



FULBRIGHT

Scholar Program

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program 2025-2026

Scholar Liaison Sneak Peek

Athena Mison Fulay

Assistant Director
Outreach and Recruitment
Fulbright Scholar Program
Institute of International Education

Aferdita Krasniqi

Specialist
Outreach and Recruitment
Fulbright Scholar Program
Institute of International Education



The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and administered by the Institute of International Education.



Today's Presentation

- Program Overview
- U.S. Scholar Program 25-26 Highlights
- Virtual Trip Around the World
- What's New for 2025-2026
- Questions





The Fulbright Scholar Program in 2024

- Competition 2025-26 launches in February: Kick off webinar **February 15!**
- Over 400 awards in six world regions
- Application deadline is **Monday, September 16, 2024**
- Letter of Recommendation: **September 16**
- Letter of Invitation: **September 26**
- Alumni Ambassadors – New Cohort announced in February!
- Identity Pages
- Award Comparison Tool
- Enhanced website: FulbrightScholars.org
- Getting Started Tab
- Gateway website for all Fulbright Programs: FulbrightProgram.org
- IEA updates
- Scholar-in-Residence Deadline: **June 3**





MISSION

- 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

- Established in 1946 by Congress, Fulbright is the United States government's **flagship international educational and cultural exchange program**.
- Fulbright is **sponsored by the U.S. Department of State** with funding provided by the U.S. Government and administered by the Institute of International Education.





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.





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
- ➔ **Fulbright U.S. Scholar alums are eligible**; two year waiting period between end of your last Fulbright U.S. Scholar award and next application





What can a Fulbright U.S. Scholar do? Start by finding your award!

Fulbright offers over 400 individual awards in more than 100 countries to **teach, research**, teach AND conduct research (listed as **teaching/research**), carry out a **professional project** or attend a **seminar**:

fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search

Select ***one award*** that suits your profile as a scholar, your project and your goals – and apply!



The Power
of International
Education

The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and administered by the Institute of International Education.



Regional Highlights

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






East Asia and the Pacific

- 14 countries offering over 40 awards
- **Many countries offer All Disciplines**
- **Partnership awards** in Australia
- **Postdoctoral awards** in Australia and Taiwan
- **Korea:** U.S.-Korea Presidential STEM Initiative





Europe and Eurasia

- 40 countries offer 230 awards
 - **All 69 disciplines represented**
 - **Many new awards in STEM**
 - **Partnership awards**
 - **Postdoctoral awards**
 - **Priority: smaller countries**
- 
- **France: NEW** France/Senegal International Education Administrators
 - **Spain: NEW** International Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Business Administration & Leadership at the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid
 - **Denmark: NEW** Community College Faculty Award
 - **Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Montenegro, Kosovo:** All Discipline Award
 - **Kosovo: NEW** Sharing Lessons from Kosovo's Post-War Health Experiences
 - **Iceland: NEW** Fulbright Iceland-National Science Foundation Nordic Award in Arctic Security now open to Finland, Iceland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden





Middle East and North Africa

- 13 countries offer over 30 awards
- TEFL a priority discipline
- Flexible awards
- **Letter of invitation is often optional**

- **Bahrain:** Education Administration and Teacher Education
- **Egypt:** Business Administration and Sciences
- **Jordan:** TEFL/Applied Linguistics





South and Central Asia

- 12 countries offer 16 awards
- **Very flexible region**
- **Open to many disciplines**
- **India is the largest program** and looking to grow!

- **India:** Multiple Awards, including two open to all disciplines
- **Tajikistan:** All Disciplines
- **Sri Lanka:** All Disciplines





Sub-Saharan Africa

- 28 countries offer 35 awards
- **Open to any discipline**
- **Impactful and far reaching**
- **Great benefits!**

- **Botswana:** All Disciplines
- **Cabo Verde:** All Disciplines
- **Eswatini:** All Disciplines
- **Gambia:** All Disciplines





Western Hemisphere

- 25 Countries and close to 60 awards
- **STEM Disciplines**
- **Fulbright Regional Travel Program**
- **Flex option**

- **Brazil: NEW** Fulbright Distinguished Scholar Awards, Fulbright-FAPESP Network
 - **NEW** Fulbright Distinguished Scholar Award in Social Innovation and Sustainability in Multicultural Contexts
- **Chile: NEW** Fulbright Chile Distinguished Scholar Awards
- **Guyana: NEW** STEM/Agriculture/Strategic Security





Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship

- Early to Mid-Career Professionals/Practitioners in Public Policy
- Work with a Foreign Ministry directly
- Project statement and letter of invitation is not required

- Available in:
 1. Africa: **Botswana, Ghana and Rwanda**
 2. East Asia and the Pacific: **Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, Timor-Leste and Fiji**
 3. Western Hemisphere: **Peru and Colombia**





Application Cycle

The 2025-26 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Competition: Open in February 2024

FEBRUARY	Competition Opens
SEPTEMBER 16	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





Connect with a Fulbright Alumni Ambassador

- Official representatives of the Fulbright Program
- Share the impact Fulbright had on them personally and professionally, as well as on their institution.

For more information, visit:

fulbrightscholars.org/alumni-ambassadors

72

**Emeriti
Ambassadors**

13

**New
Ambassadors**

80+

**Events
Annually**





Bring Foreign Fulbrighters to your Campus

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE (S-I-R) PROGRAM

Host scholars from other countries to teach for a semester or an academic year

Deadline: June 3

Website:

fulbrightscholars.org/sir

Email: SIR@iie.org

FULBRIGHT OUTREACH LECTURING FUND (OLF)

Host current Fulbright Visiting Scholars for short-term lectureships of 2-6 days on discipline or cultural topics to internationalize the campus

Website:

fulbrightscholars.org/OLF

Email: OLF@iie.org

FULBRIGHT LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSISTANT (FLTA) PROGRAM

Host native speaking language teaching assistants to enhance students' understanding different languages and cultures

Website:

foreign.fulbrightonline.org

Email: dcook@iie.org





Additional Fulbright U.S. Programs

SCHOLARS

- Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship
FPPF@iie.org
- Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program
GPA@ed.gov
- Specialist Program
FulbrightSpecialist@worldlearning.org

STUDENTS

- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program
DDRA@ed.gov
- English Teaching Assistant (ETA) Program
FBstudent@iie.org
- Student Program
FBstudent@iie.org

TEACHERS

- Distinguished Award in Teaching Research Program
FulbrightDA@irex.org
- Group Projects Abroad
GPA@ed.gov
- Teachers for Global Classrooms
FulbrightTGC@irex.org



Stay Connected with Fulbright

EMAIL us at scholars@iie.org

VISIT fulbrightscholars.org to learn more about the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

REFER [your colleagues](#)

 /fulbright

 @FulbrightPrgrm

 @the_fulbright_program

 /the-fulbright-program



The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and administered by the Institute of International Education.