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
- Participating governments and host institutions, corporations and foundations in foreign countries and in the United States also provide direct and indirect support.
Fulbright in Numbers

380,000+
Fulbrights awarded since 1946

800
U.S. Scholar grants annually

150+
Participants countries

37
Heads of State or Government

59
Nobel Laureates

84
Pulitzer Prize recipients

72
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

Program
- U.S. Core
- IEA Seminars

Percentage of U.S. Scholars 2017-2018

10%  90%
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 16th
- Variety of host institutions

Percentage of U.S. Scholar Activity 2017-2018:
- 42% for Teaching
- 41% for Teaching/Research
- 17% for Research

Grant activity type:
- Orange: Teaching
- Light blue: Teaching/Research
- Dark blue: Research

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
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
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
Review Process and Timeline

**SEP**
- Program staff conduct technical reviews for completeness

**OCT**
- Discipline-specific committees review applications

**OCT-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, Taiwan - Aug. 1
  - Japan, Korea - Nov. 1
  - France, Germany - Feb. 1
- Russia Community College Administrators Seminar
  - Oct. 15
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