Spotlight on Israel: Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

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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.
Fulbright by the Numbers

The Fulbright Program funds over 8,000 awards annually:

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

Approximately 390,000 “Fulbrighters” have participated in the program since its inception in 1946.
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
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, established professional
All Disciplines Senior Scholar Fellowship

• Open to academics at the associate professor or higher level
• All Disciplines
• Any appropriate institution
• 4 months
• Research, teaching or teaching/research
• Letter of invitation required
• Financial contribution required from sponsoring institution
Senior Scholar Partnership Awards

- Fulbright Senior Scholar Fellowship at Hebrew University
- Fulbright Senior Scholar Fellowship at Tel Aviv University
- Fulbright Senior Scholar Fellowship at University of Haifa
- Fulbright Senior Scholar Fellowship at Ben Gurion University

All Senior Scholar Awards

- 4 months in length
- Open to academics at the associate professor or higher level
- All Disciplines
All Disciplines Postdoctoral Fellowship

- Open to postdoctoral scholars who filed their dissertations after August, 2016 but before they depart for their grant in Israel
- All Disciplines
- Any appropriate institution
- 1 – 2 academic years
- Research only award
- Letter of invitation required
Postdoctoral Partnership Awards

- Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship at Weizmann Institute for Science
- Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship at University of Haifa
- Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

All Postdoctoral Partnership Awards
- 1 – 2 academic years
- Open to postdoctoral scholars who filed their dissertations after August, 2016 but before they depart for their grant in Israel
- Letter of invitation is required
Dr. David Rumschitzki - Fulbright U.S. Scholar in Israel

- Professor of Chemical Engineering, City College of the City University of New York

- **Activity:** Research

- **Project:** Theory and Experiment for Breast Cancer Dormancy and Recurrence
Dr. Kevin (Hayyim) Rothman – Fulbright U.S. Scholar in Israel

- Postdoctoral Fellow at Bar Ilan University
- **Activity**: Research
- **Project**: No Kings but the Lord: Varieties of Jewish Religious Anarchism”
Understanding the Awards

Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship at Weizmann Institute for Science

Israel
Middle East and North Africa

Grant Activity
The United States-Israel Educational Foundation (USIEF) administers the Fulbright Academic Program in Israel, and plans to award U.S. postdoctoral scholars who seek to pursue research at the Weizmann Institute for Science. Grants are open to researchers in all academic disciplines and support programs of work in Israel for up to 24 months.

Application Deadline
Tuesday, September 15, 2020

https://awards.cies.org
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

• 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)
Affiliations and Invitations

Application Requirements

- 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
## Application Cycle

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