Fulbright Opportunities for Faculty and Ph.D. Students

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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 is to 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.

• Fulbright is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and administered by IIE.

• Fulbright is the largest fellowship program for U.S. Scholars
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.
Why Fulbright?

**Fulbright is transformational.**
- Foster relationships that are real and lasting
- Expand your publishing network
- Become more multicultural in the classroom
- Serve as an ambassador for international exchange
- Gain the professional recognition as being identified as a “Fulbright Scholar”
- Join a vibrant alumni network

**Fulbright is family-friendly.**
- Approximately 60% of our awards provide dependent support
- Many Fulbright dependents go on to have international careers

**Fulbright is supportive.**
- 70% of applicants engage with IIE staff
- Continued support while in country from IIE and host country staff
- Access to Fulbright alumni as a resource
The Fulbright Program funds over 8,000 awards annually:

- 900 U.S. scholars and administrators
- 900 visiting scholars
- 2,200 U.S. students
- 4,000 foreign students
- 400+ language teaching assistants

Approximately 400,000 “Fulbrighters” have participated in the program since its inception in 1946.
Fulbright awards allow academics and professionals to participate in a wide variety of activities:

- Scholar Awards (85%)
- Postdoctoral Awards (4%)
- Distinguished Scholar Awards (7%)
- International Education Administrator Awards (4%)

- Teaching (17%)
- Research (28%)
- Research/Teaching (38%)
Eligibility for U.S. Scholar Program

- U.S. citizenship
- Degree and experience, as required by award:
  - Ph.D. or other terminal degree
  - MA and higher education teaching or professional experience
  - Professional and/or artistic experience with substantial accomplishments
  - Teaching experience
- Compliance with policies on previous Fulbright Scholar awards and waiting periods between grants
Ph.D. Students and Those Soon to Graduate

• **Ph.D. Students:** Those considering overseas research should apply through the Fulbright US Student Program. The process takes place on your campus and is run by your Fulbright Program Advisors.
  
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• **ABDs:** Those conducting dissertation research overseas may also apply for the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Abroad Research Award run by the US Department of Education

• **Terminal Year Ph.D. Students:** Apply to postdoctoral and early career awards in the Fulbright US Scholar program
Fulbright Scholar Award Types

4 Award Types:
• Scholar Awards
• Postdoctoral Awards
• Distinguished Scholar Awards
• International Education Administrator Awards

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

Global & Regional awards
Breakdown of Award Types by Discipline

Awards across all disciplines and All Disciplines Awards

- 411 Different Awards
- All Disciplines – 50%
- Arts – 14%
- Business – 24%
- Education – 16%
- Health – 17%
- Humanities – 21%
- Sciences – 27%
- Social Sciences – 36%

*Percentages do not add up to 100% as we have awards open to multiple disciplines
Things to consider before applying

• How does it benefit you professionally?
• How does it benefit you personally?
• How does it benefit your family? (if applicable)
• How will a Fulbright benefit your home institution?
• Does your institution support faculty on fellowships?
Selecting the Right Award

- Match country interest, expertise, career profile, and proposal to the award description
- Language ability (if applicable)
- Discipline preferences, when specified
- Project relevance to the host country and/or institution
- Benefits to you and your community
Understanding the Awards

awards.cies.org
Application Components

Requirements:

- Application Form
- Project Statement
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Language Proficiency Report (if required)
- Letter of Invitation (if required)

Supplemental Materials:

- Course outlines or syllabi (for teaching)
- Select bibliography (for research)
- Portfolio submissions (for artists, architects, and journalists)
## Application Cycle

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<td>Catalog of Awards Opens</td>
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<td>September 15</td>
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<td>September</td>
<td>Program staff conducts technical reviews for completeness</td>
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<td>October – November</td>
<td>U.S. peer review</td>
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<td>November – January</td>
<td>Applicants notified of status. Recommended applications are sent to</td>
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<td>host countries and to the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.</td>
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<td>January – April</td>
<td>Final decisions are made</td>
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<td>Participants prepare for departure</td>
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International Education Administrators Awards

IEAs are seminars that help U.S. international education professionals and senior higher education officials establish empowering connections with their counterparts and higher education systems of other countries.

**Europe**
- France (October)
- Germany (October)
- Russia Community College Administrators Award (April)

**Asia**
- South Korea (June)
- Taiwan (available for 2023-24)
- Japan (available for 2023-24)
- India (available for 2023-24)

For more information, please email IEA@iie.org
## Bring Foreign Fulbrighters to your Campus

### Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence (S-I-R) Program
- Host scholars from other countries to teach for a semester or an academic year
- Website: [cies.org/sir](http://cies.org/sir)
- Email: SIR@iie.org

### Fulbright Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF)
- Host current Fulbright Visiting Scholars for short-term lectureships of 2 – 6 days on discipline or cultural topics to internationalize the campus
- Website: [cies.org/olf](http://cies.org/olf)
- Email: OLF@iie.org

### Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program
- Host native speaking language teaching assistants to enhance students' understanding different languages and cultures
- Website: [foreign.fulbrightonline.org](http://foreign.fulbrightonline.org)
- Email: Dcook@iie.org
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