

FULBRIGHT



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# The Fulbright Program



- Established 1946 to expand and strengthen the relationships between the people of the United States and citizens of the rest of the world
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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
- 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

**DEC.**

Applicants notified of status - Recommended applications are sent to host countries and to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board

**JAN. - APR.**

Grantees notified of final approvals

**MAY - onward**

Grantees prepare for grants



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# Application Resources

- [Fulbright Scholar Program website](#) and [Catalog of Awards](#)
- **Apply**
  - [Application](#) and [Application Instructions](#)
  - [Application Guidelines, Project Statement Guidance](#) and [Samples](#)
- **Learn**
  - [Webinars](#)
  - The Fulbright Scholar [Blog](#)
- **Connect**
  - [MyFulbright](#)



# Fulbright Scholar Program

## Open Q & A



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# 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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