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U.S. Fulbright Scholar Opportunities: Middle East & North Africa

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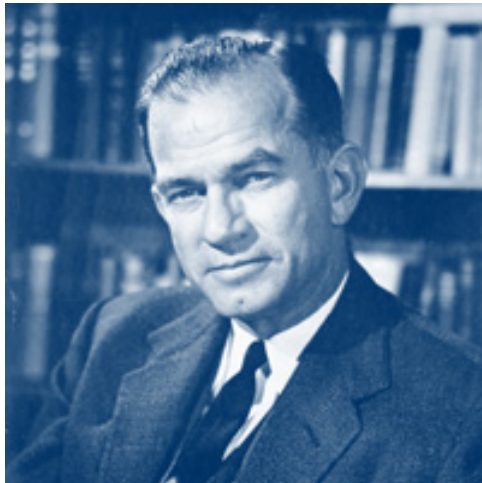
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TODAY'S WEBINAR: WHAT TO EXPECT

- **A brief overview of the Fulbright Program**
- **Information concerning grants to the MENA region**
- **An opportunity to ask questions! Type any question into the question module on your screen. We will do our best to answer as many questions as possible at the end of the presentation.**
- **If there's time, a guided tour of the new CIES Website, www.iie.org/cies**

Senator J. William Fulbright (1905-1995)



“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.”

Fulbright Scholar Program

- **Established in 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)**

What is the Core Fulbright Program?

- **The original core of the Fulbright program**
- **Over 800 awards each year for U.S. applicants**
- **Grants for teaching, conducting research, or both**
- **Lengths vary from 3 to 10 months**



Eligibility Requirements

- **U.S. citizenship**
- **A Ph.D. or equivalent professional/terminal degree in your field**
- **For professionals and artists outside academia, recognized professional standing and substantial accomplishments**
- **Teaching experience as required by award**
- **Limits apply to prior Fulbright Scholar grantees**



Middle East & North Africa: Which disciplines?

- **Anything and everything!**
- **22 awards for All Disciplines**
- **Disciplines include, but are not limited to: Art, American Studies, Business, Communications, Law, Social Sciences, TEFL, Film Studies, Education, Engineering, Archaeology, Theater, Linguistics, Environmental Sciences, Medical Sciences, Public Health, Music, Agriculture**

Which countries?

- **Algeria**
- **Bahrain**
- **Egypt**
- **Israel**
- **Jordan**
- **Kuwait**
- **Lebanon**
- **Morocco**
- **Oman**
- **Qatar**
- **Saudi Arabia**
- **Syria**
- **Tunisia**
- **United Arab Emirates**
- **West Bank**
- **MENA Regional
Research Program**

What's new?

- **Bahrain- Political Development at Bahrain Institute for Political Development, Trade & Investment at Bahrain Institute for Banking & Finance, Trafficking**
- **Jordan- Film Studies at the Red Sea Institute of Cinematic Arts in Aqaba and Financial & Banking Studies at U of Jordan**
- **West Bank- Nursing at Birzeit & International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at Al Quds University**
- **Oman- Veterinary Science, Oncology, Women's Studies, Nursing, Media Studies**
- **Syria- Museum Collections Management, Disability Studies, Economic Development**

What you need to know...

- **Bahrain- “Open for business,” host institutions all provide housing, 10-month grants, teach in English for nearly all fields (except Trade & Investment award)**
- **Egypt- Arab hospitality at its finest, Commission, tuition assistance for dependent children, furnished accommodations, invitation letters not required, retired faculty encouraged to apply, post-doctoral research awards available, grants from 3-9 months, kosharee**
- **Israel- Post-doctoral fellowships for 20 months, Distinguished Chair awards, Hebrew helpful/not required, Commission will assist with identifying suitable hosts**

What you need to know...

- **Jordan- When you're in Amman, you're in the best of hands, Commission, flexible grants of 5-10 months, teach in English, on-campus housing available at most institutions, mensaf**
- **Lebanon- The perfect place to get acquainted with the MENA region, flexible grant lengths, numerous host institutions, tuition assistance for dependent children, relax and enjoy the Mediterranean, skiing in Zahle, mana'ish**
- **Morocco- flexible grants from 3-10 months, teach in French or Arabic, professionals and non-academics encouraged to apply, TEFL, serial grant, bastilla**

What you need to know...

- **Oman- Housing provided by host institutions, flexible grants, family friendly, dependent tuition available, teach in English, invitations not required**
- **Tunisia- Teach in French/Arabic/English, Business Administration, invitation letters not required, you won't want to leave**
- **West Bank- Reside in Jerusalem/Ramallah/ or Bethlehem, numerous fields to choose from, lecture in English, institutional contacts available, falafel in Jerusalem is the best!**

Common misconceptions...

- **Won't I need to speak Arabic?**
- **As an American, will I be at risk?**
- **I emailed a faculty member at a potential host institution and they didn't reply. I guess they're not interested.**
- **If I don't have contacts in the region, it would be impossible to get a grant to teach or conduct research there.**
- **My children wouldn't adapt.**
- **The customs are so different... I'm not sure I could cope.**

MENA-specific application tips...

- **Reach out to host institutions as early as possible, preferably before June.**
- **Find out about supplemental application requirements (e.g. language proficiency, 2 page project summaries)**
- **Discuss plans for politically sensitive research with CIES and/or the Post or Commission in the host country**
- **Give your referees plenty of time**
- **Review academic calendar for the host country when deciding grant dates**
- **Contact a CIES MENA staff member!!**

Q&A

Note: We will answer as many questions as we can during today's broadcast. If we do not get to your question, please send an email to dantonio@iie.org

Thank you for your time today

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- **Be sure to sign up for our e-newsletter [The Fulbright Scholar News](mailto:outreach@iie.org) by writing outreach@iie.org.**

Other Fulbright Programs

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for recent graduates, postgraduate candidates up through dissertation level and developing professionals and artists to study and research abroad managed by Institute of International Education, IIE
www.fulbrightonline.org/us
- **Fulbright Teacher Exchange**
principally for primary- and secondary- level educators managed by Academy for Educational Development
<http://www.fulbrightteacherexchange.org/>
- **Fulbright-Hays Award**
for faculty research, group projects and seminars abroad in certain social sciences and humanities fields managed by the International Education and Graduate Programs Service of the U.S. Department of Education
www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/iegps