S. citizens from all cultural backgrounds are welcome to apply for U.S. Scholar awards!   |
| I'm senior scholar, 35 years as professor, do I have to apply for Distinguished Scholar Award?  | Hello! No, as long as "senior academics" are allowed on the award (and you can search for this "Career Profile"), you are eligible.  |
| If someone applies and does not receive an award this application cycle, will they be at a disadvantage applying for an award in the future?  | Not at all. We have many applicants who are successful on their second (or third!) application. you're always judged on the application you put forward that year; previous applications are not a consideration   |
| I get the impression that I ought to look at the Distinguished Scholar awards. I must have missed that category when I looked at the web site. Is it easy to find?  | Hello! You can look at the search parameter "Award Type" and check "Distinguished."  |
| What are all the French speaking countries available through Fulbright?   | Hello! France and Belgium are the countries in Europe. (Some French awards also go to the DOM-CHROM). We also have francophone countries in Sub-Saharan Africa.  |
| Julia, can you please email me some info. on the Greece fulbright--I understand that Greece is one of the countries that you cover.   | Hello! Please email <a href="mailto:EuropeEurasia@iie.org">EuropeEurasia@iie.org</a> and Julia will be able to help you see your options.  |
| I'd like more details about a professional project  | Thank you for your inquiry! Professional Projects are activities in which you do not ask research questions. You can find more information as well as examples on our Award Activity page ( <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#activities">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#activities</a> )!   |
| Question on definition of "research." I am a community based researcher in nursing with a terminal degree (doctorate of nursing practice, DNP) and not a PhD. Previous application was not successful (which is ok, I learned a lot) but do not want to jeopardize myself again with a teaching/research award and am considering just focusing on teaching. Thank you. | Thank you for your inquiry! Fundamentally, applicants are not judged on their activity type, but the review criteria. If an award activity type is offered, then applicants can apply for that activity as listed in the award. I recommend speaking with your potential host institution on how you can strengthen your application by looking at the Review Criteria and your application: |

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|   | <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#review-process">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#review-process</a>  |
| Do most faculty go on sabbatical while on a Fulbright?<br>Thank you!  | Hello! That depends. Many are able to get non-sabbatical leave, particularly with the help of a Scholar Liaison at their home institution.   |
| i reached out to them again, they are willing to invite me and keep working with me and i can see that this year the letter is required   | Hello! We unfortunately cannot provide feedback on applications, but if the host is re-inviting you, we highly encourage you to reapply!   |
| Years ago, I saw that the number of Fulbright Student applicants per country was published; are the historical number of applicants per country for Fulbright Scholar awards published anywhere?  | Hello! We do not have the same publication standard because the Scholar Program has a more diplomatic side. You can, however, see all of our alums on our Scholar Directory.   |
| In this region I notice multicountry awards in the EU countries and partnership awards. Are the award opportunities in Serbia?  | You can find all awards on our site at <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search</a> . Note you can search by country, region, discipline, etc., like Serbia's All Disciplines award: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/all-disciplines-797">https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/all-disciplines-797</a>  |
| I reached out Belgium fulbright coordinator and based on my profile as published writer and editor, I will be eligible for Open Stud/ research award. I am US citizen but originally Japan. Is there anyway, I could highlight Japanese expertise and English in application? | Hello, you mention you're pursuing an open study/research award, which is a U.S. Student award. Note that all U.S. Scholar awards (the awards we're discussing today) are for faculty, professionals, and artists and all found at <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search</a>   |
| Do you have distinguished scholar opportunities for Turkey or Spain?  | Hi! To see all our Distinguished awards in Europe Eurasia, please look at our website: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;field_world_area%5B4457%5D=4457&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_type_list%5B8301%5D=8301&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;field_world_area%5B4457%5D=4457&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_type_list%5B8301%5D=8301&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</a> |
