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Spotlight on Mexico: Opportunities with the US Fulbright Scholar Program

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The Fulbright Program



- Established 1946 to expand and strengthen the relationships between the people of the United States and citizens of the rest of the world
- Sponsored by U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and administered by the Institute of International Education's Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)



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Fulbright in Numbers



380,000+

Fulbrights awarded since 1946



800

U.S. Scholar grants annually



160

Participants countries



37

Heads of State or Government



59

Nobel Laureates



82

Pulitzer Prize recipients

MacArthur
Foundation

71

MacArthur Fellows



16

Presidential Medal of Freedom recipients

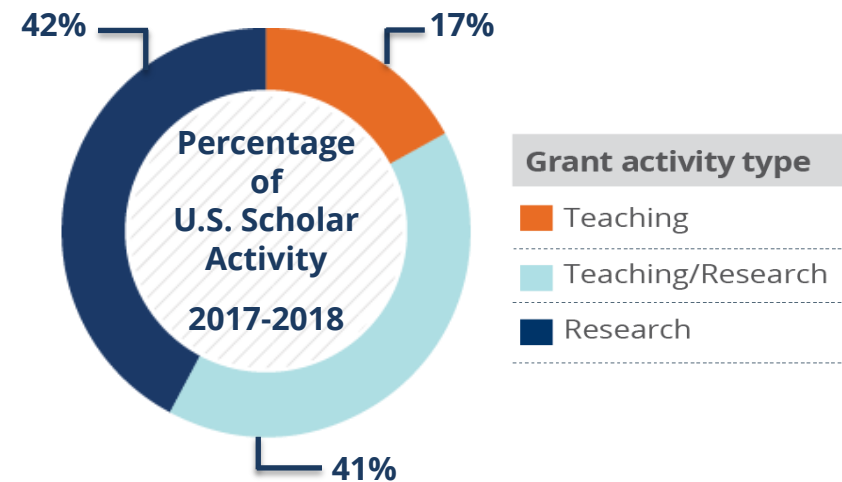


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Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

- Supports teaching and/or research for three to 12 months
- Programs active in +125 countries
- For faculty, administrators and professionals
- Open to all disciplines
- Apply to specific award with proposed project
- Application deadline: **August 1**
- Variety of host institutions



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 are open to applicants with a Masters and professional or academic experience
- Open to professionals and artists outside academia with recognized standing and substantial accomplishments
- Teaching experience as required by award
- New policies on previous Fulbright Scholar grants and waiting periods between grants



Mexico



- There are 6 awards available in Mexico, and one regional award for Canada and Mexico.
- **9450-MX** Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholar Award
- **9447-MX** U.S. Studies Chair
- **9449-MX** Fulbright Scholar Border Program
- **9448-MX** Science and Technology
- **9446-MX** Social Sciences and Humanities
- **9451-MX** Teaching English as a Foreign Language
- **9477-MC** Fulbright Carlos Rico Award for North American Studies



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Scholar Alum Insights

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Special Considerations for Mexico

➤ Language Requirements

- Intermediate to advanced Spanish required, varies by award.
- Self- and external-evaluation required unless native speaker.

➤ Travel Warning

- In Mexico some states may be restricted due to State Dept Travel Warning. Refer to: [U.S. State Dept. Travel Warning](#)

➤ Regional Travel Award

- During their grant period, Fulbright U.S. Scholars in the Western Hemisphere region may apply for a short-term regional travel grant in eligible WHA countries.
- The Regional Travel Program covers travel to and from the destination; lodging may be offered by the hosting institution.
- Scholars apply for this grant once in country on their Fulbright grant.



A Fulbright that Works for You

- Flex option
 - Available in 25 Western Hemisphere
 - Allows multiple visits over two years
- Awards throughout your career:
 - Postdoctoral awards
 - Early Career
 - Distinguished Chair
- Carlos Rico Award: Canada/Mexico
- Global Scholar Award
- Home university affiliation is not required. Applications from artists and professionals, independent and emeriti scholars are welcomed!



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Application Resources

- [Fulbright Scholar Program website](#) and [Catalog of Awards](#)
- **Apply**
 - [Application](#) and [Application Instructions](#)
 - [Application Guidelines, Project Statement Guidance](#) and [Samples](#)
- **Learn**
 - [Webinars](#)
 - The Fulbright Scholar [Blog](#)
- **Connect**
 - [MyFulbright](#)



Application Components

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



Project Statement

- Your opportunity to lay out your proposed **project specifics** in as much detail as possible
- Why Fulbright and why this country/institution/organizations?
- Focus on what you plan to **do**; the specific courses you plan to teach/the methods and goals of your research
- Outcomes from the grant - impact on hosts, home institution and you
- How adaptable are you? How well will you deal with challenging situations?



Affiliations and Invitations

Host Institution:

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



Submitting a Competitive Application

- Address the Fulbright goal of promoting mutual understanding
- Why you are interested in a Fulbright and why in your proposed host country
- Professional expertise and skills you can offer; benefits to the host institution and host country; exchange of knowledge and experience
- Cultural diplomacy; demonstrated flexibility, adaptability
- Outcomes, impact, and multiplier effect
 - for your professional development, home campus, students, field at large; for your host institution
 - future collaborations; linkages: personal, professional, institutional; plans for sustaining relationships
 - internationalizing campus and curriculum



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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