

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Opportunities in Sub-Saharan Africa

Webinar Q&A Box Questions and Answers

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If an applicant is eligible for both the Scholar and Distinguished Scholar Award, will the right program be selected for the applicant? Or do we need to select one of these awards before submitting our application?	Hello, the applicant must select the award they intend to apply for, please review the eligibility requirements for your chosen award carefully.
If an application is not accepted in a given cycle, can it be reconducted for the next?	Hello, the application elements may be reused but a new application must be started and submitted.
Who are the people in these slides?	These are photos of Fulbright Scholar alumni on their Fulbright trips.
Thank you! Can one apply for more than one country?	You may only apply to one award per cycle. There are some awards that allow you to visit more than one country.
Are these the only countries open in SSA?	These are not the only countries open, to view all countries available in SSA please review our awards - https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search

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<p>A few of the awards I looked at indicate that permanent residents are not eligible. What's the definition that the Fulbright uses for 'permanent resident'?</p>	<p>"Applicants who have resided abroad for five or more consecutive years in the six-year period preceding the application deadline are ineligible. A period of nine months or more during a calendar year constitutes a full year."</p>
<p>How competitive is the flex award v. a single country? How do we find out about the number of past applications v. positions?</p>	<p>Hello, each award notes how many possible recipients there are. The number of applications per award are not publicly shared.</p>
<p>Are there any awards for less than 3 months. Otherwise, are there any which allow flexibility for taking time every couple of months to go back home and then return again? Which award enable one to spend time in a few African countries?</p>	<p>Our flex awards are a great option and allow grantees a longer period of time to travel back and forth. Global Scholar awards allow the greatest flexibility in travel.</p>
<p>Is staff available to help match interest/skills of applicant with the most appropriate award(s)</p>	<p>Yes, staff hosts frequent office hours and are available by email (broken up by region) to discuss options.</p>
<p>I completed a fellowship in August 2022, am I eligible to apply in Sept. 2023 for the 2024-2025 cycle?</p>	<p>If your fellowship ended in 2022, you would need to wait until 2024 to begin another application.</p>
<p>Is it possible to do a project across regions? Say South Korea and Nigeria?</p>	<p>Yes, this is possible through the Fulbright Global Scholars Awards.</p>
<p>I meant do they need to write a formal letter instead of an exchange of emails?</p>	<p>Correct.</p>
<p>Hello, You did not indicate countries such as Rwanda. Does this mean there are no awards for this country?</p>	<p>These are just some highlights, to view all awards offered please review our awards - https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search</p>
<p>Can you talk about the funding of the awards? (where it comes from, what it goes towards, etc.)</p>	<p>This is a federally funded program. Benefits vary by country and type of award. Generally speaking, Fulbright awards are budgeted to cover travel and living costs in-country for the grantee and their accompanying dependents. Check the award description in the Catalog of Awards and/or consult program staff responsible for the particular award you are interested in. For IEA awards, benefits vary by country but generally include round-trip travel, lodging, and a per diem that includes meals. Each award description details these benefits.</p>
<p>If we need to set up a meeting to discuss our draft proposal and what programs are best aligned do we use the general email? Or the program lead's contact?</p>	<p>If you know which region you will be applying to it is best to reach out to that region's lead contact. However, any inquests can be made to scholars@iie.org and those inquests will be directed to the appropriate inbox.</p>

I am currently a Fulbright Specialist, does it limit my consideration of Global Scholar awards? Does the Global Scholar awards you proposed above cover the cost of such back and forth travels?	This does not limit your consideration as long as you meet all eligibility requirements.
I am most interested in Africa university. Is there an opportunity?	Please review the Catalogue of Awards for specific award opportunities - https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search
I am very interested in Tanzania, in the discipline of Social Work, can you please tell me what you know about their preferences?	All awards will list preferences and requirements in the catalogue of awards - https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search
Any opportunities for Zimbabwe?	Yes, please review our awards - https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=zimbabwe&field_award_multi_country=All&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All
does Senegal part of the sub-Saharan program ??	Yes, it is.
Is Keegan Scott the program lead for South Africa, and thus the point of contact for questions regarding draft proposals and program fit?	Please direct specific questions to subsaharanafrica@iie.org .
What about research/teaching dance in Ethiopia?	Please review our awards - you can filter by country and discipline - https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search
Is it possible to see where previous scholars have gone?	You can find all alumni in our Scholar Directory - https://fulbrightscholars.org/fulbright-scholar-directory
Is there an age limit for the scholars?	There is no age limit.
Is funding available for research projects with these awards?	Yes, many of these awards are research or research/teaching based.
Are there awards offered in Kenya?	Yes, please review our awards catalogue - https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search
or conducting my Imagination Workshops focused on self-discovery leading to self-expression?	Research includes activities involving scientific research, qualitative research, quantitative research, and practice-based research, including artistic research. Professional projects are another option for artists.
I applied for the 2023/24 cycle and got to the host country (i.e., Kenya) review and was not recommended for funding. I would like to reply but it's hard to know how to strengthen application given that Fulbright does not provide any feedback. Any advice!	Reaching out to regional leads and other staff members can be a great resource. Some feedback may be possible if requested.
When you say "building teaching capability," do you mean different pedagogies, or curriculum development across disciplines, or something else?	All of the above! There are many potential impacts of a Fulbright. Reviewers are looking for "Applicant's project exhibits potential for impact, which is significant, broad, and sustainable in the discipline, at their home institution and

	community, and to the applicant's professional development and the applicant clearly describes plans to feasibly disseminate results."
is a masters or PhD required?	This depends on the award. Most awards do require a terminal degree or a level of experience. Please review specific award requirements.
Where can I find info on the Scholars in Residence program?	You can find more info here - https://fulbrightscholars.org/sir
I appreciate the encouragement to consider a teaching or teaching/research award. I'm sure it varies by country, but can you give a general sense of how many courses a semester Fulbrighters typically teach?	This depends wholly on the reward and the university. This is sometimes predetermined, or it can be negotiated.
Any suggestions on making contact with an institution for a letter of invitation?	Reviewing the award information - there is often host contact information listed. Alumni are also a great resource.
Which countries are more accessible for wheelchair users? Disabled applicants?	Please reach out to the regional lead for more information on this subject - subsaharanafrica@iie.org . There are mobility and accessibility resources available to Fulbright grantees.
Does the technical review flag prompts that appear to go slightly over the allowed length? Similarly, how big of a problem are slight typos or errors likely introduced from last-minute editing?	Errors will be noted and taken into consideration by peer reviewers as these are professional projects. Project feasibility will also be considered at this stage.
Is there an age limit?	There is no age limit.
Where is the list of disciplines? Would Art History be Liberal Arts?	This can be explored in our catalogue of awards. https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search