| what does a partnership award mean  | Hello! This means the name of the university is on the award because they help select and sometimes offer monies.  |
| I am going to apply to the Netherlands, I read the guidelines for the country, and they don't specify Distinguished Scholars ( last bullet point). Nor do they specify level of scholar. I assume I just can apply as a general scholar?                                      | Note that the distinguished scholars are just one type of U.S. Scholar award that aren't available in all countries. The All-Disciplines award for the Netherlands *is open* to scholars at all stages of their careers, including senior academics!<br><a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/all-disciplines-753">https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/all-disciplines-753</a>  |
| I am interested in Greece as well   | We have an All-Discipline award in Greece  |
| Are there awards that I would be eligible for as a doctoral student with an MS and several years of teaching experience?  | Hello! Graduate students should check out the Fulbright Student Program.   |
| I did not see Poland in the list of countries. Are there Fulbright options in that country?   | Yes, we do have amazing awards in Poland.  |
| What is the difference between scholars and distinguished scholars awards?  | I think of distinguished scholar awards like a subset of scholar awards; they are simply a more specific group of awards exclusively looking for scholars who are more accomplished. There are many Scholar Awards seeking   |

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|  | senior academics, so you have many options open to you.  |
| Great presentation. Thanks.<br><br>What are the key differences between scholars and distinguished scholars?   | I think of distinguished scholar awards like a subset of scholar awards; they are simply a more specific group of awards exclusively looking for scholars who are more accomplished. There are many Scholar Awards seeking senior academics, so you have many options open to you.   |
| For the International Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Business program at the Universidad in Madrid, would an MBA be considered a terminal degree?   | Hello! Please see our list of terminal degrees here: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/sites/default/files/documents/Terminal%20Degrees%202022-2023.pdf">https://fulbrightscholars.org/sites/default/files/documents/Terminal%20Degrees%202022-2023.pdf</a>                     |
| What if I don't see an award for the field I am interested in (landscape architecture)? I have a Master's in Architecture and certificate in Landscape Design. I would be interested in research of specific gardens and am a mid-career professional. Am I eligible?  | Hello! I recommend searching by "Architecture," but to my knowledge, I think you would fall in All Disciplines in Europe OR choose an award that is focused on a region but is All Disciplines.  |
| Is the list of grant final or is it continuously updated?  | It is finalized!   |
| I have an MBA and work as an adjunct professor in Communications (for which my university considers a Masters as a terminal degree). I am ABD for a PhD. Do I need to wait until I have a PhD or can I apply and get accepted while still working on my dissertation. How can I discern what "or terminal degree" means on postings? | Hello! Yes, if you are a current student, you should consider Fulbright Student for now ( <a href="http://fulbrightonline.org">fulbrightonline.org</a> ). Then, once you have your PhD in hand, you can do Scholar right after you do Student - there is no eligibility issue there. |
| Are there Distinguished Scholar Awards for the Fulbright Public Policy Fellowships?  | The Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship is simply a Scholar Award. As the award prefers applicants with 3-5 years of experience, I encourage academics and professionals with more experience to consider a broader Fulbright U.S. Scholar award.                                     |
| if available, is there an award in Holland?  | Yes, the award for the Netherlands is open to projects in all disciplines: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/all-disciplines-753">https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/all-disciplines-753</a>   |
| Thank you, Julia. How do we find our Scholar Liaison?  | You can search here: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/liaisons">https://fulbrightscholars.org/liaisons</a>   |
| Is the PPT slides available? If yes, where is the link to download. Thanks.  | Hello! The PPT and recording will be available on our website by Friday end of day.  |
| Are there particular areas that receive fewer applications that are suitable for music?  | Hello! You may wish to sign up for our Hidden Gems webinars, as that is all we can say about competitiveness. Webinar sign-ups are here: <a href="https://apply.iie.org/portal/scholar_webinars">https://apply.iie.org/portal/scholar_webinars</a>                                   |
