Fulbright Scholar Program Opportunities

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The Fulbright Program

- Established 1946 to expand and strengthen the relationships between the people of the United States and citizens of the rest of the world
- Sponsored by U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and administered by the Institute of International Education’s Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)
Fulbright in Numbers

380,000+
Fulbrights awarded since 1946

800
U.S. Scholar grants annually

125
Participants countries

37
Heads of State or Government

59
Nobel Laureates

82
Pulitzer Prize recipients

71
MacArthur Fellows

16
Presidential Medal of Freedom recipients
Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

- Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program
- International Education Administrator Seminars
- Collaborative Research

**Percentage of U.S. Scholars 2018-2019**

- 90%
- 10%

**Program**
- U.S. Core
- IEA Seminars
Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

- Supports teaching and/or research for three to 12 months
- Programs active in +125 countries
- For faculty, administrators and professionals
- Open to all disciplines
- Apply to specific award with proposed project
- Application deadline: September 16
- Variety of host institutions
Eligibility for U.S. Scholar Programs

- U.S. citizenship
- Degree as required by award
  - Ph.D. or other terminal degree may be required
  - Many awards are open to applicants with a Masters and professional or academic experience
- Open to professionals and artists outside academia with recognized standing and substantial accomplishments
- Teaching experience as required by award
- New policies on previous Fulbright Scholar grants and waiting periods between grants
Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program Process

1. What do you want to do and/or where do you want to go?
2. Develop project and identify location
3. Apply
4. Peer Review and Selection
Selecting the Right Award

- Match your expertise, experience and proposal to the award description
- Regional experience and language ability
- Discipline preferences listed in the award
- Relevance of the project to the country; why will host country benefit from your project?
- Career level - early career, postdoctoral, mid-level, Distinguished Chair
A Fulbright that Works for You

- Flex option
  - Available in 63 countries and 2 world areas
  - Allows multiple visits over two years
- Awards throughout your career:
  - Postdoctoral awards
  - Early Career
  - Distinguished Chair
- Multi-country awards
- Global Scholar Award
- Home university affiliation is not required. Applications from artists and professionals, independent and emeriti scholars are welcomed!
Application Resources

- Fulbright Scholar Program website and Catalog of Awards
- Apply
  - Application and Application Instructions
  - Application Guidelines, Project Statement Guidance and Samples
- Learn
  - Webinars
  - The Fulbright Scholar Blog
- Connect
  - MyFulbright
Application Components

- Application Form
- Project Statement
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Letters of Reference
- Additional components, depending on award
  - Course Outlines or Syllabi (for teaching awards)
  - Select Bibliography (for research awards)
  - Language Proficiency Report
  - Letter of Invitation
  - Supplemental materials for applicants in the Arts, Architecture, Writing and Journalism
Project Statement

- Your opportunity to lay out your proposed **project specifics** in as much detail as possible
- Why Fulbright and why this country/institution/organizations?
- Focus on what you plan to **do**; the specific courses you plan to teach/the methods and goals of your research
- Outcomes from the grant - impact on hosts, home institution and you
- How adaptable are you? How well will you deal with challenging situations?
Affiliations and Invitations

Host Institution:
- If a host is identified, it will be found under Location in the Catalog.
- When a host is not identified, there are several resources to help find an affiliation:
  - International office on your campus
  - U.S. and Visiting Fulbright Scholar Directory
  - Review award description for suggested hosts or resources

Letter of Invitation:
- Non-binding expression of interest from proposed host abroad
- Should come from person with whom you will be collaborating
- Should be on host institution letterhead
Submitting a Competitive Application

- Address the Fulbright goal of promoting mutual understanding
- Why you are interested in a Fulbright and why in your proposed host country
- Professional expertise and skills you can offer; benefits to the host institution and host country; exchange of knowledge and experience
- Cultural diplomacy; demonstrated flexibility, adaptability
- Outcomes, impact, and multiplier effect
  - for your professional development, home campus, students, field at large; for your host institution
  - future collaborations; linkages: personal, professional, institutional; plans for sustaining relationships
  - internationalizing campus and curriculum
Review Process and Timeline

February
Program competition opens.

September
IIE/CIES reviews applications for program eligibility and technical completeness. Applicants will be notified if any required application component is missing, and asked to provide additional documentation as needed. Only complete applications will be forwarded to the peer reviewers.

October-November
Peer Review Committee evaluates applications, meeting in DC, to determine which applications to send to host country. These are primarily structured by discipline.
Review Process and Timeline

December
Applicants are notified by email whether or not their application has been recommended for consideration by the host country.

December-May
U.S. Embassies & binational Fulbright Commissions overseas recommend applications and nominate candidates for selection.

January-June
All recommended candidates are forwarded to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board for approval. IIE/CIES notifies candidates whether they have been selected to receive a Fulbright award.

June-Onward
Grant details are finalized and grants may begin per start dates listed in the Catalog of Awards. For some countries, an orientation may be scheduled for applicants selected for grants.
Administrator Seminars

- International Education Administrator Seminars (IEA)
  - India, Taiwan - Aug. 1
  - Japan, Korea - Nov. 1
  - France, Germany - Feb. 1

- Russia Community College Administrators Seminar
  - Oct. 15
Visiting (Non-U.S.) Scholar Programs

- Core Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program
- Fulbright Scholar-In-Residence (S-I-R) Program
- Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF)

Percentage of Visiting Scholars 2018-2019

- CORE Visiting: 96%
- Scholar-in-Residence: 4%
Purpose and Application

- Visiting Scholars from other countries engage in research and teaching activities on U.S. campuses.
- Visiting Scholars apply through the Fulbright Commission or U.S. Embassy in their home countries.

Percentage of Visiting Scholar Activity 2018-2019:
- 92% Teaching
- 7% Teaching/Research
- 1% Research
Scholar-In-Residence Program

- Brings scholars and professionals from abroad to campuses that do not often host visiting scholars
- Involves colleges and universities that serve student populations underrepresented in international exchange programs
- S-I-R grantees
  - Primarily teach undergraduates
  - Provide cross-cultural/international perspective
- Application is made by the interested U.S. institution
  - 1 semester or full academic year options
- Deadline is **November 1**; Email: sir@iie.org
Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF)

- Travel grant for Fulbright Visiting Scholars already in the U.S. for short-term guest teaching
- Institutionally driven application by U.S. Host Institutions
- Scholars can meet, lecture and exchange ideas with
  - Faculty and students
  - Community organizations
  - K-12 schools
- View the online scholar directory for a list of 900+ scholars who are currently in country.
- Email: olf@iie.org
Other Fulbright Programs

- **Fulbright Arctic Initiative**
  - Collaborative research opportunity that brings together a network of scholars, professionals and applied researchers to research Arctic issues

- **Fulbright Specialist Program**
  - Short term program that promotes linkages between U.S. scholars and professionals and their counterparts at host institutions overseas

- **Fulbright U.S. Student Program**
  - Recent graduates, postgraduate candidates through dissertation level, developing professionals and artists to study and research abroad

- **Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program**
  - Principally for primary- and secondary-level educators

- **Fulbright-Hays Awards**
  - Faculty research, group projects and seminars in designated social sciences and humanities fields
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