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Fulbright Scholar Program Opportunities

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Presentation Overview

• Introduction

• Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

• Additional Fulbright U.S. Scholar Opportunities

• Fulbright Visiting Scholar Opportunities
“International education exchange is the most significant current project designed to continue the process of humanizing mankind to the point, we would hope, that nations can learn to live in peace.”

- Established 1946
- Sends U.S. academics and professionals overseas and brings scholars and professionals from abroad to the U.S.
- 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 U.S. Scholar Programs

Programs are active in over 125 countries for faculty, administrators and professionals

Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program
Annual competition; teaching and/or research; two to twelve months

Fulbright Specialist Program
Six deadlines per year; teaching and development; two to six weeks

Administrators and Seminar Programs
Annual competition; teaching, seminar, and/or research; two to three weeks
Academic Production

>60% of Fulbright alumni surveyed published articles in peer-reviewed academic journals

39% of Fulbright alumni surveyed published books or book chapters

Survey respondents were from the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 cohorts.

Technical Skills & Knowledge

95.1% of respondents reported gaining valuable field-specific knowledge as a result of Fulbright.

92% of respondents reported a deeper understanding of their research area and discipline as a result of Fulbright.
95.1% of respondents reported that the Fulbright Scholar Program increased their intercultural skills.

93.9% of respondents reported that the Fulbright Scholar Program increased their ability to function in a multi-cultural environment.
Who Are Fulbrighters?

- Grantees from nearly 500 institutions
- 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam
- All levels and ranks of academe
  - Tenured and untenured; Postdoc and new faculty
- Artists, writers, independent and retired scholars, professionals
- All academic fields and many professional fields are eligible
  - Traditional Humanities and Social Sciences
  - Hard and Applied Sciences
  - Technology
  - Engineering and Mathematics
  - Performing and Visual Arts
Fulbright Today and Tomorrow

- 2017-2018 Core Competition is open!
  - Fulbright Global Scholar Award #7000
  - Country and Regional Flex options
  - Country-specific TEFL opportunities
- New Fulbright Webinars have begun
- 2015-2016 U.S. and Non-U.S. Scholar Directories are available
  - Outreach Lecturing Fund opportunities
- Fulbright Specialist Program
- Additional program information appears throughout the year on the CIES website
  - MyFulbright Community
Eligibility for U.S. Scholar Programs

• U.S. citizenship

• A Ph.D. or professional/terminal degree
  • Core Program Postdocs - all Ph.D. program requirements completed by February 2017 for the 2017-2018 competition
  • Many awards in the Core Program are open to MA and professional or academic experience

• Professionals and artists outside academia - recognized professional standing and substantial accomplishments

• Teaching experience as required by award

• Preference is given to candidates who have not previously received a Fulbright Scholar grant
What Have U.S. Grantees Been Doing?

U.S. Scholar Grants by Program Activity

PERCENTAGE OF SCHOLARS 2015-2016

- Teaching/Research: 43%
- Research: 18%
- Teaching: 31%
- Seminar: 8%
Core Fulbright Program Process

Start here: What do you want to do and/or where you do you want to go?

Develop project and identify location

Apply!

Peer Review and Selection

Go!
Past U.S. Scholar Projects

- Forest Soils: The Foundation for Sustainable Forest Management and Carbon Sequestration in Chile
- At the Crossroads: Technology, Law and Fundamental Rights (Sweden)
- Climate Change and Public Health Resilience in Ethiopia
- Gendering Spaces: Men, Women, and Industrial Work in the North American Wests (Canada)
- China Goes Global: New Directions in the People's Republic of China Trade and Investment
- American Studies; Elkader in Algeria: The Discourse of America in the Maghreb

Search for Fulbright alumni in the Fulbright Scholar Directory
Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

Program is organized regionally:

- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Middle East and North Africa
- East Asia and the Pacific
- South and Central Asia
- Europe/Eurasia
- Western Hemisphere

Activities: teaching and/or research

Disciplines: awards may be open to all disciplines or for specific disciplines
Single and Multi-Country Opportunities

- Single country teaching and/or research
- Sub-Saharan Africa Regional Research Program
- Middle East and North Africa Regional Research Program
- East Asia and the Pacific: Cross-Strait Studies
- South and Central Asia Regional Research Program
- Europe: Fulbright-Schuman European Union Affairs, Austrian-Hungarian Research Award
- Western Hemisphere: Fulbright-Carlos Rico Award for North American Studies
- Global Flex
Fulbright Flex Awards

- The Flex Award is 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 may be asked to give public talks, mentor students, and engage with the host-country academic community.

- Opportunities in some country and some regional awards.
Core: Navigating the Catalog of Awards

Step 1: Go online to catalog.cies.org/

Step 2: Keyword Search
“Food & Nutrition” or “Midwifery”

Step 3: Option to narrow down by activity
(teaching, research or combination of both)

Step 4: Select a country award of interest

Step 5: Carefully read the award requirements
Application Components

• Application Form (online)
• Project Statement (up to 5 pages)
• Curriculum Vitae or Resume (up to 6 pages)
• References (3, total)

Activity-specific:
• Teaching and Teaching/Research awards: Syllabi and/or Course Outlines (up to 10 pages, total)
• Research and Teaching/Research awards: Bibliography (up to 3 pages)

Supplemental Materials:
• Letter of invitation (required for some awards)
• Additional materials (applicants in the Arts, Architecture, Writing and Journalism)
• Language Proficiency Evaluation (required for some awards)
Project Statement