| For awards that specify senior academics who have been a scholar or teacher for more than X years, does that time include time spent as a PhD researcher/Postdoctoral researcher, or only thereafter?  | Hello! We count your years after a terminal degree in these Career Profiles.   |
| Could you please share your website URL?   | Hello! This is our website: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/">https://fulbrightscholars.org/</a>  |
| If covered under a non-sabbatical leave for a Fulbright Scholar Award, do most scholars continue to receive their salary from the institution where they are employed (in addition to the Fulbright stipend) during their time in the host country? Or solely receive their  | Hello! Your Scholar Liaison is best poised to answer this for your U.S. institution: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/liaisons">https://fulbrightscholars.org/liaisons</a>   |

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| <p>salary in addition to the Fulbright stipend if covered by a sabbatical leave?<br/>Thank you!</p>   |  |
| <p><a href="https://us.fulbrightonline.org/countries/europe-and-eurasia/belgium/1664">https://us.fulbrightonline.org/countries/europe-and-eurasia/belgium/1664</a> Is this US student award?</p>  | <p>Hello! Yes, that is a student award.</p>  |
| <p>I am interested in conducting archival research at a particular UK university, but that university does not appear on the list. Do I need to wait until an award opportunity for that university opens up? or is there an "open" study option available?</p> | <p>UK only offers partnership awards.</p>  |
| <p>I have reached out to a few universities re: a letter of invitation and never heard back. What happens if I cannot get a letter?</p>   | <p>Hello! This depends on if the letter of invitation is required or not. If it's required, then your application will not be complete, therefore will not go through. If it's not required, optional, or preferred - then it's not required - therefore, your application will still go through.</p>  |
| <p>Does Fulbright conduct the placement of applicants, and/or can applicants also indicate eligible host countries of their preference?</p>   | <p>Hello! You will need to make this selection yourself, as we do not offer alternate placements. This is why you want to research the best award for you and choose that one for your application.</p>  |
| <p>Lastly, I am on the fulbright specialist roster, but I can still apply for scholar, right?</p>   | <p>Thank you for your inquiry! As the eligibility requirements state, "Recipients of a Fulbright Specialist Program grant are not required to adhere to the two-year waiting period before applying for a Fulbright Scholar award. Applicants may be on the Specialist roster but may not carry out both a U.S. Scholar grant and a Specialist grant simultaneously." In short, you can be on the Specialist roster and apply for the Scholar Program - simply, you cannot do a Specialist and Scholar grant at the same time. Eligibility page:<br/><a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#eligibility">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#eligibility</a></p> |
| <p>All the past PPT will also be on the site, right?</p>  | <p>Yes, the meeting is being recorded. After the webinar concludes, the recording and slides will be shared in our webinar archive<br/>(<a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/events/webinars#layout-multitab-tab-2">https://fulbrightscholars.org/events/webinars#layout-multitab-tab-2</a>)</p>   |
| <p>can you apply as an independent scholar?</p>   | <p>Hello! Yes, you can. Please read the award details in the award you're interested in for more eligibility factors</p>   |
| <p>please repeat slowly the theme for Norway<br/>thank you</p>  | <p>Hello! The topic for 2026 will be: "The Price of Peace: historical, political, and philosophical perspectives."</p>   |
| <p>I have an MBA but in a Masters in Museum Studies Certificate program (they don't offer degree) does that qualify for an educational award or should I look for a professional?</p>   | <p>Thanks for your inquiry! Fundamentally, it depends on the award you are most interested in. I recommend reaching out to the IIE contact listed for the award you are most interested in to determine if that is possible. Here are the non exhaustive list of terminal degrees:<br/><a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/sites/default/files/documents/Terminal%20Degrees%202022-2023.pdf">https://fulbrightscholars.org/sites/default/files/documents/Terminal%20Degrees%202022-2023.pdf</a></p>   |
| <p><a href="https://us.fulbrightonline.org/countries/europe-and-eurasia/belgium/1664">https://us.fulbrightonline.org/countries/europe-and-eurasia/belgium/1664</a> Is this US student award? If you are graduate of MA, you are not qualified?</p>              | <p>Hello! This is a student award. If you like more information about the student program, please send them an email.</p>  |

