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Opportunities in the Sub-Saharan Africa

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Mission

• In partnership with 160 countries worldwide, Fulbright offers passionate and accomplished faculty, administrator, artists, journalists, lawyers, and other professionals from all backgrounds an unparalleled opportunity to study, teach, or conduct research.

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

A Brief History

• Established in 1946 by Congress, Fulbright is the United States government’s flagship international educational and cultural exchange program.

• Fulbright is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and administered by the Institute of International Education.
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.
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.
Distribution of Awards

Fulbright awards allow academics and professionals to participate in a wide variety of activities:

- Postdoctoral research (8%)
- Administrator seminar (9%)
- Teaching (17%)
- Research (28%)
- Teaching/Research (38%)
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

• 25 countries represented
• 42 award offerings in the region
• Flex Option for multiple visits for short periods of time

“I loved my Fulbright experience! It has transformed my understanding of academic institutions. Personally, it was wonderful to have my family (husband and 2 year old son) spend two years in Ethiopia. My son is now speaking in English and Amharic. His school experience was wonderful.”

Fulbright U.S. Scholar to Ethiopia
Regional Highlights

• **All Disciplines**: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe.

• **Business/Economics**: Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, South Africa, Zambia.

• **Computer Science**: Botswana, South Africa, Zimbabwe.

• **Postdoctoral**: Botswana, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Africa, Uganda.

• **STEM Fields**: Botswana, Cote d'Ivoire.

• **TEFL/Education**: South Africa, Zimbabwe.
Award Highlights

**11500-BC: Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics Botswana**

- Teach undergraduate courses in Cyber Security and/or Digital Forensics.
- Grant length 4 – 5 months.
- Open to professionals, academics, to include early career postdoctoral.

**11011-SF: Social Sciences and Humanities South Africa**

- Conduct research, teach undergraduate or graduate courses, or have a combination of teaching and research in their area of specialization.
- Grant length 6 – 10 months.
- Affiliation is possible at any of the 26 universities or technical universities in the higher education structure.
- Open to professionals, academics, all levels.
Award Highlights

**11026-IV: Economics and Finance Cote d’Ivoire**
- Teach undergraduate courses in economics and finance and conduct research in area of specialization.
- Grant length 10 months.
- Open to academics, except early career.

**11032-GH: All Discipline Ghana**
- Teach undergraduate and/or graduate courses.
- Grant length 10 months.
- Affiliation may be with accredited public/government universities as well as some private tertiary institutions.
- Open to academics, all levels including early career.
Award Highlights

11056-ZA: Journalism and Broadcasting Zambia
• Provide courses and lectures in journalism and broadcasting to students, practitioners and faculty.
• Grant length 10 months.
• Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) not required.

11057-ZA: Multiple Discipline – Copperbelt University Zambia
• Seeking applicants from Agriculture, Computer Science, Economics, Education, Engineering disciplines.
• Teach graduate and undergraduate courses.
• Grant length 10 months.
• Open to academic of all levels to include early career.
Postdoctoral Opportunities

Postdoctoral Fellowships in Sub-Saharan Africa
We offer eight awards for postdoctoral scholars. Three awards are All Disciplines. The other seven awards are in the fields of:
• Applied Science
• Computing: Mobile Technologies and Multimedia
• Cyber Security and Digital Forensics
• Science and Technology
• Social Sciences
• Humanities
Africa Regional Research Program

- Conduct research in up to three Sub-Saharan African countries.

- ARRP applications are accepted for countries in the region with active Fulbright U.S. Scholar programs, except South Africa.

- The Flex option is available for scholars who require multiple visits to the host country or countries. Applicants should clearly indicate plans for Flex in their project statement, including a project timeline.
Application Cycle

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