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# Fulbright Scholar Program Opportunities

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- Introduction
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# The Fulbright Program



*“We must try to expand the boundaries of human wisdom, empathy and perception, and there is no way of doing that except through education.”*  
— *Senator J William Fulbright*



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# The Fulbright Legacy

- 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
- Administered by the Institute of International Education's Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)



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# Fulbright in Numbers



**370,000+**

Fulbrights awarded  
since 1946



**800**

U.S. Scholar  
grants annually



**160**

Participants  
countries



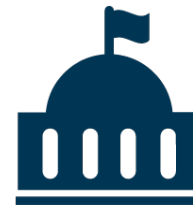
**82**

Pulitzer Prize  
recipients



**58**

Nobel  
Laureates



**37**

Heads of State or  
Government

MacArthur  
Foundation

**31**

MacArthur  
Fellows



**16**

Presidential Medal of  
Freedom recipients



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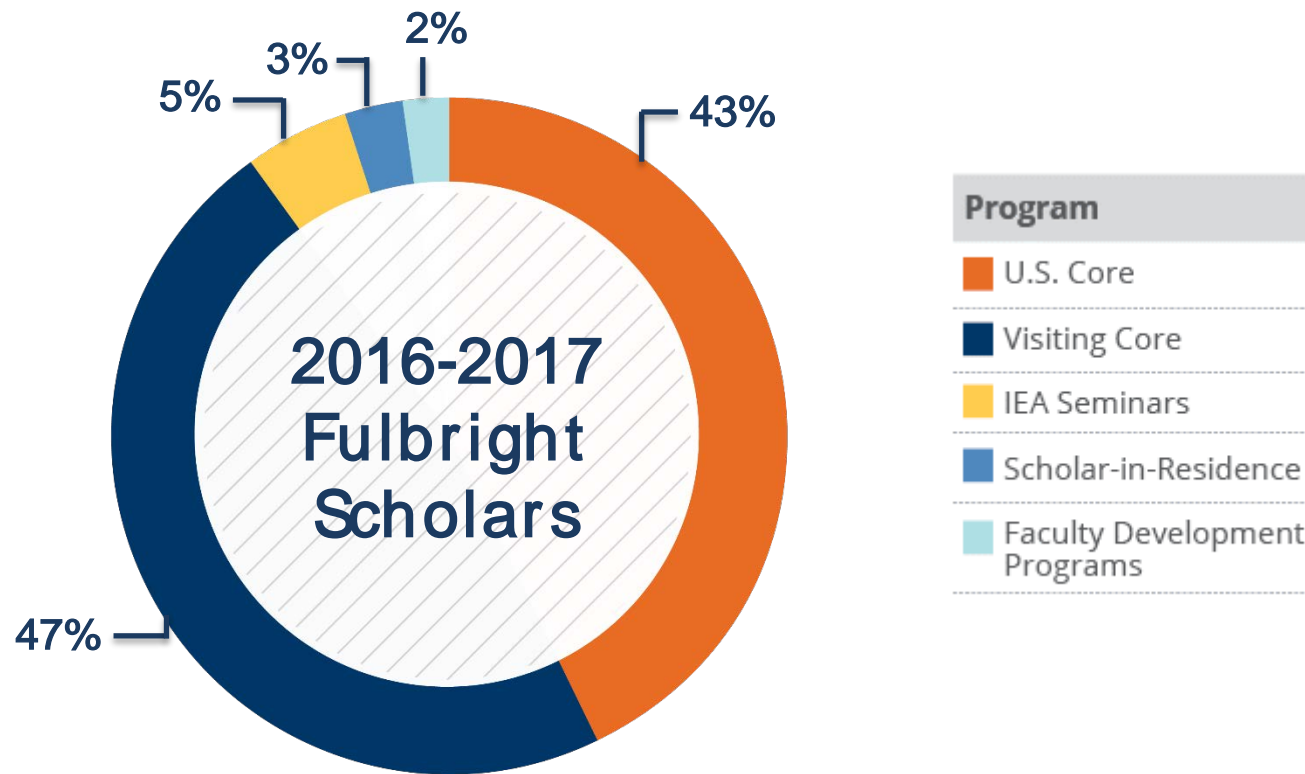
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# Fulbright Scholar Program Overview