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| For those who will graduate with their PhD a few months before the start of the award, would the home institution be the alma mater?   | Hello! You would want to file as an Independent Scholar, unless you get a position after graduation, at which point we can update your home institution.   |
| When is a good time to reach out to host institutions?   | Whenever, wherever! For Europe, I strongly recommend reaching out now and, in the spring, as it can be hard to get ahold of people over the more relaxed summer months.  |
| Does a partnership always involve an academic organization, or can it be a social service agency or research institute?  | Check the location details of your award! Some awards are specific to certain institutions, others are restricted to only institutions of higher education, while others are very flexible (including nonprofits, research centers, etc.)  |
| Do all teaching awards require a PhD, or is lengthy teaching experience considered equivalent?   | Hello! No, there are many teaching awards that do not require terminal degrees. You can search by "Degree Requirement" on our awards page.   |
| Where can I find the links for the various programs on the slides? For instance, Bulgaria "All Disciplines", where would I find more information?  | Hello! You can find all awards on our website: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search</a>   |
| Will the slides be automatically sent to registrants or must we request them?  | Hello! You will get a link to the recording page, which includes the slides.   |
| If a country says they have "up to 3" awards, for example, are 3 awards typically granted? Is it just dependent on how competitive the applicants are and how well they match?   | Hello! You have it correct, that means they may or may not select up to that threshold depending on who applies that year.   |
| I am a US citizen but I also have Greek and German citizenships. Can I apply for a Fulbright for either of those countries?  | Hello! Please read the award requirements tab in the award that you're interested in. It will tell you whether dual citizens can apply or not.   |
| Are there any recommended programs for bachelor's degree graduates? I recognize that some of these are for MA/PhD degree recipients.   | Hello! Please check out the Fulbright U.S Student Program.   |
| Can an applicant seek out and make arrangements with a country or university that is not listed/recommended? I have in mind, Germany. Thank you in advance.  | Germany is listed as one of the countries with an All-Discipline award.  |
| Can you send me the link for Turkey award  | Hello! You can find all our awards on our website: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search</a>   |
| I believe Ms. Krasniqi mentioned that a PhD is strongly preferred for North Macedonia, which is seeking applicants focused on Rule of Law. Are JD academic applicants on equal footing or is this a specific preference for a PhD? | Thank you for your inquiry! Indeed, yes those with a JD are accepted as that is considered a terminal degree. However, there is a preference for those who have teaching experience. If you feel that this award is for you, I recommend reaching out to potential host contacts to see their interest in hosting you -- <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/rule-law-judiciary-reform-and-civil-society-6">https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/rule-law-judiciary-reform-and-civil-society-6</a> |
| Can shorter awards (eg., 4 months) be combined with funding from other sources for a longer stay? Or are there visa or other requirements that require the scholar to return to the US at the end of the Fulbright award?          | Hello! Yes, people often combine funding sources. Just let us know in your application if you are intending to do this, because we want to see that any expectations of that other grant do not interfere with your Fulbright activities.  |
| Can you apply in different categories (innovation, European union, etc) or just one?   | Hello! You can only apply to one award per competition cycle.  |

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| <p>Can you please repeat what recent means for post doc?</p>  | <p>Hello! The range is 3-7 years out from receiving your doctoral degree. This varies by country, so please see the "Award Requirements" tab to see which range they are using.</p>   |
| <p>Is Romania not a potential country?</p>  | <p>Hello! You can find all awards, including in Romania, on our website:<br/> <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;country%5B%5D=4535&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;country%5B%5D=4535&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</a></p> |
| <p>Please tell us more about "Distinguished Scholar Award." More than 7-10 years of faculty experience, what else does it require to qualify for a distinguished scholar award? Can you provide some examples?</p>  | <p>Every country will have specific requirements, but in general you must have at least 13 years of teaching and research experience and a record of publications.</p>  |
