

Opportunities in Social Sciences and the Humanities for Fulbright U.S. Scholar Applicants

Webinar Q&A Box Questions and Answers

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Question	Answer
Hello! Could you please speak to the specific information recommenders should include in his/her evaluation of an applicant? Are there additional resources on this topic I could review?	Hello! We have additional information about letter of recommendation on our website: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps
I'm applying as an artist (writer) which requires a sample. Should the sample be some of my previous work or a draft excerpt of the work I'll be working on as a Fulbright Scholar?	Hello! This is up to you and what your project will be about. The portfolio/sample should demonstrate your technical skills, ability in the genre(s), and your artistic direction. The portfolio/sample should be a well-edited, representative collection of your work/research and should support the nature of your proposed project.
Does the two-year rule about taking a second Fulbright apply if your last award was for an IEA seminar?	Hello! Yes, it still applies.
can PhD holders that are independent scholars apply for a Fulbright award, if we are not faculty at present?	Hello! Yes, we welcome independent scholars to apply.
Are there Fulbright scholar fellowships for just teaching temporarily abroad? Or they should always be a research component?	Hello! There are just teaching fellowships, which you can find here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&field_award_activity[8220]=8220&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All
I'm looking to be a Fulbright Scholar to do research for my next novel. Is that research, professional project, or either?	Hello! A professional project does not involve research or teaching. The Professional Project activity type provides professionals and artists in various fields the opportunity to interact with relevant organizations abroad to explore a topic related to their field without answering a defined research question. Professional Projects 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 reviews); exchange of expertise with other professionals; participation in

	public events; or other appropriate professional activities.
How do we know who to contact at the host institution? I have made some efforts to do so and get passed around with nobody knowing who my contact should be.	Hello! Ideally, you should be contacting the person who you will closely work with at the host institution.
Is an NGO letter an acceptable letter of invitation?	Hello! To see what a letter of invitation should contain, please see our website: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps
Are retired faculty eligible for the Fulbright Scholar fellowships?	Hello! Yes, retired/emerita faculty can apply.
But I don't know who I would work with at the host institution. I identify an award that meets my qualifications and interest, but I don't know anyone at the institution. How do I find someone who is a match for me?	We have additional information on our website about letters of invitation. In addition, I would recommend attending office hours and emailing the person in charge of the award, to see if they have any other tips about finding hosts in that country: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps
Can more than one scholar apply as a team? Perhaps as a set of partners?	Hello! No, every application is individual.
Thank you for your previous answer. Is there any way that they can be linked to the same project even if they are individual applications?	Hello! Fulbright U.S Scholar Awards do not have awards for team projects. You could apply to the same award, but even if you both receive the grant, you would not be able to work as a team.
I am currently on the roster for Fulbright Specialist Program. Can I apply for consideration for regular Fulbright Fellowship?	Hello! Yes, you can apply even if you're on the roster.
I'm interested in applying to Argentina for the teaching/research. Is this a possibility? Are all disciplines or specific disciplines available in Argentina?	Hello! Here are all the awards available in Argentina: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?country[]=4569&field_award_multi_country=All&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All
Is Professional Projects a FS focus limited to certain countries only?	Hello! Here are all the awards that are accepting professional projects: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&field_award_activity[8217]=8217&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All
can a Professional Project be framed as the "research" component of a combined award (teaching/research)? or does the host institution have to offer the Prof Project option separate from teaching/research?	Hello! There is no research or teaching in a professional project. The Professional Project activity type provides professionals and artists in various fields the opportunity to interact with relevant organizations abroad to explore a topic related to their field without answering a defined research question. Professional Projects 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 reviews); exchange of expertise with other professionals; participation in public events; or other appropriate professional activities.

Are letters of recommendation from scholars from the foreign institution, where the project will be developed, a good idea for the FS application?	Hello! 2 letters of recommendation are already required in the application. We advise these letters to come from colleagues that know you and your work. For more information on letters of rec, please see our website: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps
I'm looking at the database and see almost no scholars in Arts/Humanities in the country I'm applying to (Australia). Does that mean those applications are rarely accepted?	Hello! Due to FFSB policy, we are unable to talk about the numbers of applications.
thank you. i would like to combine teaching and a professional project (rather than research), can i propose that? or does the host institution have to offer the Professional Project as an official category? the university i am applying to only lists teaching/research.	Hello! Unfortunately, a professional project cannot be combined with any other activity.
Is there a way to filter awards on the website based on whether english is sufficient?	Hello! There is unfortunately not; but you can filter through other ways.
Can you please share the email for questions regarding Mexico/ Western Hemisphere?	Hello! westhem@iie.org
Is this the same process for finding professional awards? (Looking at the Scholars list) Thank you!	If you mean awards that are open to professional projects, you can see them here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&field_award_activity[8217]=8217&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All
Where do we find information about "office hours"?	Hello! You can sign up for office hours here: https://apply.iie.org/portal/office_hours
Yes, of course. If the recommender is from the foreign institution involved in the project, is this not a good idea?	The website I shared gives additional information on who the letters should come from: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps
What is the connection between a Professional Project, the FLEX option and the Specialist Roster? Can they be combined, e.g. I have a project and I can get onto the specialist roster and then apply for Flex?	Hello! The Specialist Program is a different program administered by another organization. While you're on the roster, you can apply to the Scholar Program.
Can you please share the emails again for Europe and Asia Pacific? Thank you.	Hello! europ Eurasia@iie.org and EastAsiaPacific@iie.org .
What is covered by the category "senior academics"?	Hello! Awards are open to those who have been working in the capacity of a teacher or scholar for more than 13 years.
What criteria are used to make the distinction between early-, mid-, and senior-career awards?	Hello! Early career is less than 7 years of experience, Mid is 7-13 years, and senior is more than 13 years.
Can you please share the email for Sub-Saharan Africa? Thank you.	Hello! SubsaharanAfrica@iie.org .
Are recently retired professors eligible?	Hello, yes! Retired faculty can apply.
Can you share again the email for the Western Hemisphere (South America)?	Hello! westhem@iie.org . This email is also in the award details on the left side.