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## **Virtual Advising: Middle East and North Africa (MENA)**

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# Today's Webinar: What to Expect

Highlights of opportunities available in the Middle East and North Africa



Overview of the Application Process & Resources



Questions & Answers

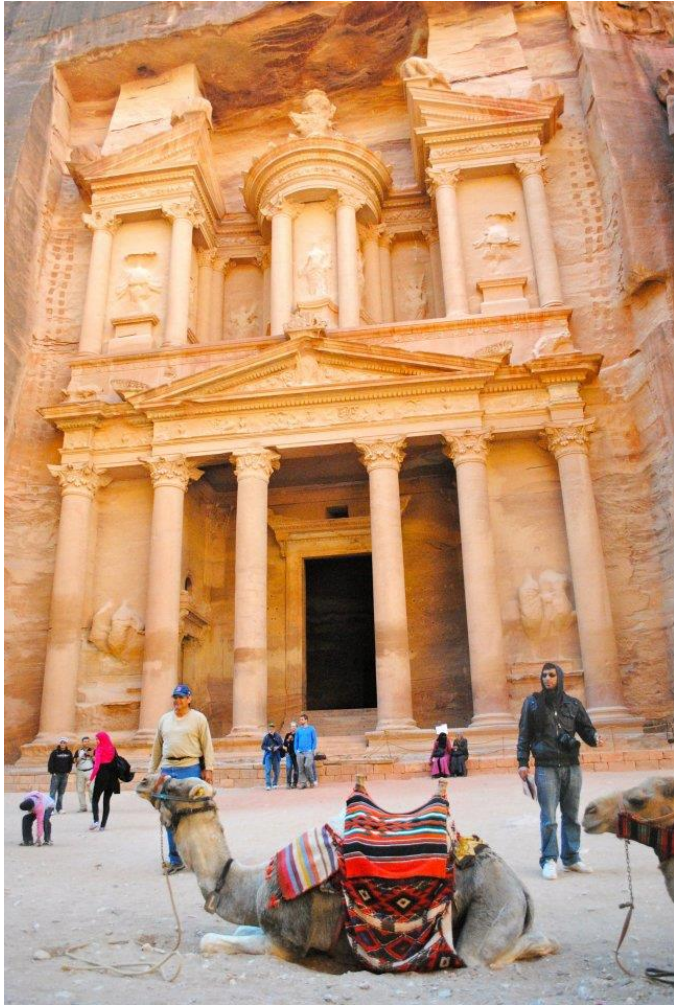


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# Fulbright in the Middle East & North Africa



- Generous grant benefits, including living and housing allowances and dependent tuition allowance for most awards
- In-country support from U.S. Embassy staff
- High potential for broad community engagement and lasting impact
- Unique and transformative experience



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# Award Highlights

- Israel: Postdoctoral & Senior Scholar Fellowships
- Jordan: All Disciplines, Business Administration, Nursing & TEFL
- Morocco: All Disciplines & All Disciplines (Flex)
- Oman: All Disciplines
- West Bank: Multiple Disciplines
- Bahrain: Educational Administration and Teacher Education, Business and Economics, All Disciplines
- Tunisia: All Disciplines



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# Flex and Multi-Country Opportunities

## ➤ Flex Awards

- Applicants must indicate plans for Flex in their project statement, including a project timeline
- Flex grantees are especially encouraged to make contact with the local community, developing long-term connections and collaborations
- Consult each award description to determine whether Flex is an option for that award

## ➤ The Middle East and North Africa Regional Research Program (Award 8475-MC)

- Conduct research in two or more countries in the region
- One segment, or Flex option



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# 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 in the Core Program are open to applicants with a Masters and professional or academic experience – see Award Description for details
- Professionals and artists outside academia – recognized professional standing and substantial accomplishments
- Teaching experience as required by award
- [New policies](#) on previous Fulbright Scholar grants and waiting periods between grants





# Application Components

- Application Form
- Project Statement
- Curriculum Vitae
- Course Outlines or Syllabi (for teaching awards)
- Select Bibliography (for research awards)
- 3 Letters of Reference
- Additional Components, Depending on Award
  - Language Proficiency Report
  - Letter of Invitation
  - Supplemental materials for applicants in the Arts, Architecture, Writing and Journalism



# Affiliations and Invitations

## Grant Locations:

- If a host is identified, it will be found under Location
- 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



# Review Process and Timeline

**AUG.**

Program staff conduct technical reviews for completeness

**SEPT.**

Discipline-specific committees review applications

**SEPT. –  
EARLY 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



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# Application Resources

- **Catalog of Awards:** <http://awards.cies.org>
- **Fulbright Scholar Program website:** <http://www.cies.org>
  - **Application Guidelines:** <http://www.cies.org/application-guidelines>
  - **Project Statement Guidance and Samples:** <http://www.cies.org/project-statement-core-fulbright-scholar-program>
  - **Webinars:** <http://www.cies.org/event-type/webinar-schedule>
  - **The Fulbright Scholar Blog:** <http://www.cies.org/blog-posts>
  - **MyFulbright**



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# QUESTION & ANSWER

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