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
- **160** 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

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

Percentage of U.S. Scholars 2017-2018

- 90% U.S. Core
- 10% IEA Seminars
Core 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: **August 1**
- Variety of host institutions

![Percentage of U.S. Scholar Activity 2017-2018]

- 42% Teaching
- 41% Teaching/Research
- 17% Research

Grant activity type:

- Teaching
- Teaching/Research
- Research
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
Core Fulbright 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 host, 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

- **AUG.** Program staff conduct technical reviews for completeness
- **SEPT.** Discipline-specific committees review applications
- **SEPT. – EARLY NOV.** U.S. peer review committees discuss applications for a single geographical region
- **NOV. – JAN.** Applicants notified of status - Recommended applications are sent to host countries and to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board
- **FEB. – MAY** Grantees notified of final approvals
- **MAY – JUNE** Grant packets sent to grantees
Administrator Seminars

International Education Administrator Seminars (IEA)

- India - 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 2017-2018

Program
- CORE Visiting
- Scholar-in-Residence

96% 4%
Core Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program

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 2017-2018

- 92% Teaching
- 7% Research
- 1% Teaching/Research

Grant activity type
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 October 15; 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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