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Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Opportunities in the Western Hemisphere

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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

71
MacArthur Fellows

16
Presidential Medal of Freedom recipients
Diversity and 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 U.S. Scholar Program

- Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program
- International Education Administrator Seminars
- Collaborative Research

Percentage of U.S. Scholars 2018-2019

93% Fulbright US Scholar Program
7% International Education Administrator Seminars
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 Master’s and professional or academic experience
  - Recent Master’s degree recipients and undergraduate degree holders are eligible for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program
- Open to professionals and artists outside academia with recognized standing and substantial accomplishments
- Teaching experience as required by award
- Preference is given to veterans when other factors are equivalent.
- New policies on previous Fulbright Scholar grants and waiting periods between grants
Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

- Supports teaching and/or research for two to 12 months
- Programs active in +130 countries
- For faculty, administrators and professionals
- Open to all disciplines
- Apply to specific award with proposed project
- Application deadline: September 16th
- Variety of host institutions

Percentage of U.S. Scholar Activity 2018-2019

- Teaching: 41%
- Research: 20%
- Teaching/Research: 39%

Grant activity type

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Fulbright Scholar to Colombia

US Affiliations:
- SUNY Purchase
- Inter-American University of Puerto Rico

Colombia Affiliations:
- U Nacional de Colombia
- U de Bogotá Jorge Tadeo Lozano

La boricua detrás de la historia de 'Diana de Santa Fe', un proyecto TRANS-media
Western Hemisphere: Overview

- 27 Countries represented from Canada to Chile
- 55 award offerings in the region
  - Over 200 grants available across the 55 awards

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

Sarah Gallo, Fulbright US Scholar to Mexico 2016-2017
Western Hemisphere: Regional Priorities

- **STEM Fields**: Brazil, Mexico, Canada, Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, Colombia, the Caribbean
- **TEFL/ESL**: Mexico, Dominican Republic, Central America, Uruguay
- **Professional Projects**: Honduras, Peru - Policy Fellowship
- **US Studies**: Brazil, Mexico, Bolivia, Canada, Chile
Canada

- All Disciplines Award
- Postdoctoral Research Award in Northern Issues at North British Columbia
- Distinguished Research Chairs at Carleton University
- Field Open Award at St Mary’s and York University
- Fulbright Carlos Rico Award for North American Studies

Webinar: Spotlight on Canada: U.S. Fulbright Scholar Opportunities
March 26, 2019 - 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm EDT
Canada Research Chairs

Canada Research Chair Awards—themed awards with pre-identified hosts. Applicants rank hosts in the proposal. Letters of invitation generally not required:

- Research Chairs in Arts, Humanities, and Culture
- Research Chairs in Business and Economics
- Research Chairs in Education Science and Technology
- Research Chairs in Environmental Sciences
- Research Chairs in Health/Food Security
- Research Chairs in Indigenous Studies
- Research Chairs in North American Studies
- Research Chairs in Policy, Law, and Governance

Link to Canada Awards
Mexico

- Postdoctoral Scholar Award
- 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

Webinar: Spotlight on Mexico: U.S. Fulbright Scholar Opportunities
April 04, 2019 - 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm EDT
Link to Mexico Awards
Brazil

- All Disciplines Award- 30 Grants!
- Post Doctoral Award in Natural Sciences
- Distinguished Chair in American Studies at the Federal University of Minas Gerais
- Distinguished Chair in International Relations at the University of Sao Paulo
- Distinguished Chair in Public Policy at the Joaquim Nabuco Foundation

Webinar: Spotlight on Brazil: U.S. Fulbright Scholar Opportunities
March 28, 2019 - 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm EDT
Link to Brazil Awards
Colombia and Venezuela

Colombia

- All Disciplines
- Universidad Nacional de Colombia Distinguished Chair in Biodiversity and Sustainable Development

Venezuela

- Multiple Disciplines award- Flex Only
- The awarding of a Fulbright U.S. Scholar grant is contingent upon receipt of a visa from the Government of Venezuela. Selected Fulbright Scholar candidates who do not receive their visa by May 15, 2020, will not receive a Fulbright grant.
The Southern Cone: Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay

- **Argentina**
  - Science and Technology
  - Social Sciences and Humanities

- **Chile**
  - Astronomy and Antarctic Study Awards - Post Doctoral/Early Career
  - Science and Technology
  - Social Sciences, Humanities, and Education

- **Paraguay**
  - All Disciplines

- **Uruguay**
  - All Disciplines
  - Agriculture
All Disciplines Awards

- Available in 23 countries in the Western Hemisphere
- Support a variety of activities
- Open to all disciplines but may have preferences
- Open to a variety of host institutions

All Disciplines Awards
Available in all regions of the Western Hemisphere

- North America
- Central America
- The Caribbean
- South America
Special Award Features and Requirements

Language Requirements
- Spanish, Portuguese, French or Haitian Creole, Dutch may be required.
- Levels will vary by country and award.

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.
Some countries ask that language requirements be addressed in the letter of invitation: e.g.: Brazil

Some countries/systems of higher education may require the letter of invitation to come from a high-level administrator: e.g.: Argentina

Some countries will make placements for some awards, and do not require letters of invitation: e.g.: Canada, Mexico.

Some countries require finances to be input into the letter of invitation: e.g.: Chile- host institution must contribute to grant.
Other Fulbright Programs

- **Fulbright International Education Administrators Program (IEA)**
  - Two week seminars for U.S. International education professionals and senior higher education officials to learn about host country’s education system

- **Fulbright U.S. Student Program**
  - Recent graduates, postgraduate candidates through dissertation level, developing professionals and artists to study and research abroad

**Institutional Opportunities**

- **Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence (S-I-R) Program**
  - U.S. institutions can bring visiting scholars to teach undergraduate course loads for a semester or full academic year

- **Fulbright Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF)**
  - Short-term lectureships to internationalize the campus from current Fulbright Visiting Scholars on discipline or cultural topics

- **Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program**
  - Supports language assistantships at universities and colleges throughout the U.S. with young professional native speakers
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