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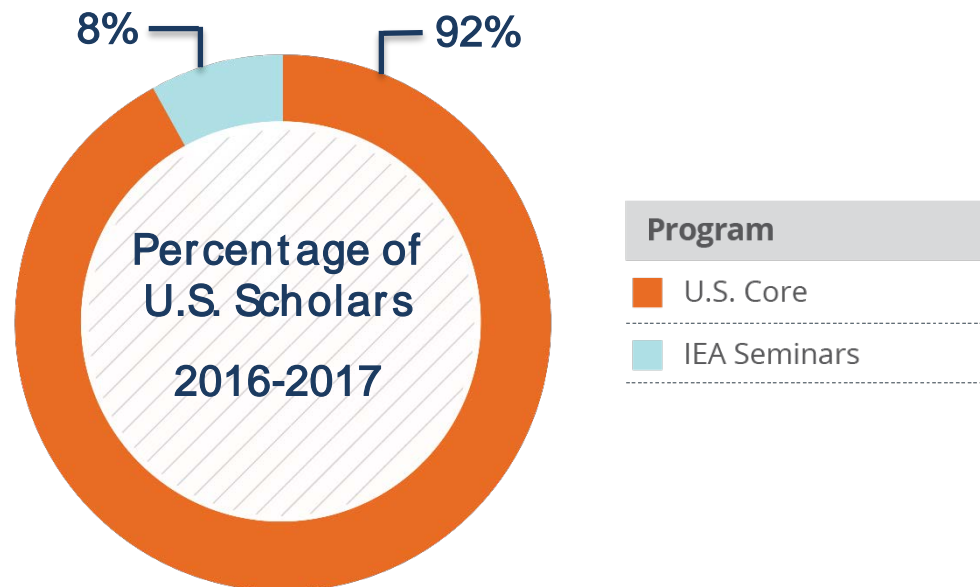
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# Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

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



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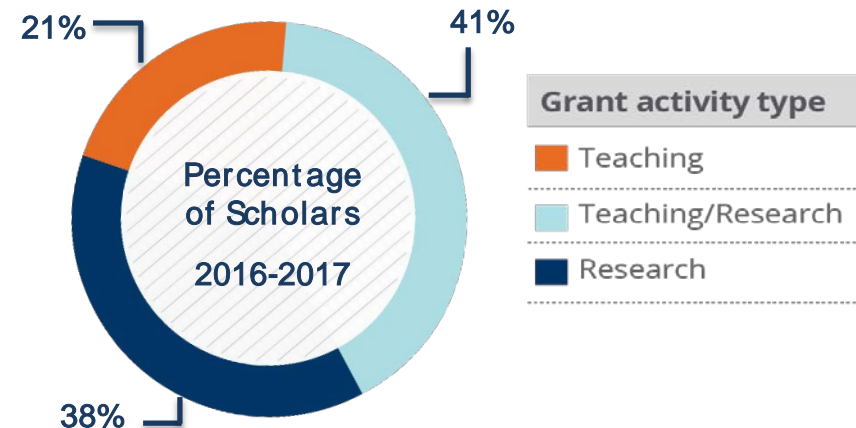


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# Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

- Supports teaching and/or research activity 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**
- Most hosts are higher education institutions
  - Eligible hosts vary by award, may include universities, research centers, institutes, laboratories, government offices, museums, etc.



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# A Fulbright that Works for You

## ➤ Time Considerations:

### ➤ Flex option

- Allows multiple visits over two years
- Available in 63 countries and 2 world areas

## ➤ Awards throughout your career:

- Postdoctoral awards
- Early Career
- Distinguished Chair

## ➤ Home university affiliation is not required, applications from artists and professionals, independent and emeriti scholars are welcomed!



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# 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 in the Core Program are open to applicants with a Master's degree and professional or academic experience
- Professionals and artists outside academia recognized professional 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

5



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# 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





# Fulbright Flex Awards

- Flex Awards are designed for scholars who require multiple visits to the host country over short segments
- Applicants must indicate plans for Flex in their project statement, including a project timeline
- Flex grantees are especially encouraged to make contact with the local community, developing long-term connections and collaborations
- Available in specific countries and regional awards
- Consult the Catalog of Awards



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# Core Multi-Country Opportunities

- Regional Research Programs :
  - Sub-Saharan Africa
  - Middle East and North Africa
  - South and Central Asia
  - ASEAN Region (Southeast Asia)
- Cross-Strait Studies (China and Taiwan)
- Fulbright-Carlos Rico Award for North American Studies (Canada and Mexico)
- Fulbright-Schuman European Union Affairs, Austrian-Hungarian Research Award



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# Fulbright Global Scholar Award

- Significant innovation for Fulbright
- Project must include at least 2 separate world regions
- Work typically in 2-3 different countries
- 2-3 segments over as much as 2 years
- Topics must benefit from a global perspective
- Specify
  - Why each country
  - What will be accomplished
  - When each country segment is planned



