



**E**ach year, the Fulbright Scholar Program looks for a wide range of scholars and professionals to represent the United States abroad. Here are 10 reasons why you should apply:

**1. Opportunities abound for all levels of scholars.**

Whether you are a tenured scholar or adjunct faculty, there are a wide range of grants suitable for your level of experience. In fact, more than 800 grants are available every year in virtually every discipline.

**2. Community college professors, administrators, and even musicians can become Fulbrighters.**

Do you teach at Santa Monica College? Study American politics at Ball State? Serve as an adjunct at Hampton University? You can become a Fulbrighter. In fact, the Fulbright Program is actively seeking more applicants from liberal arts colleges, community colleges and minority-serving institutions.

**3. Professionals and artists are accepted into Fulbright, too.**

Curious about the development of independent media in developing countries? Want to lecture on American jurisprudence? Fulbright offers opportunities for journalists, filmmakers, college administrators, lawyers and many other professionals.

**4. Awards are flexible in length.**

Grants range from two months to an academic year. Awards for less than one year are increasingly common. And in some cases, a Fulbright grant can be extended for an additional term or year.

**5. Foreign language fluency isn't necessary to apply.**

Although some Fulbright Scholar awards require fluency in a foreign language, most awards – especially those in lecturing – only require English. There are exceptions: Research awards may require knowledge of the host country's language, while awards for study in Francophone Africa and Latin American countries usually require fluency in each country's respective language.

**6. You can spend your time teaching, researching or both.**

Just 26 percent of Fulbright Scholar awards are for research only. Most awards are for lecturing or combined lecturing and research. Depending on the country and the grant, you have opportunities to advance your career – and your home institution's prestige internationally – in the way you see fit.

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### 7. You can internationalize your home institution.

As a Fulbright Scholar, you become a catalyst in forging long-lasting links between your home institution and a hosting institution. Seventy percent of randomly sampled U.S. Scholar Program alumni have initiated educational exchange between home and host institutions after completing their Fulbright. Three out of every four scholars incorporated aspects of their experience into courses and teaching methods.

### 8. You can get help in identifying prospective host institutions.

In collaboration with overseas Fulbright Commissions and Public Affairs Sections of U.S. embassies, the Fulbright program can help you make connections with

potential host institutions. You can also talk to Fulbright alumni to learn about prospective hosts. Keep in mind that some awards do not require a letter of invitation.

### 9. Taking a sabbatical isn't necessary to become a Fulbrighter.

Although stipends and benefits can vary from country to country, most Fulbright awards provide enough money for you to live on during your time abroad.

### 10. Many Fulbrighters take their families.

Your entire family can experience new cultures and customs. Some awards provide maintenance and travel funds for accompanying dependents. Some grants even include a tuition allowance to educate school-age children.

To learn how to become part of the U.S. Government's flagship program for international exchange, visit [www.CIES.org](http://www.CIES.org). On the site, you'll find the Catalog of Awards, tips for applying, scholar stories and the official application. Be sure to sign up for *The Fulbright Scholar News*, our monthly e-newsletter. And, of course, you can always contact our helpful staff at (202) 686-7877 for more information.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [WWW.CIES.ORG](http://WWW.CIES.ORG)**



Above: Hashim Al-Tawil, Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn, Mich., researched art history in Italy (2006-07). Front: Susan Brownell, University of Missouri–St. Louis, researched cultural anthropology in the People's Republic of China (2007-08).

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