| <p>Since the IEA program has a deadline of 2/3/25, which is separate from the regular application date of 9/16/25, can I apply to both programs?</p>  | <p>Hello! No, you may only apply to one award in the 2025-2026 application cycle.</p>   |
| <p>Is postdoc only research or can it be professional project?</p>  | <p>Hello! They are research awards, but typically the professional project can be reframed as research. If you have questions, email <a href="mailto:EuropeEurasia@iie.org">EuropeEurasia@iie.org</a>.</p>  |
| <p>Could you tell me which award fits for creative writing writer with graduate degree in Belgium? Is this the one? <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/all-disciplines-779">https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/all-disciplines-779</a></p>   | <p>Hi! Please email <a href="mailto:EuropeEurasia@iie.org">EuropeEurasia@iie.org</a>, so they can help you consider your options.</p>   |
| <p>I am on the roster currently as a Fulbright Specialist but have not found a match. I am working on a Fulbright Scholar application focusing on a collaboration in Bulgaria. Do you see any issue being on the Fulbright Specialist roster and moving ahead with a Fulbright Scholar award?</p>   | <p>You can be on the Specialist roster and pursue a U.S. scholar award concurrently. The only restriction here is that you cannot carry out a specialist GRANT and a scholar grant at the same time.</p>  |
| <p>Does one apply for Postdoc if expecting to finish a PhD within the time before the award starts (2026, for example) or need to apply for a student award?</p>  | <p>If you are a current student, please consider Fulbright Student awards instead (<a href="http://fulbrightonline.org">fulbrightonline.org</a>) for now. There is no eligibility issue between Student and Scholar, so you could do a student award and then do a Scholar award straight after, as long as you have your degree in hand by the grant start date!</p>   |
| <p>Do we have any sense of the competitiveness of awards? For instance, I am working with Dutch colleagues, and want to apply to work with them at University of Groningen. There are THREE available Fulbrights to Netherlands. Is there any way to know the number of applicants from previous years and get some sense of the competitiveness?</p> | <p>Hello! In accordance to the Fulbright Scholarship Board, we're unable to provide that information. However, we do have a Global Hidden Gems Webinar of awards that are highlighted if the applicant is flexible with where they want to apply.</p>   |
| <p>Which IEA awards are open to faculty with administrative roles? (E.g., roles like department chair or director of experiential learning, that are 3/4 administrative positions rather than full time)</p>  | <p>Thank you for your inquiry! Please visit the IEA award page for more specific information as each award is different from the other:<br/> <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards/IEA">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards/IEA</a></p>  |
| <p>In reaching out to host contacts, is it preferable to reach out to an institution directly or to the Fulbright office/program for that country first? If the former, whom would you recommend contacting at a specific institution (e.g. the Dean?). Thank you.</p>  | <p>Hello! For more information on contacting a host institution, please see our website:<br/> <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</a></p>   |



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| <p>I have been working with a researcher at the University of Birmingham in the UK for several years. The Principal Investigator (at the UofBirmingham) of the research has asked me to come over to his university to assist further. He is happy to write the Invitation Letter, but is there greater advantage to having his Dean write the letter, or does it matter since he has content expertise? Thank you.</p> | <p>Hello! The letter of invitation just needs to have the administrative capacity to invite people. If your colleague can do this, then they may write the letter. Also: since you say you have been there for several years, please make sure you have not been outside the U.S. for 5 of the 6 years preceding your application, as that is a significant eligibility criterion.</p>   |
| <p>If I were to find a match in the Specialist award does that preclude me having a Scholar award at a different time?</p>  | <p>Thank you for your inquiry! As the eligibility requirements state, "Recipients of a Fulbright Specialist Program grant are not required to adhere to the two-year waiting period before applying for a Fulbright Scholar award. Applicants may be on the Specialist roster, but may not carry out both a U.S. Scholar grant and a Specialist grant simultaneously." You may receive both a Fulbright Scholar and Specialist but the grant dates cannot overlap.</p> |
