Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Opportunities in TEFL and Education

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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.
Why Fulbright?

Fulbright is transformational.
• Foster relationships that are real and lasting.
• Expand your publishing network.
• Become more multicultural in the classroom.
• Serve as an ambassador for international exchange.
• Gain the professional recognition as being identified as a “Fulbright Scholar.”
• Join a vibrant alumni network.

Fulbright is family-friendly.
• Approximately 60% of our awards provide dependent support.
• Many Fulbright dependents go on to have international careers.

Fulbright is supportive.
• Alumni share experiences.
• Domestic and in-country staff provide assistance.
Fulbright by the Numbers

The Fulbright Program funds over 8,000 awards annually:

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

Approximately 390,000 “Fulbrighters” have participated in the program since its inception in 1946.
Fulbright awards allow academics and professionals to participate in a wide variety of activities:

- Teaching/Research (38%)
- Research (28%)
- Teaching (17%)
- Administrator seminar (9%)
- Postdoctoral research (8%)
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
A Fulbright that Works for You

Awards throughout your career:
- Postdoctoral
- Early and mid-career
- Distinguished chair
- Emeriti, adjunct, independent scholar

Flex Option
- Available in 63 countries and all world areas
- Allows multiple visits over two years

Global & Regional awards
Selecting the Right Award

• Match expertise, experience and proposal to the award description
• Regional experience and language ability
• Discipline preferences, when specified
• Is the project relevant to the host country? How will communities benefit from your project?
• Career level – postdoctoral, early career, mid-career, Distinguished Chair, administrator
Alumni Spotlight: Carolyn Ho

Professor at the Lone Star College System

TEFL
Fulbright Taiwan, Taipei, Taiwan
August 2012 - July 2013

Project Title: Skill Development for ETAs in Taiwan
Grant Activity: Teaching
Australia: Fulbright Scholar Award (University of Canberra) (Research)

China: Social Sciences, Humanities, and the Arts (Teaching)

Japan: Study of the United States (Teaching)

Philippines: All Disciplines (Teaching or Teaching/Research)

Taiwan: Arts, Education, Humanities, Professional Fields and Social Sciences Award (Teaching, Research or Teaching/Research)

Vietnam: All Disciplines (Teaching or Teaching/Research)
Belarus: All Disciplines (Teaching or Teaching/Research)

Czech Republic: Fulbright-Masaryk Award (NGO Management) (Professional Project/Teaching, Teaching, Teaching/Research)

Finland: Roving Scholar in American Studies (Teaching)

Georgia: All Disciplines (Professional Project/Teaching, Research, Teaching/Research)

Russia: Community College Faculty Award (Teaching)

Turkey: Teaching English as a Foreign Language (Teaching)
Algeria: TEFL/Applied Linguistics (Teaching)

Bahrain: Educational Administration and Teacher Education (Research, Teaching or Teaching/Research)

Jordan: TEFL/Applied Linguistics (Teaching)

Kuwait: All Disciplines (Teaching/Research)

Oman: All Disciplines (Research, Teaching or Teaching/Research)

Palestinian Territories (West Bank): TEFL/English Language (Teaching or Teaching/Research)
South and Central Asia

**Bhutan:** Multiple Disciplines (Teaching)

**Central Asia:** Teaching English as a Foreign Language (Professional Project, Teaching)
Countries include: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

**India:** Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Awards (All Disciplines) (Professional Project (with teaching or research focus), Teaching, Research, Teaching/Research)

**Sri Lanka:** All Disciplines (Research, Teaching, Research/Teaching)
Sub-Saharan Africa

All Disciplines Award:

- Guinea (Teaching/Research)
- Malawi (Teaching/Research)
- Rwanda (Teaching, Teaching/Research)
- Sierra Leone (Teaching, Teaching/Research)
- Tanzania (Teaching/Research)
- Uganda (Professional Project, Research, Teaching/Research)
- Zimbabwe (Teaching/Research)

Africa Regional Research Program (one or more countries) (research)
Western Hemisphere

**Brazil:** Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Public Policy at the Joaquim Nabuco Foundation

**Canada:** Research Chairs in Education

**Costa Rica:** All Disciplines (Research, Teaching, Teaching/Research)

**Guatemala:** All Disciplines (Research, Teaching, Teaching/Research)

**Mexico:** Fulbright-Garcia Robles Teaching English as a Foreign Language (Teaching, Teaching/Research)

**Panama:** Science, Technology and Education (Professional Project, Teaching, Teaching/Research)

**Suriname:** All Disciplines (Research, Teaching, Teaching/Research)

**Trinidad & Tobago:** Multiple Disciplines
Understanding the Awards

Arts, Education, Humanities, Professional Fields and Social Sciences

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East Asia and the Pacific

https://awards.cies.org
Application Components

Requirements:

- Application Form
- Project Statement
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Language Proficiency Report (if required)
- Letter of Invitation (if required)

Supplemental Materials:

- Course outlines or syllabi (for teaching)
- Select bibliography (for research)
- Portfolio submissions (for artists, architects, and journalists)
Project Statement

• Describe your proposed project in 3 – 5 pages.
• Focus on what you plan to do, the specific courses you plan to teach, the goals of your research, your methods.
• Explain the anticipated impact of your award on your hosts, home institution and you.

Supplemental Questions (New this year)

• Why Fulbright? (1,000 characters)
• Why this country? (2,000 characters)
• How adaptable are you? How well will you deal with challenging situations? (1,000 characters)
• How will you adapt your materials for to host culture (2,000 characters)
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