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Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Opportunities in the Middle East and North Africa

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What can you expect today?

- Introduction to the Fulbright Program
- Eligibility
- Application Components
- Why MENA?
- Regional Highlights
- Q & A
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

Sponsored by U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and administered by the Institute of International Education’s Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)
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
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
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

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
Selecting the Right Award

- Narrow your search by region, country, discipline or keyword
- Match your expertise, experience and proposal to the award description
- Language ability
- Discipline preferences listed in the award
- Relevance of the project to the country; why will host country benefit from your project?

FULBRIGHT U.S. SCHOLAR CATALOG OF AWARDS

- Select Region
- Select Country/Area
- Select Discipline

SEARCH ALL AWARDS
Why the Middle East and North Africa?

- Generous award benefits, including living and housing allowances and dependent tuition allowance for some countries

- Robust in-country support from Fulbright Commission and US Embassy staff

- High potential for lasting impact

- Unique and transformative experience
Flex and Multi-Country Opportunities

- **Flex Awards**
  - Applicants must indicate plans for Flex in their project statement, including a project timeline.
  - Flex grantees are especially encouraged to make contact with the local community, developing long-term connections and collaborations.
  - Only available in Egypt, Kuwait, Morocco, West Bank, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, UAE, MENA Regional Award.

- **The Middle East and North Africa Regional Research Program**
  - Conduct research in two or more countries in the region.
  - One segment, or Flex option.
Algeria

- All Disciplines & TEFL/Applied Linguistics
- 10 months, teaching-only
- Preferred:
  - Ph.D. (required for TEFL award)
  - Letter of Invitation
  - French or Arabic language skills
  - 3 years teaching experience
  - Previous experience in the MENA region and familiarity with Arab culture
Egypt

Expected to reopen this year!

All Disciplines, All Disciplines (Flex), American University in Cairo, Business Administration, Sciences, and Visual & Performing Arts

Fulbright Commission provides deep support network

Government clearance required

Knowledge of Arabic is helpful, but not required for awards unless necessary for research projects.

Flex option available
Israel

- Senior Scholar Fellowships (4 months)
  - Assistant professor rank or higher
  - Also open to professionals and artists

- Postdoctoral Fellowships (Up to 20 months)
  - Open to applicants within five years post-Ph.D.
  - Letter of Invitation required
  - Financial contribution required
    - Postdoctoral Fellowship: At least the standard Postdoctoral grant at the host institution.
    - Senior Scholars: $2,000
Jordan

- All Disciplines (5-10 months)
- TEFL (6 or 10 months)
  - Teaching only
- Ph.D. required
- Preference will be given to candidates with at least three years of postdoctoral experience.
- Letters of invitation are strongly preferred, but not required.
- Fulbright Commission provides deep support network; Fulbright House activities
Morocco

- All Disciplines & Morocco-Spain Joint Award
- Flex option available
- Letter of invitation is strongly preferred
- Teaching: Ph.D. and 3 years teaching experience preferred
- Research: Ph.D. not required
- Moroccan government clearance is required
Palestinian Territories (West Bank)

- All Disciplines (5-10 months)
- Flex option available
- Ph.D. required
- Teaching: three years teaching experience is required
- 11 eligible host institutions identified
- Security requirements
**Tunisia**

- All Disciplines (5-10 months)
- Flex option available
- Proposals that support Tunisia's democratic and economic development are preferred.
- Letter of invitation preferred
- Ph.D. required
Gulf Countries

- Bahrain
  - All Disciplines
  - Business and Economics
  - Educational Administration and Teacher Education

- Kuwait: All Disciplines

- Oman: All Disciplines

- Qatar:
  - All Disciplines
  - Postdoctoral Fellowship in Water, Energy, and the Environment at HBKU

- Saudi Arabia: All Disciplines

- UAE:
  - All Disciplines (Research)
  - All Disciplines (Teaching or Teaching/Research)
Question and Answer

Q: How can I contact you?
A: MiddleEastNorthAfrica@iie.org

Q: When is the application deadline?
A: September 16, 2019

Q: How many applications do you get? What is the success rate?
A: Sorry, we can’t share that information (FFSB policy)

Q: Is Iraq/Lebanon/Libya/Iraq/Syria/Yemen/Iran/Gaza an eligible host country?
A: No, the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program is not active in these countries.

Q: Can I apply to two or more awards in the same competition?
A: No, you need to choose ONE award to apply to.