Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

Virtual Advising: Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship

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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: foster mutual understanding between nations, advance knowledge across communities, and improve lives around the world

A Brief History

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Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship

• Opportunity to serve as “technical specialists” in a foreign government ministry or institution
  • 80% of time
• Self-directed independent research project
  • 20% of time
• Four to nine months
• Approximately 10 globally (expected at least two per country)
Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship

- U.S. Embassy or Fulbright Commission coordinate placements within host government ministries
- Applicants should not contact potential host ministries to organize or advocate for a placement
- Eligibility:
  - U.S. Citizenship
  - Graduate degree in a public-policy related field (e.g., JD, MPA, MPH)
  - 3-5 years full-time public policy relevant work experience
  - Language skills dependent on country
Participating Host Countries

• **Burma**
  - Burmese not required

• **Cote D’Ivoire**
  - Advanced French required

• **Peru**
  - Advanced Spanish required
  - Potential Hosts: Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Communities, Ministry of Social Inclusion, and Mesa de Concertación de Lucha contra la Pobreza (antipoverty)

• **Ukraine**
  - Language skills not required, basic knowledge of Ukrainian or Russian preferred
  - Potential Hosts: Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Temporarily Occupied Territories and IDPs
Application Components

• Application Form
• Project Statement (3 to 5 pages, single spaced)
• Curriculum Vitae or Resume (Up to 5 pages, single spaced)
• Letters of Reference (3 letters, register recommenders)
• Select Bibliography (Up to 1 page, single spaced)
• Language Proficiency Report (required: Cote d’Ivoire and Peru)
Project Statement

• What skills, knowledge, and experience of yours will benefit the host country or institution, and how?

• Tell your story: What led you to apply for this fellowship?

• Outcomes from the grant - impact on host government, your employer, and you

• How adaptable are you? How well will you deal with challenging situations?

• Lay out your proposed research project specifics in as much detail as possible
Review Process and Timeline

- **SEPT. 16**: Application deadline
- **NOV. – DEC.**: Technical review and U.S. Peer Review
- **DEC.**: U.S. Embassies/Fulbright Commissions review recommended applications, interview candidates (virtually), and consult with host government ministries on candidates
- **JAN.**: Recommended applications are reviewed by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board for approval
- **FEB. - MAR.**: Scholar selections announced, following U.S. Embassy host ministry placement negotiations
- **MAY – onward**: Scholars prepare for departures, PDO in Washington, DC, depart for host countries between July 2020 and May 2021
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