

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Opportunities in the United Kingdom

Webinar Q&A Box Questions and Answers

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Question	Answer
I just want to be sure that my video and audio automatically turned off?	Your video and audio are automatically turned off as an attendee.
What is the best practice for asking for a letter of invitation? is that even done?	Thank you for your question! We have detailed guidance on getting a letter of invitation on our website: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps
Given that the goal is the cultural exchange, are applications from dual citizens (US+hosting country) less competitive?	Hello! Please check the specific award, but typically dual citizens are allowed in the UK.
Do you still have a "Senior" Scholars Program for former higher ed educators/administrators? Is there an age limit?	Thank you for your question! There is no age limit for awards. You can find all awards for senior/distinguished scholars here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&field_award_multi_country=All&field_award_type_list%5B8301%5D=8301&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All
Hello! I have an invitation from a faculty member at the University of Birmingham and a project proposal. Could someone in your office read it and offer feedback?	Thank you for your question! In the interest of fairness for the competition, we cannot review letter of invitations. However, we have detailed information in our website about what can be/should be on it: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps
what is a flex award?	Hello! So, this is not offered in the UK. But some countries offer you the option to "flex your time" of the award in 2-3 segments over 1-2 years.
Do you know if any of the libraries happen to be any of the Legal Deposit libraries?	Hello! I recommend emailing the contact on the award to check for this. Sadly, I am not the expert!
Can you apply for multiple positions awards in the UK in the hope of securing one or are you only allowed to apply for one specific award position? Also, can you only apply for a Fulbright in 1 country or can you apply for multiple countries (assuming multiple letters, application material packets, etc.)	Hello! You may only apply for one award per year/cycle. So please shop around beforehand to find the best fit...which also makes for a better application!

<p>If we have a dependent traveling with us (no partner), how would that affect our stipend? Thank you!</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! The award benefits tab will let you know the stipend amount and whether they provide dependent support.</p>
<p>Can you apply for more than one venue?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! You can only apply to one Fulbright award per competition cycle.</p>
<p>Is the Birmingham award only for distinguished scholars?</p>	<p>Hello! Yes, this award is open to those with 7+ years of experience after their terminal degree, and it is the only one with that host.</p>
<p>Is the Birmingham award only for distinguished scholars?</p>	<p>Hello! We also have a General Scholar award with Birmingham, please see our website here https://fulbright.org.uk/us-scholars/university-of-birmingham/</p>
<p>I became an Associate Professor in the past year and am exactly 7y out from completing my post-doc fellowship (6/2016). Should I apply for US Scholars or US Distinguished Scholars?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! US Distinguished Scholars awards are open to applicants that have more than 7 years of experience after their terminal degree.</p>
<p>What sorts of justifications do people use for needing in-country research?</p>	<p>Hello! This can be "deepening interpersonal connections," "immersion in the culture" etc. It is up to you how you justify it!</p>
<p>Is the Lancaster Award only for research or can be for teaching too?</p>	<p>It is open to Research or Research/Teaching but not to teaching alone.</p>
<p>not sure why but I can't see link in the chat.</p>	<p>Hello! Here it is: https://fulbright.org.uk/news-and-events/2023/us-uk-fulbright-virtual-fair/</p>
<p>I see York and Durham on the website. Are those no longer available or did you just discuss a few here?</p>	<p>Hello! If it is on the website, it is available. Jessica couldn't address all 22 awards, sorry!</p>
<p>Sorry, nothing in the chat . . .</p>	<p>Hello! https://fulbright.org.uk/news-and-events/2023/us-uk-fulbright-virtual-fair/</p>
<p>Is there a network of alum who are willing to speak with interested applicants about their experience?</p>	<p>Hello! Please see our Scholar Directory on fulbrightscholars.org. Go to Connect > Scholar Directory and you can even find alums from your field!</p>
<p>Please put the registration link here.</p>	<p>Hello! https://fulbright.org.uk/news-and-events/2023/us-uk-fulbright-virtual-fair/</p>
<p>Is the "why here" aspect of the application intended to be specific to the host institution or to the country as a whole? Is one more valued than another?</p>	<p>Hello! It should ideally address both, but it is up to you where you place the emphasis.</p>
<p>Hi, thank you for this webinar. I am looking for a teaching award, do I not mention my research? Also, do I look to teach what I teach at my home institution, or am looking to teach something different. I think I am confused on how to best go about because it's teaching, all the advice I have received so far is all research based.</p>	<p>Hello! If you are looking to teach only, I would conserve space in your application to your teaching. You can either teach what you typically do or use the opportunity to stretch - this is up to you!</p>
<p>Are there expectations that I have a completed (publishable) project by the end of the Fulbright experience?</p>	<p>Hello! The deliverables are entirely up to you. There is no set expectation that you publish.</p>
<p>For Birmingham, I could apply for either Fulbright (I have 7+ years of experience). What would you suggest? I am trying to assess my possibilities. Like I said in a previous comment, I have a letter of invitation.</p>	<p>Hello! If you qualify for Distinguished, I would strongly recommend that you apply to that one, as the applicant pool is smaller.</p>

<p>Hi, thanks to the speakers! I am looking for a postdoctoral fellowship in UK or US. There is an open call for? I don't have US citizenship.</p>	<p>Hello! The UK does not offer a postdoc specifically, but some awards for which "early career" scholars are eligible. However, U.S. citizenship is required.</p>
<p>do we need 7 years of research publications or simply time passed since terminal degree?</p>	<p>Hello! It would be 7 years after your terminal degree of whichever activity you propose. So long as you've been conducting research for 7+ years, regardless of your publications, you would qualify.</p>
<p>I am hoping to conduct research in the UK and can imagine that there are human subject research regulations that I would need to obtain approval for. This can take time. Ideally, I would start the process before I arrive in the UK, however I neither want to get ahead of myself if not accepted. What do you advise?</p>	<p>Hello! You do not need an IRB at the time of application, but it needs to be in hand when you start your grant.</p>
<p>Would Thomas be open to sharing his email? I am planning on applying for the Birmingham award.</p>	<p>Hello! That is up to him, but you can look him up and try that way!</p>
<p>Even though I am eligible for Distinguished Scholars, can I still apply for the Scholars program? My hope was to work at University of York.</p>	<p>Hello! Yes, you can. Just make sure your "career profile" is included and you are not too senior.</p>