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
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: September 15
- 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
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

U.S. SCHOLAR PROGRAM

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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
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
Our Best Tips

- Pick research topics of relevance to the host country (and the USA)
- Remember this is an EXCHANGE; Speak to how you will collaborate - What do you bring to the exchange? What will you have access to in the host country?
- Be specific when describing your project(s): Tell a story; name institutions, collaborators, specific experiences you have had. Do not be vague.
- Show knowledge of the country/history/culture/institution:
  - Q: How could local political or cultural issues impact your work? Do RESEARCH on the host country
- If you will be teaching:
  - Describe HOW you teach: techniques, examples
  - What do you actually do in class – is it a novel approach?
  - Plan for adapting your materials? e.g., ESL challenges
**Review Process and Timeline – 2021-22**

- **SEPT 15, 2020**
  - Application deadline

- **SEPT.**
  - Program staff conduct technical reviews for completeness

- **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 Specialist Program

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

- Different application process via World Learning: https://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org

- 2 to 6-week projects in 160 countries/24 disciplines/425 Specialists traveling abroad each year

- Upcoming 2020 deadlines: May 6, July 8, September 9, November 11
Fulbright Specialist Program

Host Institutions
Need + Idea
- Submits Project Proposal
- Receives Fulbright Commission/U.S. Embassy Approval
- Receives U.S. Department of State Approval

Specialists
Skills + Knowledge
- Applies to Join Fulbright Specialist Roster
- Approved by Peer Review Panel
- Added to Roster and Eligible to be Matched with a Project

Project Matched with a Qualified Individual from the Roster
Specialist Approved by J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board

Successful Exchange
Impact + Understanding
- Accomplish Host Institution Goals
- Share Knowledge + Skills
- Strengthen Institutional Linkages
- Gain International Experience
- Build Host Institution Capacity

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» Visit https://www.cies.org/ to learn more about the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

» Catalog of Awards 2021-22: https://awards.cies.org/

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