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2019 – 2020 Fulbright U.S. 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.

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INTRODUCTION

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

71
MacArthur Fellows

16
Presidential Medal of Freedom recipients
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

![Percentage of U.S. Scholar Activity (2017-2018)]

- **42%** Teaching
- **17%** Teaching/Research
- **41%** Research

U.S. SCHOLAR PROGRAM

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The Power of International Education
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
Selecting the Right Award

- Match your expertise, experience and proposal to the award description
- Regional experience and language ability
- Discipline preferences listed in the award
- Relevance of the project to the country; how will host country benefit from your project?
- Career level - early career, postdoctoral, mid-level, Distinguished Chair
Europe and Eurasia: Overview

- 269 award offerings
- Special Award features vary by country and award:
  - Norway: Group seminar for all U.S. Scholars in a ski resort near Lillehammer
  - Some awards offer regional travel
- Berlin Seminar
- Regional [webpage](#)

“There is no way to know before you start a project where it will end up, but I never imagined my research would take the shape it has!”
Europe and Eurasia: What’s New

United Kingdom
U.S. Friends of Queen’s University of Belfast Visiting Professorship
9521-UK

Albania
Interfaith Religious Communication
9119-AL

United Kingdom
Fulbright-Cancer Research UK Scholar Award
9522-UK

Spain
Computer Science at Universidad de Murcia
9525-SP

Italy
Fulbright Lectureship in Sustainability & Circular Economy at the University of Bologna
9234-IT

Italy
Fulbright Lectureship in International Politics at the University of Milan
9231-IT

Italy
Fulbright Lectureship in Law and Economics at the University of Bologna
9511-IT

Italy
Fulbright Lectureship in Computer Science and Engineering at the University of Bologna
9235-IT

Spain
Medicine at Universidad de Murcia
9497-SP
Europe and Eurasia: Highlights

United Kingdom
- 9520-UK: Fulbright-University of Manchester Distinguished Chair (Humanities)
- 9316-UK: Fulbright-Scotland Visiting Professorship at the Glasgow School of Art
- 9339-UK: Fulbright Cyber Security Award

Belgium
- 9014-BE: NATO Security Studies

France
- 9177-FR: Fulbright-Tocqueville Distinguished Chair

Finland
- 9164-FL: Mid-Career Professional Development
Middle East and North Africa: Overview

- 29 grant opportunities
- In-country support
- Dependent tuition reimbursement
- Scholars who are adventurous and open-minded will be especially successful in the MENA region.
- Regional webpage

“It was transformative to examine another culture through my value system, and compare and contrast various religious, political, and personal practices.”
Middle East and North Africa: What’s New

Morocco
- Morocco-Spain Joint Teaching/Research Award
  9367-MC

Israel
- Fulbright-Israel Institute Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Israel Studies
  9489-IS
Middle East and North Africa: Highlights

**Jordan**
- 9358-JO: All Disciplines

**Egypt**
- Reopening for the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program for the first time since 2012
- Opportunities in Egypt

**Palestinian Territories (West Bank only)**
- Expanded approved list of host institutions
- Opportunities in the Palestinian Territories
Sub-Saharan Africa: Overview

- Over 50 opportunities to teach and/or research in 27 countries
  - Emphasis on teaching in the awards offered
- Travel for up to 2 dependents, research allowance, and book allowance
- Applicants should be adaptable, creative problem solvers
- Regional webpage

“I came to understand that there is so much more to learn and that the most powerful learning experiences comes from interactions and relationships with others.”
Sub-Saharan Africa: What’s New

- **Mauritius**
  Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property
  9039-MP

- **Botswana**
  Applied Sciences
  9020-BC

- **Botswana**
  Cyber Security and Digital Forensic
  9500-BC
## Sub-Saharan Africa: Highlights

### Business, Economics, and Entrepreneurship
- Côte d'Ivoire: 9026-IV Economics and Finance
- Botswana: Business Administration
- Rwanda: 9048-RW Commerce, Business Administration, Economics, and Finance

