Virtual Advising: Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards in the Middle East and North Africa

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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.
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.
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
Understanding the Awards

All Disciplines

MOROCCO
Middle East and North Africa

GRANT ACTIVITY
Three options are available: full-time research, full-time teaching, or a combination of teaching and research, often split semester by semester.

For teachers, or for a combination of teaching and research, applicants should suggest courses for consideration (syllabi) in their proposals and be in touch with the university where they intend to teach. The Moroccan university class is generally two hours long and meets once a week. Applicants should expect to teach two to eight class hours per week. Additional collaborative activities and courses will be finalized in consultation with the Fulbright Commission in Rabat and the host institution.

For researchers, to the degree possible, research locations and institutions should be identified in the application. Community engagement is welcome and researchers are encouraged to give public lectures on their research and their specialties in general.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Tuesday, September 15, 2020

ACTIVITY
Professional Project/Research
Professional Project/Teaching
Research
Teaching
Teaching/Research

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

• 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 your host culture (2,000 characters)
Affiliations and Invitations

In the award description: a host institutions may or may not be identified.

**LOCATIONS**
Applicants may affiliate with one of the following institutions:

- University of Oran-2 in Oran
- University of Algiers-2 in Algiers

**LOCATIONS**
Any appropriate Jordanian university. All host institution affiliations will be confirmed by the Jordanian-American Commission for Educational Exchange. Accredited and registered host institutional affiliates outside of public or private Jordanian universities will be accepted on a case-by-case basis, subject to review by the Jordanian-American Commission for Educational Exchange.

- When a host is not identified, there are several resources to help find an affiliation:
  - Review award description for suggested hosts or resources
  - U.S. and Visiting Fulbright Scholar Directory
  - International office on your campus
Affiliations and Invitations

Application Requirements

**INVITATION REQUIREMENT**
A letter of invitation is required

- 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
- Deadline for Letters of Invitation: October 15, 2020
### Application Cycle

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### Additional Fulbright U.S. Programs

#### Scholars

- Arctic Initiative  
  [Arctic@iie.org](mailto:Arctic@iie.org)

- Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program  
  [GPA@ed.gov](mailto:GPA@ed.gov)

- Specialist Program  
  [FulbrightSpecialist@worldlearning.org](mailto:FulbrightSpecialist@worldlearning.org)

#### Students

- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program  
  [DDRA@ed.gov](mailto:DDRA@ed.gov)

- English Teaching Assistant (ETA) Program  
  [FBstudent@iie.org](mailto:FBstudent@iie.org)

- Student Program  
  [FBstudent@iie.org](mailto:FBstudent@iie.org)

#### Teachers

- Distinguished Award in Teaching Research Program  
  [FulbrightDA@irex.org](mailto:FulbrightDA@irex.org)

- Group Projects Abroad  
  [GPA@ed.gov](mailto:GPA@ed.gov)

- Teachers for Global Classrooms  
  [FulbrightTGC@irex.org](mailto:FulbrightTGC@irex.org)
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