



FULBRIGHT

Scholar Program

Opportunities in South and Central Asia for 2023-24

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Today's Webinar

- Program Overview
- Why Fulbright?
- Eligibility
- Types of Awards
- Opportunities in South and Central Asia
- Application Cycle and Tips
- Questions



Quick Facts

- Over 400 awards available to fund 800+ scholars and professionals
- Awards to teach, research or conduct a professional project
- Apply to one award only, proposing an individual project
- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Home institution not required; open to independent scholars/professionals
- Deadline to apply: September 15, 2022, for awards taking place in the 2023-24 academic year





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.
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Diversity & Inclusion

Fulbright strives to ensure that it reflects the diversity of U.S. society and societies abroad. We encourage the involvement of people from traditionally underrepresented audiences in all our grants, programs and other initiatives.

Opportunities are open to people regardless of their race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, geographic location, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.





Fulbright by the Numbers



The Fulbright Program funds over 8,000 awards annually:

- 900 U.S. scholars and administrators
- 900 visiting scholars
- 2,200 U.S. students
- 4,000 foreign students
- 400+ language teaching assistants

Approximately 400,000 “Fulbrighters” have participated in the program since its inception in 1946.





Why Fulbright?

Fulbright is transformational.

- Foster relationships that are real and lasting
- Expand your publishing network
- Become more multicultural in the classroom
- Serve as an ambassador for international exchange
- Gain the professional recognition as being identified as a “Fulbright Scholar”
- Join a vibrant alumni network

Fulbright is family-friendly.

- Approximately 60% of our awards provide dependent support
- Many Fulbright dependents go on to have international careers

Fulbright is supportive.

- 70% of applicants engage with IIE staff
- Continued support while in country from IIE and host country staff
- Access to Fulbright alumni as a resource





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 and waiting periods between grants





Regional Highlights

- 12 countries represented from Bangladesh to Uzbekistan
- 16 award offerings in the region funding over 70 recipients
- “Flex Option” for 2-3 visits over two academic years
- Multi-country research through the South and Central Asia Regional Research Award
- Regional Travel Program: Allows Fulbrighter to travel to another country to attend a conference, workshop or give a lecture. Apply while on grant.





Central Asia

Kazakhstan: Multiple Disciplines (3)

Kyrgyzstan: All Disciplines (3)

Tajikistan: Multiple Disciplines (2)

Turkmenistan: Multiple Disciplines (2)

Uzbekistan: Multiple Disciplines (3)



Laurie Wolf, Fulbright Scholar to Uzbekistan, 2019





South Asia

Bangladesh: All Disciplines (up to 2)

Bhutan: Open to Multiple Disciplines (*letter of invitation should not be sought*) (1)

Maldives: Open to Multiple Disciplines at Maldivian National University, MI College or Villa College (1)

Nepal: Teaching/Research award (1) and Research award (1) open to projects in all disciplines

Pakistan: All Disciplines (5)

Sri Lanka: All Disciplines (3)





India

[Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence All Disciplines Award \(40\)](#)

Open to academics and professionals, PhD not required
4-9 months, flex option available
Optional letter of invitation

[Fulbright-Nehru Distinguished Scholar Award \(1\)](#)

Open to all disciplines, 4 months

[Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellowship \(3\)](#)

Open to academics and professionals
4-9 months, flex option available



Harjant Gill, Fulbright Scholar to India, 2019-20





Regional Award

South and Central Asia Regional Research Program (2)

- Open to research projects in all disciplines to support research in 2-3 countries in the region
- Open to academics of all ranks, PhD not required
- 4-9 months, applicant determines time frame
- Letters of invitation are preferred from all proposed hosts; Uzbekistan requires a letter
- Dependent benefits available



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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





Understanding the Awards

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Fulbright Scholar Award

BEGIN APPLICATION PROCESS

All Disciplines

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC
South and Central Asia

AWARD DETAILS | AWARD REQUIREMENTS | AWARD BENEFITS | COUNTRY/AREA OVERVIEW

AWARD ACTIVITY
Depending on specialization, scholars may conduct research, teach one to three courses, consult on curriculum development, advise students, direct theses, participate in faculty development, and give occasional lectures at other institutions or for the public.

For a teaching/research award, the ratio of these activities should be 50/50. As an example, this could mean teaching one course per semester that entails one or two in-class meetings with students per week. The rest of the time can be devoted to research.

SCHOLARS SELECTED FOR THIS AWARD WILL BE REQUIRED TO:

- Advise and/or mentor students
- Assist in faculty, curriculum, and/or program development
- Conduct a research project designated by the host institution
- Conduct a research project of the applicant's choosing
- Teach graduate and/or undergraduate courses designated by the host institution
- Teach graduate and/or undergraduate courses of the applicant's choosing
- Conduct a professional and/or artistic project

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Thursday, September 15, 2022

ACTIVITY TYPE
Research ?
Teaching/Research

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) not required

CAREER PROFILE
Early Career Academics ?
Mid-Career Academics ?

Visit
awards.cies.org





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)
- Select bibliography (for research)
- Portfolio submissions (for artists, architects, and journalists)





Tips to submit a strong application:

- Before you start, **read the award description carefully** to ensure you meet all requirements and your proposed project is possible.
- **Start your application and enter your referees' information as soon as possible.** You can always save and return to it.
- **Take advantage of IIE resources**, including webinars, office hours and pointed application guidance on our website.

Remember: You only can receive an award if you apply!





Application Cycle

2023-24 Competition Now Open

FEBRUARY	Catalog of Awards Opens
SEPTEMBER 15	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 – APRIL	Final decisions are made
MAY – ONWARD	Participants prepare for departure



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