| <p>What is the "Fulbright Specialist Roster"?</p>   | <p>Hello! We do not administer the Specialist Program. Please see <a href="https://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org/">https://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org/</a></p>  |
| <p>On the website I have read that many awards say "award start period: August-September". Is there any flexibility to start earlier? Given that no activities are going on during summer, it may be beneficial to start earlier</p>  | <p>We're unfortunately bound to what's posted in the award. If the award start period is August or September 2025, then proposed projects must begin in either August or September; activities that begin outside of that timeline are not eligible. If that's a barrier for you and your project's flexible, I encourage you to consider other awards that allow you to propose a different start.</p>  |
| <p>can independent scholars apply and/or non profit founders?</p>   | <p>Yes, we do have a category: professionals for independent scholars or those outside of academia</p>   |
| <p>Are you able to share application statistics by country?</p>   | <p>Hello! We are unable to share this information.</p>   |
| <p>Will this recording be shared? Thank you</p>   | <p>Yes, it will be available on our website under the archived webinars.</p>   |
| <p>In terms of the post doc "clock" would you consider the time you earned your PhD to the application deadline or the beginning of the award period?</p>   | <p>Hello! We date this to the grant start date.</p>  |
| <p>can you share statistics or information about the countries or types of programs where faculty from liberal arts institutions have a higher likelihood of succes?</p>  | <p>Hello! We are unable to share this information.</p>   |
| <p>Hi, is there a separate webinar for applications for Indian fellowships?</p>   | <p>Hello! We had our South and Central Asia Webinar last week and you can find the recording here: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/events/webinars#layout-multitab-tab-2">https://fulbrightscholars.org/events/webinars#layout-multitab-tab-2</a></p>   |
| <p>If one is an independant scholar, who would be best for a letter of recommendation?</p>  | <p>Hello! For letter of recommendation guidance, please see our website: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</a></p>   |
| <p>For independent scholar/artist, from whom should the letter of recommendation come from?</p>   | <p>Hello! Think of someone who you consider to be a close colleague, with whom you worked or talked to recently.</p>   |
| <p>Another way of asking this: will we be in competiton with all applicants to Holland?</p>   | <p>We do have an award in the Netherland</p>   |

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| <p>You require a recommendation from a person at your place of employment. What if 1) you are retired or 2) a private consultant?</p>   | <p>Then you need to get a letter of rec. from a colleague that you have worked most recently with.</p>   |
| <p>If a program has been offered in the past but does not appear in this year's offerings (i.e., a program associated with a particular organization/institution is not listed this year), does that mean that program is unlikely to be offered in the future?</p> | <p>Hello! Awards change every year. At this time, the only awards available are the ones in our website.</p>   |
| <p>Are emerita/emeritus faculty considered as "independent scholars" or as faculty applicants (in terms of meeting the criteria)?</p>   | <p>Hello! Emerita/retired faculty is eligible to apply in general.</p>   |
| <p>Do you need to already set your syllabus when you apply? Should this be something discussed and worked out with a potential host institution in advance?</p>   | <p>While you should discuss what you intend to teach with your potential host, the syllabi you provide in your application doesn't need to be for the courses you intend to teach. Of course, if you have them, that's great to provide, but they're intended to be samples to demonstrate to a review committee how you structure a class and how you communicate expectations to students.</p> |
| <p>Could you please clarify -- what is a reference list?<br/>Thanks.</p>  | <p>Hello! It's a list of citations (which may be lightly annotated) situating your project in its field of scholarly work, and proving it is a unique intervention that is aware of what is going on around it.</p>  |
| <p>I am interested in mindfulness and entrepreneurship and leadership. Could you please suggest some awards that emphasize on this?</p>   | <p>Hello! Please email EuropeEurasia@iie.org so they can help you see your options.</p>  |
| <p>I have reached out to various people in Malta for a letter of invitation and have not heard back. Should I look at applying to a different country?</p>  | <p>Hello! Please contact me at EuropeEurasia@iie.org and tell me where you tried already!</p>  |
| <p>But can you say more about not being outside the US for 5 of the last 6 years? Does that mean anywhere for any reason, or to the country you are seeking specifically?<br/>Thank you</p>   | <p>Hello! This means in general any country outside of the U.S.</p>  |