### Education
- Democratic Republic of the Congo: 9030-CG Social Work/Development/Civic Education
- Ethiopia: 9031-ET All Disciplines
- Cameroon: 9024-CM All Disciplines

### Environmental Sciences
- Botswana: Environmental Sciences
- Mauritius: Renewable Energy and Sustainable Development
- Mozambique: 9042-MZ Environmental Studies and Sciences

### Medical Sciences & Public/Global Health
- Botswana: 9019-MC Public Health
- Mozambique: 9043-MZ Medical Sciences
- Zimbabwe: 9059-ZI Midwifery Education

### Political Science
- Cameroon: 9024-CM All Disciplines
- Guinea: 9033-GV All Disciplines

### STEM
- Namibia: 9044-WA All Disciplines
- Tanzania: 9054-TZ All Disciplines
East Asia and the Pacific: Overview

- Over 50 award offerings and close to 150 grants available
- Fulbright Regional Travel Program
- Regional webpage

“This experience has rounded out the international focus of my work [...] The more I got to know people here, the more I could see similarities to my own world.”
East Asia and the Pacific: What’s New

Australia
Fulbright Professional Scholarships in Australia-United States Alliance Studies
9077-AS

Australia
Fulbright Senior Award (Sponsored by Central Queensland University)
9076-AS
East Asia and the Pacific: Highlights

Taiwan

- **9111-TW**: Arts, Education, Humanities, Professional Fields and Social Sciences
- **9113-TW**: Education, Humanities, Professional Fields and Social Sciences

The Philippines

- **9107-RP**: U.S.-Philippine Relations
- **9102-RP**: All Disciplines
South and Central Asia: Overview

- Close to 20 awards available
- The Fulbright Commission in India’s prominence
- Regional [webpage](#)

“I met the most incredible people in India who not only influenced my research, but also my thought processes about my field and research.”
South and Central Asia: Highlights

India
- 9379-IN: Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Awards (All Disciplines)

Maldives
- 9383-MV: All Disciplines

Multi-Country
- 9476-MC: South and Central Asia Regional Research Program

Kazakhstan
- 9380-KZ: All Disciplines
South and Central Asia: Grantee Opportunities

South and Central Asia Fulbright Regional Travel Grant

South and Central Asia Fulbright Midyear Conference
Western Hemisphere: Overview

- 54 award offerings
- All Disciplines awards in over 20 countries
- Research Chair awards in Canada, Brazil, Colombia
- Regional Travel Program
- Regional [webpage](#)

"The opportunity to contribute to the most pressing environmental issues of the region is fantastic, and will greatly benefit my research program."
Western Hemisphere: What’s New

Brazil
Postdoctoral Award in Natural Sciences
9400-BR

Canada
Distinguished Research Chairs at Carleton University
9423-CA

Brazil
Distinguished Chair at EIPP/FUNDAJ
9401-BR
Western Hemisphere: Highlights

**Mexico**
- 9449-MX: Border Program
- 9451-MX: TEFL
- 9447-MX US Studies Chair

**Chile**
- 9430-CL: Astronomy and Antarctic Studies Post Doc
- 9432-CL: Social Sciences, Humanities and Education

**Argentina**
- 9391-AR: Science and Technology
- 9392-AR: Social Sciences and Humanities

**Canada**
- 9410-CA: Research Chairs in Business and Economics
- 9422-CA: Research Chairs in Health and Food Security
- 9420-CA: Research Chairs in North American Studies
A Fulbright that Works for You

- **Flex option**
  - Available in 63 countries
  - Allows multiple visits over two years

- **Awards throughout your career:**
  - Postdoctoral awards
  - Early Career
  - Distinguished Chair

- **Multi-country awards**

- **Global Scholar Award**

- Home university affiliation is not required. Applications from artists and professionals, independent and emeriti scholars are welcomed!
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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