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# Application Components

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



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# Application Resources

- [Fulbright Scholar Program website and Catalog of Awards](#)
- [Application and Application Instructions](#)
- [Application Guidelines, Project Statement Guidance and Samples](#)
- [Webinars](#)
- [The Fulbright Scholar Blog](#)
- [MyFulbright](#)
- [Fulbright Scholar Liaisons – logistics](#)
- [Fulbright Scholar Ambassadors – mentors](#)
- [Outreach Lecturing Fund - connections](#)



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# Affiliations and Invitations

## Grant Locations:

- If a host is identified, it will be found under Location
- 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





# Review Criteria

- Applicant **credentials**, professional standing and accomplishments
- **Suitability** of applicant's training, knowledge, skills and experience, including justification if applicant has substantial prior experience in the country of application or a prior U.S. Fulbright Scholar grant
- **Quality** of proposed project
- Evidence of personal qualities, including related to **cultural adaptability** and sensitivity
- Project's potential **impact**, value of projected **outcomes**



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# Submitting a Competitive Application

- Fulbright goal: promote 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



# 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?



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# 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



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## Fulbright Impact: Personal and Professional

- Increased academic production
- New technical knowledge and skills
- Development of intercultural communication skills
- Enhanced teaching skills and new methodologies
- Published research (2015 survey of 2013-2015 grantees)
  - +60% of grantees published in peer reviewed journals
  - 39% of grantees published books or book chapters
- Access to an expansive network of Fulbright alumni around the world



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## Fulbright Impact: Home Institution



- Host institution gains new knowledge, new courses and new energy from scholar
- Scholar's collaborative relationship with host institution and colleagues in-country results in continued dialogue and exchange
- Experience impacts scholar's field, career, home institution and home community



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# 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. 16
- Applicants must be in community college administration – typically presidents, vice presidents, provosts, deans and other individuals with institutional authority for program development and international outreach



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# Collaborative Research Programs

- **Fulbright NEXUS Regional Scholar Program**
  - Fosters collaborative and multidisciplinary research to address Western Hemisphere regional issues and produce tangible results
  - 20 American and overseas junior scholars, professionals and researchers
  
- **Fulbright Arctic Initiative**
  - Scholars, professionals and applied researchers from the United States, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia and Sweden
  - Stimulates international scientific collaboration on Arctic issues while increasing mutual understanding between people of the United States and the people of other countries.



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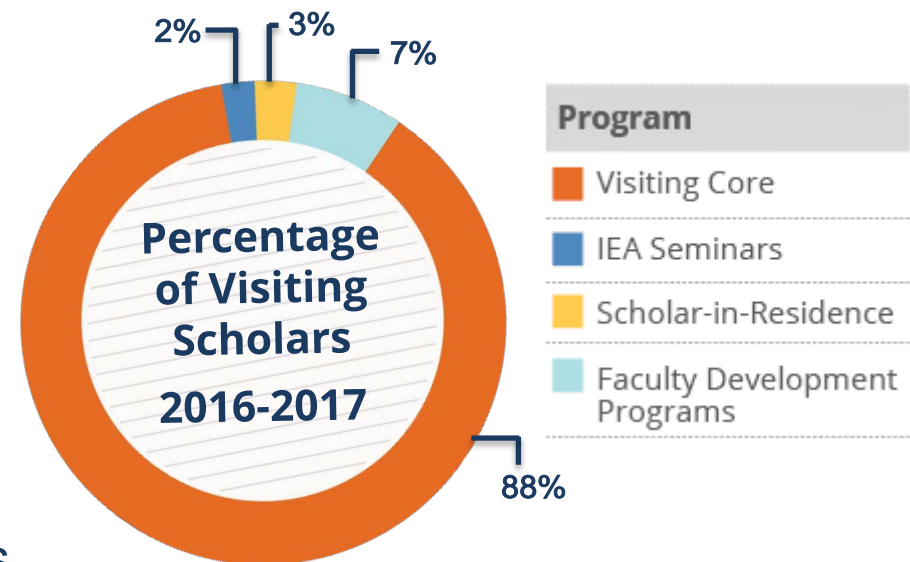


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# Visiting (Non-U.S.) Scholar Programs

- Core Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program
- Fulbright Scholar-In-Residence (S-I-R) Program
- Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF)
- Faculty Development Programs
- Collaborative Research Programs



