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# Spotlight on India: Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program Opportunities

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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
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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



**84**

Pulitzer Prize recipients

MacArthur  
Foundation

**71**

MacArthur Fellows



**16**

Presidential Medal of Freedom recipients



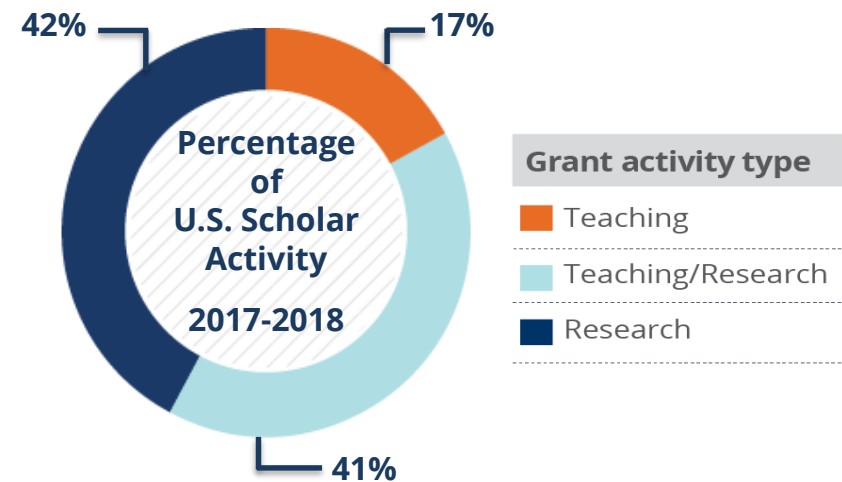
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# Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

- 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



# India

- There are two **All Disciplines** awards available in India, and one multi-country **Regional Research Award for South and Central Asia (All Disciplines)**
- **Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Award**
- **Fulbright-Nehru Distinguished Chair**



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# Scholar Alum Insights

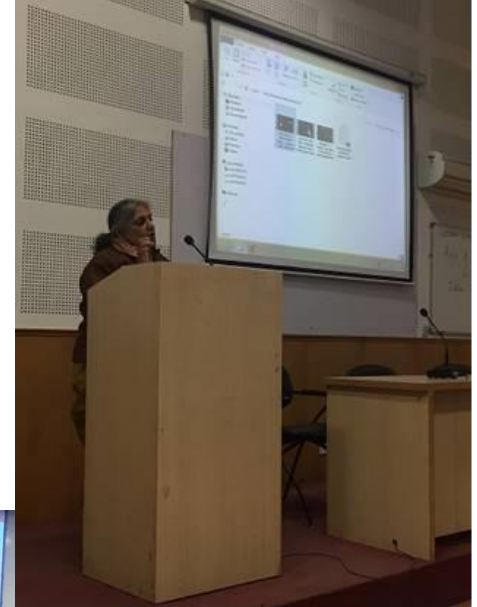
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New Delhi



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# Special Features for India

- All teaching in English, no additional language required for research grants
  
- Regional Travel Award
  - During their grant period, Fulbright U.S. Scholars in India may apply for a short-term regional travel grant in eligible SCA 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.
  
- South and Central Asia Fulbright Midyear Conference
  - February/March 2020 in India
  - Financial assistance to attend the conference is provided as an additional Fulbright grant benefit.



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# A Fulbright that Works for You

- Flex option
  - Available in India
  - Allows multiple visits over two years
- Awards throughout your career:
  - Postdoctoral awards
  - Early Career
  - Distinguished Chair
- SCA Regional Research Award
- 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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