Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

Virtual Advising:
Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards in
South and Central Asia & East Asia and the Pacific

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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 Master’s and professional or academic experience
  • Recent Master’s degree recipients and undergraduate degree holders are eligible for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program
• Open to professionals and artists outside academia with recognized standing and substantial accomplishments
• Teaching experience as required by award
• Candidates who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces are encouraged to apply
• 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
Application Components

• Application Form
• Project Statement (3 to 5 pages, single spaced)
• Curriculum Vitae or Resume (Up to 6 pages, single spaced)
• Letters of Reference (3 letters, register recommenders)
• If applicable:
  – Bibliography and/or syllabi
  – Letter of Invitation
  – Language Proficiency Report
  – Portfolio (arts, architecture, creative writing, journalism, film, etc.)
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 country or institution, you, and your home institution

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

• Lay out your proposed research/teaching project specifics in as much detail as possible
Affiliations and Invitations

• Host Institution:
  • If a host is identified, it will be found under “Location” in the award description
  • When a host is not identified, there are several resources to find an affiliation:
    • International office on your campus
    • U.S. and Visiting Fulbright Scholar Directory
    • Review award description for suggested hosts or resources

• Letters of Invitation:
  • Non-binding expression of interest from proposed host
  • Should come from person with whom you will be collaborating
  • Should be on host institution letterhead
Submitting a Competitive Application

• Address the Fulbright goal or promoting mutual understanding
• Express why you are interested in a Fulbright award and your proposed country
• Outlines your professional expertise and skills you can offer; benefits to you the host institution and host country; exchange of knowledge and experience
• Display cultural diplomacy; demonstrate flexibility and 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 reviewed by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board for approval.
- **JAN. – APR.**: Grantees notified of final approvals.
- **MAY – onward**: Grantees prepare for grants.
Application Resources

• Fulbright Scholar Program website and Catalog of Awards

• Apply
  • Application and Application Instructions

• Learn
  • Webinars
  • The Fulbright Scholar Blog

• Connect
  • My Fulbright
Frequently Asked Questions

• **Q:** How can I contact you?
  
  A: E-mail addresses are listed in the award descriptions.

• **Q:** When is the application deadline?
  
  A: September 16, 2019

• **Q:** Can I apply to two or more awards in the same competition?
  
  A: No, applicants must select one award.

• **Q:** Is there a preference for teaching research, or teaching/research? What proportion is required for teaching/research?
  
  A: See award description for any stated preferences; generally open to design of project and capacity of host institution if not otherwise stated in award.
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