Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program
Opportunities in Law and Political Science

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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

• 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.
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.
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

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
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
A Fulbright that Works for You

• **Flex option**
  – Available in 63 countries and all world areas
  – Allows multiple visits over two years

• **Awards throughout your career:**
  – Postdoctoral awards
  – Early Career
  – Distinguished Chair

• **Multi-country awards**

• **Global Scholar Award**

• Home university affiliation is not required. Applications from artists and professionals, independent and emeriti scholars are welcomed!
Sub-Saharan Africa

• Burkina Faso: Business Administration, Law or Medical Sciences
• Cameroon: All Disciplines
• Rwanda: Arts, Humanities and Journalism
• Zambia: Multiple Disciplines – University of Zambia

• Multiple Countries: Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship (Burma, Cote d’Ivoire, Peru, Ukraine)
East Asia and the Pacific

• **Australia**: Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Applied Public Policy (Flinders University and Carnegie Mellon University Australia)

• **Burma**: All Disciplines

• **China**: Social Sciences, Humanities and the Arts (Research and Teaching)

• **China-Taiwan**: Cross-Strait Studies Research Program

• **Korea**: Peace Studies (Teaching)

• **Philippines**: U.S.- Philippine Relations

• **Multi-country**: ASEAN Research Program
Europe and Eurasia

- Austria: Fulbright-Diplomatic Academy Visiting Professor of International Studies
- Belgium: NATO Security Studies
- Czech Republic: Fulbright-Masaryk University Distinguished Chair in Social Studies
- European Union: Fulbright-Schuman Chair at the European University Institute (Florence, Italy)
- Finland: Fulbright-University of Turku Scholar Award (All Disciplines)
- Georgia: All Disciplines
- Hungary: Fulbright-National University of Public Service Grant
- Iceland: Fulbright-Ministry for Foreign Affairs Arctic Scholar
Europe and Eurasia

• **Italy:** Fulbright Lectureship at the Department of Political and Social Sciences of the University of Bologna
• **Italy:** Distinguished Chair in Law at the University of Trento
• **North Macedonia:** Rule of Law, Judiciary Reform and Civil Society
• **Norway:** International Courts and Tribunals
• **Portugal:** Fulbright Award in Law / University of Minho
• **Spain:** International Law at the Universidad de La Laguna
• **Sweden:** Fulbright-Lund University Chair in Public International Law
Middle East and North Africa

• Egypt: American University of Cairo

• Kuwait: All Disciplines

• Oman: All Disciplines

• Palestinian Territories (West Bank): All Disciplines
South and Central Asia

• India: Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Awards (All Disciplines)

• Kazakhstan: All Disciplines

• Maldives: All Disciplines

• Nepal: All Disciplines (Teaching/Research)

• Uzbekistan: All Disciplines
Western Hemisphere

- **Brazil:** [Fulbright Distinguished Chair in International Relations at University of Sao Paulo (USP)]
- **Brazil:** [Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Public Policy at the Joaquim Nabuco Foundation]
- **Canada:** [Research Chairs in Policy, Law, and Governance]
- **Guatemala:** [All Disciplines]
- **Mexico:** [U.S. Studies Chair]
- **Mexico:** [Fulbright-Garcia Robles Postdoctoral Scholar Award]
- **Multi-country (Mexico-Canada):** [Fulbright-Carlos Rico Award for North American Studies]
- **Uruguay:** [All Disciplines]
Application Components

• Application Form
• Project Statement
• Curriculum Vitae or Resume
• Letters of Reference
• 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
Sample Successful Projects

**Advanced Contracts & Cooperative and Collaborative Teaching Pedagogy Principles in Law (Teaching)**
- Home institution: Miami Dade College
- Host institution: National Law University, New Delhi, India

**Social Foundations of Political Engagement in South Africa**
- Home institution: Ohio State University
- Host institution: University of Johannesburg, South Africa

**The Nature, Scope and Limits of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction in International Law (Teaching/Research)**
- Home institution: Florida International University
- Host institution: Lund University, Sweden

**Sidestreaming Feminism in Brazil (Teaching/Research)**
- Home institution: University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- Host institution: Federal University of Bahia, Brazil

**The Forced Migration Crisis in Europe: A Comparative Approach (Teaching/Research)**
- Home institution: Vermont Law School
- Host institution: University of Trento, Italy
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