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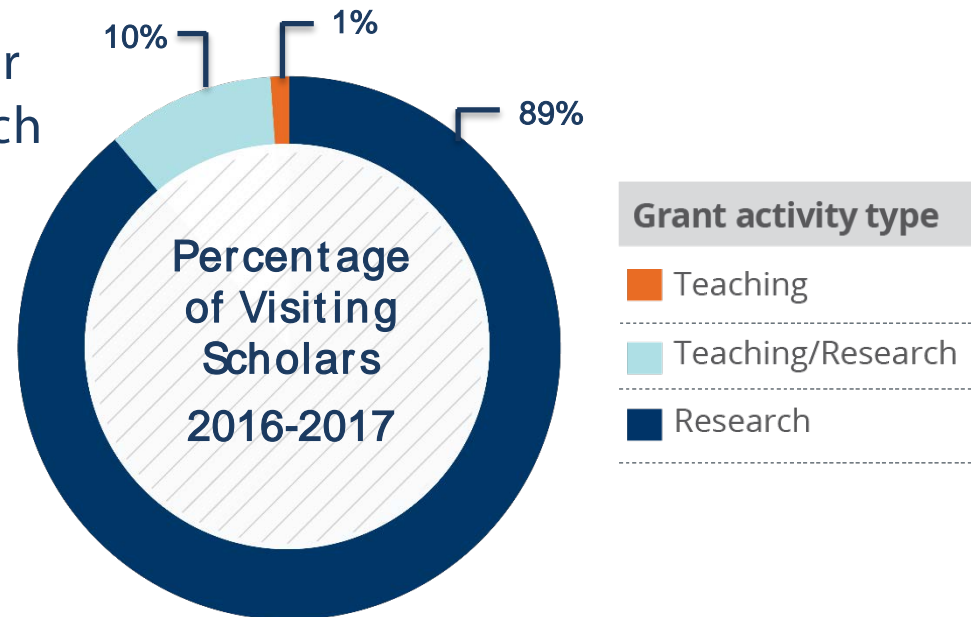
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# Core Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program

## ➤ 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
- Letters of Invitation



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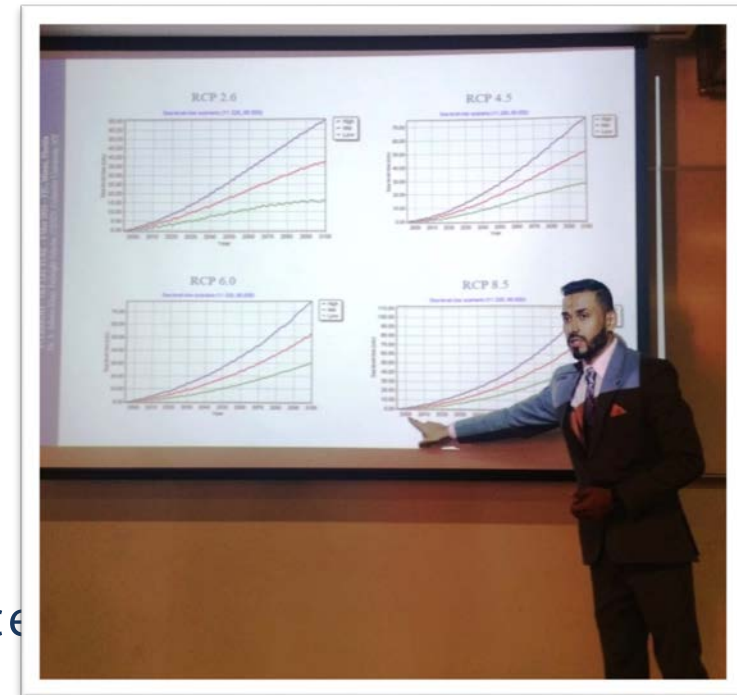
# Core Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program

## ➤ IIE/CIES

- Issues DS-2019s for the all Visiting Scholars and their dependents.
- Provide Scholars with J -visa compliant health benefits plan
- Fulbright Enrichment Opportunities

## ➤ Host Institutions

- Access to Libraries and work space
- Exposure to student body and institution community
- Include scholars in on-campus cultural activities





# 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 16**; Email: [sir@iie.org](mailto:sir@iie.org)



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# 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, and K-12 schools that have a special interest in international relations and exchange ideas.
- View the [online scholar directory](#) for a list of 900+ scholars who are currently in country.
- Email: [olf@iie.org](mailto:olf@iie.org)



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# Faculty Development Programs

- **Egypt JFDP Cohort Disciplines:**
  - Public Health
  - Renewable Energy & Engineering
  - TEFL/Linguistics
- **Tunisia JFDP Cohort Discipline:**
  - Information Technology/Computer Science
- **Lebanon JFDP Cohort Disciplines:**
  - Journalism & Media
  - Rural & Economic Development
  - TEFL/Linguistics
- **Iraq Visiting Scholar Program Cohort Disciplines:**
  - Law & Human Rights
  - Engineering
  - Science & Technology
  - TEFL/Linguistics
  - Business Administration & Global Entrepreneurship



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# Other Fulbright Programs

## ➤ 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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- Email me at [hhartley@iie.org](mailto:hhartley@iie.org)
- [Contact](#) Fulbright Scholar staff
- Visit [our website](#) to learn more about the Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

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