| <p>Does the U.S. Fulbright Scholar offer teaching English as a secondary language or is this the U.S. Fulbright Student program that offer this opportunity?</p>  | <p>Thank you for your inquiry! If you are in applied linguistics or have a Master's in TEFL -- specifically with experience teacher training -- we do have opportunities to teach. However, the U.S. Student Program has opportunities to be an English Teaching Assistant.</p>  |
| <p>For the research proposals, is it better to include information about potential publishers or simply emphasize the content of the project?</p>   | <p>Hello! This is up to you. There is no deliverable for Fulbright; you set your own feasible parameters.</p>  |
| <p>do host institutions tend to provide letters of invitation to several scholars, if they reach out? Or how does this generally work?</p>  | <p>Hello! Yes, they may. Institutions are not involved in the selection process, so they can issue as many letters as they like.</p>   |
| <p>Can you elaborate on the letter of invitation from the host country?</p>   | <p>Hello! For more information on the letter of invitation, please see our website:<br/><a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</a></p>  |
| <p>To confirm, there is no benefit to applying much earlier than the deadline vs. by the deadline, correct?</p>   | <p>That's correct. Review of applications does not begin until after the deadline. HOWEVER, if you are able to submit prior to the deadline, that's ideal (as you won't have to rush to meet the deadline!)</p>  |

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| Language proficiency refers to other than English?  | Hello! Yes. The award details will state which language they would want you to have proficiency in.  |
| Thank you for this presentation. Can we contact you outside of office hours at the email provided on the website?   | Yes, EuropeEurasia@iie.org   |
| Can you share some details on the Fulbright Specialist program?   | Hello! We do not administer this program. Please see <a href="https://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org/">https://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org/</a> |
| Can application reference letters be from the host country?   | They can, but not from the person inviting you.  |
| can you give us an idea of how competitive the awards are?  | Hello! We cannot share competitiveness data due to the somewhat diplomatic exercise of our competition with 160+ countries.                                      |
| how many applications, approximately, are received in one cycle?  | Hello! We are unable to provide this information.  |
| Is prior experience in the host country a benefit or detractor for scholar awards? Or does it depend on the award?  | It typically helps, but as long as it is not an extensive experience within the last 5 years.  |
| I am a community college instructor with an MA, but have continued to pursue my research projects, which focus on Italo-Albanian (Arberesh) and Albanian studies. I would like to apply for a Fullbright grant in Albania or Kosovo, but I also notice that there might be more options in an Open Study/Research award in the U.S. Student program, that doesn't seem to require current enrollment in a university program. Would you recommend the U.S. Scholar program, or is it possible to apply for an Open Study/Research Award? Also, does the restriction on applying for more than one award refer to different sections of Fullbright? (Apologies if you have already answered this.) | Hi. There is a new award in Kosovo on Albanology. Please connect with me about this question<br>EuropeEurasia@iie.org  |
| For clarity, it IS possible to apply for BOTH specialist and scholar?   | Hello! Yes, it is. However, you can't do both grants at the same time.   |
| If you have dual citizenship with the host country and the US, is that an issue, or a plus?   | Hello! Please check each award's Award Requirements tab, as different awards/countries view this differently.  |
| Please note that the Office Hour link in the Chat does not seem to be active/working, at least on my end.   | Hello! This should work:<br><a href="https://apply.iie.org/portal/office_hours">https://apply.iie.org/portal/office_hours</a>                                    |
| Is it ok to directly contact the contact listed in the award in the host country?   | Yes! We list these contacts for your use, and they know to expect you.   |
| Any opportunities in Serbia?  | Yes, we do have an award in All Discipline in Serbia   |
| Hi (and thanks) is there a Fulbright-NATO workshop coming up?   | Hello! No, but you can email me at EuropeEurasia@iie.org about this award in Belgium.  |
| You have mentioned several opportunities as "beautiful", etc. Are there areas of preference that may be routinely underserved?  | You will want to see our Hidden Gems webinars, as that is the most we can say about competitiveness.   |
| Is there any interest in gerontology or aging studies?  | Yes, there are awards open to all disciplines. Check the award you're considering!   |