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

Established in 1946 by Congress, Fulbright is the United States government’s flagship international educational and cultural exchange program.

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and administered by the Institute of International Education.
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.
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
Selecting the Right Award

• Match your expertise, experience and proposal to the award description

• Regional experience and language ability

• Discipline preferences listed in the award

• Relevance of the project to the country; why will host country benefit from your project?

• Career level - early career, postdoctoral, mid-level, Distinguished Chair
Hidden Gems in East Asia & the Pacific

• **Australia**: Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Advanced (Defence) Science and Technology
  Research award for 5 to 6 months. Open to senior academics. Affiliation with the Defence Science and Technology Group or related host.

• **Macao**: All Disciplines
  Teaching or teaching and research award, 5 months for one semester or 10 months for 2 semesters. Applications welcome in all appropriate disciplines but preference in **medical sciences, physics and astronomy, public/global health**. Ph.D. or terminal degree required. Open to all early career scholars.

• **Taiwan**: Arts, Education, Humanities, Professional Fields and Social Sciences (Postdoctoral Scholar)
  Research award for **5 to 10 months**. Post-doctoral applicants welcome in all appropriate disciplines.
Hidden Gems in Europe & Eurasia

• **Belgium: NATO Security Studies**
  Research or combination of teaching & research for five months. Applications sought in the disciplines of *area studies, history (non-U.S.) or political science*. This research or research/teaching award will be at a European University or think tank. Open to all level of scholars including early career.

• **Finland: Fulbright-VTT Grant in Science, Technology and Innovation**
  Research award for **4 to 6 months**. Preferred disciplines in *biological sciences, chemistry, communications, computer science, engineering, environmental or information science*. Open to all levels of scholars, preference for senior level. LOI is preferred.

• **Hungary: STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics**
  Research, teaching, or a combination of teaching & research for 4 to 6 months. Applicants in related disciplines to be considered. Open to academics and appropriately qualified professionals outside of academia. PhD required. Open to all level of scholars.

• **Poland: Media Literacy and Cybersecurity**
  Research, teaching, or combination of teaching & research opportunity for 3 to 5 months at any higher education institution with leading media literacy and/or cyber security studies. Open to early career scholars. Ph.D. not required.
Hidden Gems in Middle East & North Africa

• **Bahrain: All Disciplines**
  Research, teaching, or a combination of research and teaching award. Length of award is **10 months**. All appropriate institutions. Applicants preferred in disciplines of *business, finance, education, and STEM-related specializations*. A Ph.D. is required, open to early career scholars.

• **Egypt: Business Administration**
  Teaching or teaching/research fellowship at **Cairo University**. Applicants preferred in discipline of *business administration*. Consists of teaching approximately **12 hours weekly, conducting seminars & workshops**, and collaborating closely with faculty. Ph.D. or terminal degree required, open to all levels of scholars except early career.

• **Israel: Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Haifa**
  Research fellowship at one of Israel’s leading research universities, available for **10 or 20 months**. Applications are sought in all appropriate disciplines. This postdoctoral award requires a Ph.D. or terminal degree is required, open to all scholars.

• **Kuwait: All Disciplines**
  Teaching/research award, available for **4 to 9 months**. Advise faculty on curriculum development and speak to locals about research. Applications sought in *American studies, STEM disciplines, journalism/mass communications, women’s studies, education and curriculum development*. This award is *open to all level of scholars*, except early career.
Hidden Gems in South & Central Asia

- **Republic of Maldives:** All Disciplines
  Teaching award available for 6 months in preferred disciplines of economics, education, law, journalism, political science, or any other appropriate discipline listed. Award opportunity is at Maldivian National University. Ph.D. or terminal degree not required, open to all level of scholars, except early career.

- **India:** Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Awards (All Disciplines)
  Research, teaching, or research & teaching award, available for 4 to 9 months. This award does offer flex option for 4-6 months. Ph.D. or terminal degree not required, open to all scholars, including early career scholars. Applications are sought in all appropriate fields.

- **Turkmenistan:** Multiple Disciplines
  Teaching award available for 10 months. Applications sought in disciplines of business administration, computer science, economics, engineering, law, or other appropriate discipline specified. All levels of scholars, except early career. Ph.D. or terminal degree not required.
Hidden Gems in Sub-Saharan Africa

- **Burkina Faso: Engineering and Environmental Sciences**
  Teaching/research award for 10 months. Only application preference for disciplines in **engineering or environmental sciences**. Host institution is the International Institute of Water and Environmental Engineering, Ouagadougou. Open to all level of scholars including early career. Ph.D. or terminal degree required.

- **Cote d’Ivoire: Agriculture or Environmental Sciences**
  Teaching/research award for 10 months. Preference in disciplines **agriculture, chemistry, engineering, or environmental sciences**. Ph.D. or Terminal degree is required. Grant dates **September 2020 to May 2021**. Open to all level of scholars, including early career.

- **Mauritius: All Disciplines**
  Teaching/research award for **6 to 10 months**. Applications preferred in the disciplines of **business administration, economics, or public administration**. Institution locations for this award are **Open University of Mauritius (undergraduate courses)**, or **University of Mauritius**. Open to all levels of scholars, including early career. PhD or terminal degree is required.
Hidden Gems in Western Hemisphere

- **Canada:** Research Chairs in North American Studies
  Three awards available in research or research & teaching, for 4 months. Option between 2 host institutions: Brock University or Carleton University, both in Ontario. Candidates are sought in all appropriate disciplines including but not limited to American Studies, anthropology, area studies, communication, economics, political science, or public administration. Ph.D. or terminal degree required, open to all scholars.

- **Chile:** Fulbright Astronomy & Antarctic Studies Award (Postdoctoral Scholars/Early Career Scientists)
  Teaching or teaching/research award for 3 to 4 months. Applications are sought in astronomy, data science, and Antarctic studies. Postdoctoral award, open only to early career scholars. Ph.D. or terminal degree is required.

- **Paraguay:** All Disciplines
  Teaching or a combination of teaching & research for 4 to 6 months. Applications sought in disciplines of agriculture, business administration, computer science, engineering, environmental science, public administration, or public/global health. Any appropriate institution of higher learning, research center, government agency or NGO in Paraguay. This award is open to all levels of scholars, including early scholar, and requires a Ph.D. or terminal degree.
Application Components

• Application Form
• Project Statement (3 – 5 pages)
• Curriculum Vitae or Resume
• Letters of Reference (3)
• 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

- **SEPT. 16**: Application deadline
- **SEPT.**: Program staff conducts technical reviews for completeness
- **OCT. – NOV.**: U.S. peer review
- **NOV. – JAN.**: Applicants notified of status - Recommended applications are sent to host countries and to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board
- **JAN. - APRIL**: Grantees notified of final approvals
- **MAY – onward**: Grantees prepare for grants
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