Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program
Spotlight on France

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Mission

• A partnership between the United States and 160 countries worldwide, Fulbright offers passionate and accomplished faculty, administrators, artists, journalists, lawyers, and other professionals from all backgrounds an unparalleled opportunity to study, teach, and/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.

• Administered by the U.S. Department of State, in cooperation with the Institute of International Education, with funding provided by the U.S. Government.
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
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 France; how will France benefit from your project?

• Career level - early career, postdoctoral, mid-level, Distinguished Chair
Opportunities in France: FAQ

• Is my discipline represented?
• Are there opportunities for early career scholars?
• What if I don’t have contacts at my preferred host institution?
• How do I get a letter of invitation?
• Do I need to be fluent in French?
A Fulbright that Works for You

• Flex option
  – Available in 63 countries and 2 world areas
  – **France offers 1 Flex award Hauts-de-France Regional award**
  – 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!
## France awards in the catalog

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Fulbright-Tocqueville Distinguished Chair
FRANCE
Europe and Eurasia

Award Description

GRANT ACTIVITY
The award aims to reinforce collaborative research between the United States and France in all fields of study. Grantees are invited as guest teachers and researchers at a French host university, where they have the opportunity to meet with French colleagues, to organize and participate in conferences and to interact with French graduate and doctoral students in their area of expertise. Grantees will teach courses at the postgraduate and doctoral level, undertake research and help organize and participate in conferences and seminars related to their area of expertise.

In addition to being a prestigious academic exchange program, the Fulbright Program is designed to expand and strengthen relationships between the people of the United States and citizens of other nations and to promote international understanding and cooperation. To support this mission, Fulbright Scholars will be asked to give public talks, mentor students, and otherwise engage with the host community, in addition to their primary activities.

GRANT LENGTH
Six months

GRANT DATES
Grants may begin any time after September 2020.

LOCATIONS
French public universities, university consortia and other French institutions of higher learning or any institution affiliated with the Conference of the University Presidents (CPU) or the Conference of Engineering Schools (CDEF).
Regional Awards in France

• **Grand Est Regional Award**
Regional Awards in France

- Hauts-de-France Regional Award
- Hauts-de-France Regional Award (Junior Research)
Regional Awards in France

• **Nouvelle Aquitaine Regional Award**
All Disciplines Award France

- Grant Activity: Teaching/Research or Research, 3 to 6 months
- Letter of invitation is required
- Degree Requirement: Ph.D. or other terminal degree
- Professional Profile: Academics and appropriately qualified professionals outside of academia
- Category: All level of scholars, including early career
- Disciplines: All appropriate disciplines: humanities, social sciences, and pure and applied sciences
Fulbright-EHESS Post-Doctoral Award in Social Sciences (Junior Research)

- Grant Activity: Research, 9 to 12 months (12 months preferred)

- Degree Requirement: Ph.D. required and must be obtained by June 2020 at the latest

- Professional Profile: Academics only

- Category: Postdoc award, only early career applicants

Specializations: American History, American Studies, Anthropology, Area Studies, Economics, History (non-U.S.), Linguistics, Mathematics, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology
Other France Awards

Hauts-de-France Regional Award (Junior Research)
- Early career candidates
- Up to 12 months research
- Humanities, Social Sciences, and Hard Sciences

Fulbright-Paris Seine University Award
- 4 to 12 months
- Research or a combination of teaching and research
- Global complexity (a multidisciplinary approach to the major scientific, social, and political issues of the 21st century), modelling sciences, heritage science, and 3 areas of applied research: business and finance; art, luxury, and heritage; risk, society, and security.
Other France Awards

**Fulbright-IMéRA-Aix-Marseille Université Chair in Migration Studies**

- 10 months research
- Any discipline related to migration studies at the Institut d'études avancées (IMéRA) of Aix Marseille Université in Marseille

**French Studies (Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences)**

- 3 to 6 months research
- Scholars at any career level, including early career
- Any field in the humanities or social and political sciences
- Collaborate with colleagues at French research centers and higher education institutions
International Education Administrators Program

• A one-and-a-half week seminar in France
• Open to U.S. international education professionals and senior higher education officials
• Paris and one other French region
• Participate in a group seminar
• Briefings, campus visits, appointments with government officials, networking, cultural activities, and meetings with French international education professionals
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 conduct 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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