Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Opportunities for Faculty, Artists, Researchers and Professionals

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Today’s Presentation

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➢ Why Fulbright?
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MISSION

• In partnership with 160 countries worldwide, Fulbright offers passionate and accomplished faculty, administrators, artists, journalists, lawyers, and other professionals from all backgrounds an unparalleled opportunity to study, teach, or conduct research.

• Our mission is to foster mutual understanding between nations, advance knowledge across communities, and improve lives around the world.

A BRIEF HISTORY

• Established in 1946 by Congress, Fulbright is the United States government’s flagship international educational and cultural exchange program.

• Fulbright is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and administered by the Institute of International Education.
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Accessibility

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the United States Department of State strives to embed diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) in all aspects of its work. Public diplomacy is most effective when people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives participate in people-to-people exchanges and programs to promote mutual understanding. The Bureau incorporates DEIA best practices throughout its exchanges and programs, grants, community partnerships, and in its workforce and workplace. ECA is committed to addressing barriers based on race, ethnicity, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, geographic location, education, income, socio-economic status, and other diversity dimensions, that may hinder inclusion in the organization. The Bureau’s commitment to DEIA strengthens U.S. foreign policy and is vital to building trust and partnerships here at home and around the world.
Fulbright by the Numbers

The Fulbright Program funds over 8,000 awards annually:

- **900** U.S. scholars and administrators
- **900** Visiting scholars
- **2,200** U.S. students
- **4,000** foreign students
- **400** language teaching assistants
Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards give opportunities to U.S. citizens to teach, research, carry out professional projects, and participate in seminars around the world.

Why Fulbright?

Fulbright is transformational.
• Foster sustainable partnerships
• Expand your publishing network and gain new teaching perspectives
• Serve as a cultural ambassador
• Gain the professional recognition as being identified as a Fulbright Scholar
• Join a vibrant and supportive alumni network!
Why Fulbright?

Fulbright is family-friendly.

- Approximately 60% of our awards provide dependent support
- Many Fulbright dependents go on to have international careers
Why Fulbright?

Fulbright is supportive.

- **70% of applicants** engage with IIE staff
- **Continued support** while in country from IIE and host country staff
- Access to Fulbright **scholar liaisons** and **alumni** as resources
Eligibility for U.S. Scholar Program

U.S. citizenship

Degree and experience, as required by award:
- Ph.D. or other terminal degree
- MA and higher education teaching or professional experience
- Professional and/or artistic experience with substantial accomplishments
- Teaching experience as required

Fulbright U.S. Scholar alums are eligible; two year waiting period between end of your last Fulbright U.S. Scholar award and next application
What can a Fulbright U.S. Scholar do? Start by finding your award!

Over 400 individual awards in more than 100 countries to 
**teach, research, teach AND conduct research** (listed as teaching/research), carry out a professional project or attend a seminar:

fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search

Select *one award* that suits your profile as a scholar, your project and your goals – and apply!
Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards

Award Types that support research, teaching, and/or professional projects:

- Postdoctoral Awards
- Scholar Awards
- Distinguished Scholar Awards

Awards vary from 2-12 months

Over 60 countries allow for the Flex option, which lets you divide a longer grant into two to three visits over up to two years, depending on the award.
Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards – FPPF and IEA

- **Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship (FPPF):** Early and mid-career public policy professionals serve in foreign government ministries or institutions.

- **Fulbright International Education Administrator (IEA) Awards:** Higher education administrators participate in seminars to learn about a country's higher education system and context.
Selecting the Right Award

- **Match** country interest, expertise, career profile, and proposal to the award description
- Most awards are for one country, but there also some **regional and global awards** – check your options!
- **Language ability** (if applicable)
- **Discipline preferences**, when specified
- **Project relevance** to the host country and/or institution
- **Benefits** to you and your community

**Remember:** you can only apply for ONE AWARD per application cycle
Alum Perspective
Jeff Bremer

Fulbright U.S. Scholar
Poland (2023-2024)

Fulbright U.S. Scholar
China (2018-2019)
Application Components

Requirements:
- Application Form
- Project Statement
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Language Proficiency Report (if required)
- Letter of Invitation (if required)

Supplemental Materials:
- Course outlines or syllabi (for teaching)
- Reference list (for research)
- Portfolio submissions (for artists, architects, and journalists)
Understanding the Awards

Visit fulbrightscholars.org to search awards

Review important details in:
- award details
- award requirements
- award benefits
- country/area overview
Tips for a strong application:

READ AWARD'S DESCRIPTION

Before you start, **read your award’s description carefully** to ensure you meet all requirements and your proposed project is possible.

START EARLY

Start application and enter referees' information **as soon as possible**.

USE IIE RESOURCES

Take advantage of IIE resources, including webinars, office hours and application guidance on our website.
# Application Cycle

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<td>Program staff conducts technical reviews for completeness</td>
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<td>U.S. peer review</td>
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<td>Applicants notified of status. Recommended applications are sent to host countries and to the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.</td>
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The 2025-26 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Competition: Apply Today!
Bring Foreign Fulbrighters to your Campus

**FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE (S-I-R) PROGRAM**

Host scholars from other countries to teach for a semester or an academic year

**Deadline:** Proposals due in June to host in the following academic year

**Website:** fulbrightscholars.org/sir

**Email:** SIR@iie.org

**FULBRIGHT OUTREACH LECTURING FUND (OLF)**

Host current Fulbright Visiting Scholars for short-term lectureships of 2-6 days on discipline or cultural topics to internationalize the campus

**Website:** fulbrightscholars.org/OLF

**Email:** OLF@iie.org

**FULBRIGHT LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSISTANT (FLTA) PROGRAM**

Host native speaking language teaching assistants to enhance students’ understanding of different languages and cultures

**Website:** foreign.fulbrightonline.org

**Email:** dcook@iie.org
# Additional Fulbright U.S. Programs

## SCHOLARS
- Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship  
  FPPF@iie.org
- Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program  
  GPA@ed.gov
- Specialist Program  
  FulbrightSpecialist@worldlearning.org

## STUDENTS
- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program  
  DDRA@ed.gov
- English Teaching Assistant (ETA) Program  
  FBstudent@iie.org
- Student Program  
  FBstudent@iie.org

## TEACHERS
- Distinguished Award in Teaching Research Program  
  FulbrightDA@irex.org
- Group Projects Abroad  
  GPA@ed.gov
- Teachers for Global Classrooms  
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