Fulbright Scholar Program Opportunities

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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
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)
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

31 MacArthur Fellows

16 Presidential Medal of Freedom recipients
Fulbright Scholars are:
Fulbright Scholar Program Overview

2016-2017 Fulbright Scholars

- U.S. Core: 47%
- Visiting Core: 5%
- IEA Seminars: 3%
- Scholar-in-Residence: 2%
- Faculty Development Programs: 2%

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Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

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

Percentage of U.S. Scholars 2016-2017

- 92%
- 8%

Program
- U.S. Core
- IEA Seminars
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.

### Grant activity type

- **Teaching**
- **Teaching/Research**
- **Research**

**Percentage of Scholars 2016-2017**

- **Teaching** 21%
- **Teaching/Research** 38%
- **Research** 41%
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!
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
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.
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
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
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
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
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**
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?
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
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
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
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.
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.
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

Percentage of Visiting Scholars 2016-2017

Program
- Visiting Core: 88%
- IEA Seminars: 3%
- Scholar-in-Residence: 2%
- Faculty Development Programs: 7%
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.

Percentage of Visiting Scholars 2016-2017

- 89% Research
- 10% Teaching
- 1% Teaching/Research

Grant activity type

- Teaching
- Teaching/Research
- Research
Core Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program

- **IIE/CIES**
  - Issues DS-2019s for all Visiting Scholars and their dependents.
  - Provide Scholars with J-1 visa compliant health benefits plan
  - Fulbright Enrichment Opportunities

- **Host Institutions**
  - Access to Libraries and workspace
  - 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
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
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
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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