



FULBRIGHT

Scholar Program

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Opportunities in Sub-Saharan Africa in 2024-25

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Today's Presentation

- Program Overview
- Why Fulbright?
- Eligibility
- Types of Awards
- Regional Highlights
- Application Cycle and Tips
- Questions





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**.
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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:

900

U.S. scholars and
administrators

900

Visiting
scholars

2,200

U.S.
students

4,000

foreign
students

400

language
teaching
assistants





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**
- 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 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





Which Award is for you?

Award Types:

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





Which Award is for you?

Flex Option

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

Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship

Global & Regional Awards





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*



Teaching

Research

Teaching/
Research

Professional
Project



Sub-Saharan Africa: Opportunities for 2024-25



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Regional Highlights

- **35 unique awards offered across 27 countries**, from Cabo Verde to Guinea and Sudan to Eswatini!
- 12 awards do **not** require a Ph.D. or Terminal Degree
- Interest in **Teaching or Teaching/Research** activities
- **French** and Portuguese language skills useful
- Multi-country research through the **Africa Regional Research Project**





West Africa

- **Benin:** All Disciplines
- **Cabo Verde:** All Disciplines
- **Cote D'Ivoire:** All Disciplines
- **Guinea:** All Disciplines





Southern Africa



- **Botswana:** Public Health
- **Eswatini:** All Disciplines
- **Namibia:** All Disciplines
- **Zambia:** Journalism and Broadcasting





North and East Africa

- **Malawi:** All Disciplines
- **Mauritius:** All Disciplines
- **Sudan:** All Disciplines
- **Uganda:** All Disciplines





Africa Regional Research Program



- Opportunity to do **Research** in one, two, or three countries in the region
- Does **not** include South Africa
- Flex Option





Understanding the Awards

Visit fulbrightscholars.org to search awards

Review important details in:

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

Back to awards search

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR AWARD

Developing Military Leadership

KOSOVO

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

Begin Application Process

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TITLE
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AWARD CODE
24593-KO

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

FEBRUARY	Competition Opens
SEPTEMBER 15	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





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: June 1

Website:
fulbrightscholars.org/sir

Email: SIR@iie.org

FULBRIGHT OUTREACH LECTURING FUND (OLF)

Host current Fulbright Visiting Scholars for short-term 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

Email: dcook@iie.org





Additional Fulbright U.S. Programs

SCHOLARS

- Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship
FPPF@iie.org
- Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program
GPA@ed.gov
- Specialist Program
FulbrightSpecialist@worldlearning.org

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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