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Opportunities in the Western Hemisphere

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• Our mission is to foster mutual understanding between nations, advance knowledge across communities, and improve lives around the world.

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Fulbright by the Numbers

The Fulbright Program funds over 8,000 awards annually:

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

Approximately 390,000 “Fulbrighters” have participated in the program since its inception in 1946.
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
- Compliance with policies on previous Fulbright Scholar awards and waiting periods between grants
Program Highlights

• 27 Countries represented from Canada to Chile
• 59 award offerings in the region with over 200 grants
• Flex Option for multiple visits for short periods of time

“The Fulbright experience has permitted me to begin a new chapter in my U.S.-based research…”

Sarah Gallo, Fulbright U.S. Scholar to Mexico 2016-2017
Regional Highlights

- **STEM Fields**: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, the Caribbean, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, and Uruguay

- **TEFL**: Mexico, Dominican Republic, Central America, Uruguay

- **Professional Projects**: Honduras, Peru - Public Policy Fellowship (early career)

- **U.S. Studies**: Brazil, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Mexico
Canada

All Disciplines
• Research or Teaching/Research,
• 3 grants, 4-9 months, Flex option available
• Affiliation can be with any university, government agency, or research institution in Canada
• Letter of invitation is required

Fulbright Canada Distinguished Research Chairs at Carleton University
• 4 grants for 9 months; letter of invitation optional
• Academic fields include:
  o Arts and Social Sciences in Canada and North America
  o Entrepreneurship
  o Environmental Science
  o Public Affairs in North America: Society, Policy, Media
  o Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
Research Chair Awards: 12 themed awards with pre-identified host institutions. Applicants rank host preference in the proposal. Letters of invitation are generally not required.

- Arts, Humanities, and Culture
- Business and Management
- Economics
- Education
- Environmental Sciences
- Food Studies
- Health Studies
- Indigenous Studies
- North American Studies
- Policy, Law, and Governance
- Science and Technology
- Field Open
Central America

**Belize:** All Disciplines

**Costa Rica:** All Disciplines

**El Salvador:** All Disciplines

**Guatemala:** All Disciplines

**Honduras:** All Disciplines

**Nicaragua:** All Disciplines

**Panama:**
- All Disciplines
- Science, Technology and Education
Mexico

- **Fulbright Scholar Border Program**
- **Science and Technology Award**
- **Social Sciences and Humanities**
- **Teaching English as a Foreign Language**
- **U.S. Studies Chair**
- **Fulbright Carlos Rico Award for North American Studies**
The Andes

All Disciplines awards to:

• Bolivia
• Colombia
• Ecuador
• Peru

Colombia:

• Distinguished Chair in Biodiversity and Sustainable Development
Brazil

**All Disciplines Award:** 30 Grants!

**Distinguished Chair awards in**

- Neuroscience at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul
- Legal Theory Studies at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro
- Public Policy at the Joaquim Nabuco Foundation
- International Relations at University of Sao Paulo
- Studies of the U.S. at the Federal University of Minas Gerais
Southern Cone

Argentina:
- Social Sciences and Humanities
- Science and Technology

Chile:
- Social Sciences, Humanities and Education
- Science and Technology

Paraguay:
- All Disciplines

Uruguay:
- All Disciplines
- Agriculture
Caribbean

Bahamas: All Disciplines
Barbados and Eastern Caribbean: All Disciplines
Dominican Republic: All Disciplines
Guyana: STEM and Agriculture
Haiti: All Disciplines
Jamaica: All Disciplines
Suriname: All Disciplines
Trinidad and Tobago: awards in
  • All Disciplines
  • Multiple Disciplines - College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts
Post Doctoral Awards

Canada: Postdoctoral Research Award

Chile: Fulbright Astronomy and Antarctic Studies Award (Postdoctoral Scholars/Early Career Scientists)

Mexico: Postdoctoral Scholar Award
Special Award Features and Requirements

Language Requirements: French, Spanish and Portuguese may be requirements with levels varying by country and award.

Regional Travel Program: Allows grantees to travel to another country to attend a conference, workshop or give a lecture (no research).
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