• Brief self-introduction to reviewers
• What do you propose to do, and how? Why does it need to be done?
• Why Fulbright, and why this particular place?
• What professional experience and skills will you bring to a host institution and country?
• Outcomes from the grant, focus on the impact on hosts, home institution and you
• How adaptable are you? How well will you deal with challenging situations?
• Provide answers to the questions reviewers may have about you
Making Contacts Abroad

• International office on your campus
• U.S. and Visiting Fulbright Scholars Directory – searchable by discipline and country - [http://www.cies.org/fulbright-scholars](http://www.cies.org/fulbright-scholars)
• International division of your professional organization
• Who is publishing in your field
• CIES program officer may be able to help
• Web searches
  • [Universities Worldwide](http://www.universitiesworldwide.net) – Links for 9380 universities in 205 countries
  • [International Association of Universities](http://www.iau.org)
Submitting a Competitive Application

- Match your expertise and your experience to all award activities
- Focus on what you plan to do, how you plan to do it
- Biographical information chiefly in C.V.
- Show project impact
- Get three strong, current reference letters
  - Your supervisor (crucial for teaching)
  - Someone independent of your institution
  - A colleague who knows you and your work well

Each component relates to the whole and supports your candidacy – think strategically, organize carefully, write clearly and concisely
Review Process and Timetable

- **August 1, 2016**: Application deadline
- **August**: Technical review
- **September**: Discipline peer review
- **September – November**: Regional peer review (recommend/not recommend)
- **November – January**: Applicants notified of initial status
- **November – January**: Review by Commission/U.S. Embassy (in-country) and J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board
- **February – May**: Final notification
Application Resources

- CIES website – www.cies.org
- Online Catalog of Awards and Application
- Program Overview, Guidelines, Frequently Asked Questions and Tips for Applying
- CIES Webinars
- The Fulbright Scholar Blog
- MyFulbright Community
What are the Fulbright Grant Benefits?

- Package includes stipend, in-country living allowance, travel for grantee

- Some countries add travel for dependents, dependent schooling, research allowance, book allowance

- Stipends and living allowances vary considerably from country to country

- Country benefits are found with the award descriptions at http://catalog.cies.org/
Additional Opportunities

- Fulbright Specialist Program
- Seminars for International Education Administrators
- Fulbright NEXUS Regional Scholar Program
- Fulbright Arctic Initiative
Fulbright: Scholar and Specialist

Core Scholar
- Research, Teaching, Teaching/Research
- 2 – 12 months
- All Disciplines
- Applicant proposes project
- August 3 deadline
- U.S. Citizens

Specialist
- Teaching and consulting activities
- 2 – 6 weeks
- Multiple Disciplines
- Institution abroad proposes project
- Rolling deadline
- U.S. Citizens

Core Scholar and Specialist programs offer opportunities for U.S. citizens to engage in research, teaching, and consulting activities in various disciplines, with flexible durations and rolling deadlines.
Fulbright Specialist Program

- Two to six-week consulting and/or teaching opportunities
- Institutions overseas develop projects and request specialists from the roster
- Rolling deadline
- Reviewed and placed on Fulbright Specialist roster for five years
- Program does not support research
- Twenty four eligible disciplines, including STEM education fields
Fulbright Specialist Program Process

U.S. Scholars and professionals apply to join Roster

Non-U.S. institutions submit project requests to U.S. Embassy/Fulbright Commission

CIES matches U.S. candidates on Roster with approved projects
## Administrator Seminars and Collaborative Research Programs

### International Education Administrator Seminars (IEA)
- India – AUGUST 1
- Japan, Korea – NOVEMBER 1
- France, Germany – FEBRUARY 1

### Russia Community College Administrators
- OCTOBER 15

### Fulbright NEXUS Regional Scholar Program
- TBA

### Fulbright Arctic Initiative
- TBA
Visiting (Non-US) Scholar Programs

- Core Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program
- Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence (S-I-R) Program
- Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF)
- Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program for Iraq
- Faculty Junior Faculty Development Program for Egypt
- Junior Faculty Development Program for Lebanon
- Junior Faculty Development Program for Tunisia
- Fulbright NEXUS Regional Scholar Program
- Fulbright Arctic Initiative
Core Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program

- Visiting Scholars from other countries research, teach and help internationalize U.S. campuses

- Overseas scholars should contact the Fulbright commission or U.S. Embassy in their home countries
  - Competition deadlines and requirements vary by country

- Letter of invitation from potential U.S. host is always useful
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 15
Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF)

- U.S. institutions apply and pay for lodging and meals
- Travel grant for Fulbright Visiting Scholars already in the U.S. for short-term guest teaching
- Meet with faculty and students to allow for an exchange of ideas
- Meet with community organizations, professional, cultural or religious groups, K-12 schools and school districts that have a special interest in international relations.
- View a list of 900+ scholars in country at: http://www.cies.org/fulbright-scholars
- Sarah Causer, OLF Coordinator – olf@iie.org
Faculty Development Programs

Host cohorts for junior scholars in specific disciplines for faculty development, mentoring and cultural exchange

Afghanistan Junior Faculty Development Program
SEPTEMBER 16

Visiting Scholar Program for Iraq
DECEMBER 4

Junior Faculty Development Programs for Egypt, Lebanon, and Tunisia
DECEMBER 4
Other Fulbright Programs

• Fulbright U.S. Student Program
  - Recent graduates, postgraduate candidates through dissertation level, developing professionals and artists to study and research abroad
  - Administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE)

• Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program
  - Principally for primary- and secondary-level educators
  - Administered by Institute of International Education (IIE/DC)

• Fulbright-Hays Awards
  - Faculty research, group projects and seminars in designated social sciences and humanities fields
  - Administered by the U.S. Department of Education

• Fulbright-Hays Program