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Virtual Advising: Fulbright Scholar Awards in East Asia and the Pacific

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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

![Pie chart showing percentage of U.S. Scholar Activity](chart.png)
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
A Fulbright that Works for You

- **Flex option**
  - Available in 4 countries in EAP
  - 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!**
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.”
Multi-Country Opportunities

Cross-Strait Studies Research Program

• **9466-MC** Conduct research on an issue concerning the relationships between mainland China and Taiwan

ASEAN Research Program

• **9468-MC** Conduct research on an issue of priority to ASEAN or to the U.S.-ASEAN relationship in two or three ASEAN countries
## East Asia and the Pacific Highlights

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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
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
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