



**FULBRIGHT**

Scholar Program

# Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Opportunities in Social Sciences and Humanities

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# Today's Presentation

- Program Overview
- Why Fulbright?
- Eligibility
- Opportunities in Social Sciences and Humanities
- Alumni Perspective
- Application Cycle and Tips
- Questions





## MISSION

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- 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

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- Established in 1946 by Congress, Fulbright is the United States government's **flagship international educational and cultural exchange program**.
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# 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 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
- **Compliance with policies** on previous Fulbright Scholar awards: two year waiting period between Fulbright U.S. Scholar award and next application





# Which Award is for you?

## Award Types:

- 1 Scholar Awards
- 2 Postdoctoral Awards
- 3 Distinguished Scholar Awards
- 4 International Education Administrator Awards





# Which Award is for you?

## Flex Option

- Available in 63 countries and all world areas
- Allows multiple visits over two years

## Global & Regional Awards

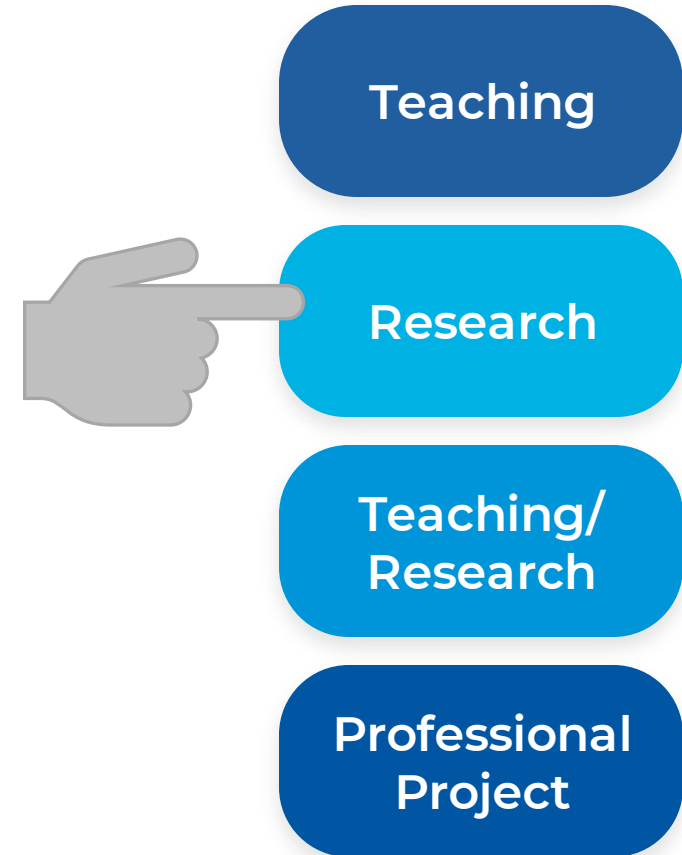




# Selecting the Right Award

- **Match** country interest, expertise, career profile, and proposal to the award description
- **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*





# What is a Professional Project?

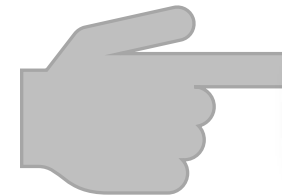
- **Does not answer a defined research question**
- **May include:** professional consultations; artist residencies; visits to organizations in the applicant's field; practical experience in day-to-day operations; public lectures; mentoring; arranging exhibitions, performances, or musical compilations; preparation of print materials (books, articles, or review); exchange of expertise with other professionals; participation in public events; or other professional activities

Teaching

Research

Teaching/  
Research

Professional  
Project





# Understanding the Awards

Visit [fulbrightscholars.org](https://fulbrightscholars.org) to search awards

Review important details in:

- award details
- award requirements
- award benefits
- country/area overview

Back to awards search

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR AWARD

Advanced International Studies at the Nobel Institute

Norway

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

1 Award Details

2 Award Requirements

3 Award Benefits

4 Country/Area Overview

Begin Application Process

Add to Comparison

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AWARD CODE  
25453-NO

ACTIVITY TYPE  
Research

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS  
Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) required

CAREER PROFILE  
Mid-Career Academics  
Senior Academics

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS  
Up To 3

AWARD START PERIOD  
February 2026 - April 2026

AWARD LENGTH  
3 months

FLEX OPTION  
No

MULTI-COUNTRY/AREA AWARD  
No

DISCIPLINES  
History (American), History (non- U.S.),  
Political Science, Philosophy, Law

SCHOLARS SELECTED FOR THIS AWARD WILL BE REQUIRED TO



# Social Sciences and Humanities: Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program 2025-26 Competition



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# Social Sciences and Humanities: Opportunity is waiting for you around the world!



- 101 awards in Social Sciences
- 105 awards in Humanities
- 26 awards do not require a Ph.D. or Terminal Degree
- Looking for a country or award that we don't mention? Remember that this is just a fraction of what's available!







# Europe and Eurasia

- **Austria:** [Fulbright-Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt Visiting Professor](#)
- **Iceland:** [Equine Sciences – Human-Horse Interventions](#)
- **Finland:** [University of Turku Scholar Award \(All Disciplines\)](#)
- **Norway:** [Advanced International Studies at the Nobel Institute](#)
- **France:** [Fulbright-CY Initiative Award \(CY Cergy Paris Université and ESSEC Business School\)](#)
- **Montenegro:** [All Disciplines](#)





# Europe and Eurasia

- **European Union:** [Fulbright-Schuman Postdoctoral Award at the European University Institute \(Florence, Italy\)](#)
- **Hungary:** 14 Partner Awards
- **Ireland:** [Investigating Impact through Innovative Research](#)
- **North Macedonia:** [Rule of Law, Judiciary Reform, and Civil Society](#)
- **Malta:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Portugal:** [Fulbright Award in Marketing, Communication & Media Studies / IPL-Politécnico de Lisboa](#)





# East Asia and Pacific

- Japan: [Study of the United States \(Teaching in Social Sciences and Humanities\)](#)
- Korea: [Distinguished Scholar at Yonsei University](#)
- Philippines: [U.S.-Philippine Relations](#)
- Taiwan: [Arts, Education, Humanities, Professional Fields and Social Sciences](#) (Postdoctoral and Scholar Opportunities)
- Australia: Partner awards such as:
  - [Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Applied Public Policy \(Democratic Resilience\) \(Flinders University\)](#)
  - [Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences \(The Australian National University\)](#)





# Western Hemisphere

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- **Canada:** [Research Chairs in Indigenous Studies](#); [North American Studies](#)
- **Chile:** [Social Sciences, Humanities, and Education](#)
- **Guyana:** [STEM/Agriculture/Strategic Security](#)
- **Suriname:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Uruguay:** [All Disciplines](#)





# Sub-Saharan Africa

- This region is looking to build teaching capacity through the many all-disciplines awards offered!
- **Eswatini:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **South Africa:** [Social Sciences and Humanities](#)
- **The Gambia:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Zambia:** [Journalism and Broadcasting](#)





# Middle East and North Africa

- **Bahrain, Qatar:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Kuwait, United Arab Emirates:** [Multiple Disciplines](#)
- **Jordan:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Tunisia:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Israel:** [Postdoctoral Fellowships](#)





# South and Central Asia

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- **India:**
  - [Fulbright-Nehru Distinguished Scholar \(All Disciplines\)](#)
  - [Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Awards \(All Disciplines\)](#)
- **Sri Lanka:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Nepal:** All Disciplines
- **Central Asia:**
  - [Kazakhstan](#)
  - [Tajikistan](#)
  - [Uzbekistan](#)



# Fulbright Scholar Directory: Scholar Alumni Projects in Social Sciences



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# 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)*





# Tips for a strong application:



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



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



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



# Application Cycle

FEBRUARY	Competition Opens
<b>SEPTEMBER 16</b>	Application Deadline
SEPTEMBER	Program staff conducts technical reviews for completeness
OCTOBER – NOVEMBER	U.S. peer review
NOVEMBER – JANUARY	Applicants notified of status. Recommended applications are sent to host countries and to the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.
JANUARY – JUNE	Final decisions are made
JUNE – ONWARD	Participants prepare for departure



# Stay Connected with Fulbright

**EMAIL** us at [Scholars@iie.org](mailto:Scholars@iie.org)

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