Fulbright Scholar Program Opportunities

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“International education exchange is the most significant current project designed to continue the process of humanizing mankind to the point, we would hope, that nations can learn to live in peace.”

- Established 1946
- Sends U.S. academics and professionals overseas and brings scholars and professionals from abroad to the U.S.
- Sponsored by U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
- Administered by the Institute of International Education’s Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)
Presentation Overview

- Introduction
- How to apply for Fulbright Scholar grants
- Additional Fulbright Scholar opportunities for U.S. faculty and professionals
- Fulbright Visiting Scholar Opportunities
Eligibility

- U.S. citizenship
- A Ph.D. or professional/terminal degree
- Professionals and artists outside academia - recognized professional standing and substantial accomplishments
- Teaching experience as required by award
- As a general matter, preference for Fulbright Scholar opportunities is given to candidates who have not previously received a Fulbright Scholar grant
Who Are Fulbrighters?

- Grantees from nearly 500 institutions
- 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam
- All levels and ranks of academe
- Tenured and untenured
- Postdoc and new faculty
- Professionals
- Artists, writers, independent and retired scholars
- From every type of institution
Is My Field Represented?

- All academic fields and many professional fields are eligible
  - Traditional Humanities and Social Sciences
  - Hard and Applied Sciences
  - Technology
  - Engineering and Mathematics
  - Performing and Visual Arts

- Interdisciplinary fields

- 577 Awards listed for 2016-2017

- 300+ All/Multiple Discipline Awards 2016-2017
Language Requirements

- English - most teaching awards
- Spanish - most awards in Latin America
- Portuguese - desirable in Brazil
- French - Francophone Africa
- Research awards - language skills appropriate for completion of the project
Opportunities to 125+ Countries

• More than 1,200 Grants
  • Faculty
  • Administrators
  • Professionals

• Grant Lengths
  • Core grants of – two to twelve months – annual competition
  • Specialist trips – two to six weeks – rolling application deadline
  • Seminars – two to three weeks – annual competition
2015-16 U.S. Scholar Grants by Activity

- Teaching/Research: 45%
- Research: 32.8%
- Teaching: 15.8%
- Seminar: 6.4%
What’s Available Through Fulbright Today?

• 2015-2016 U.S. and Non-U.S. Scholar Directories are available

• Fulbright Junior Faculty Development Awards for Lebanon, Egypt and Tunisia as well as Fulbright Visiting Scholar Awards for Iraq are active

• International Education Administrator [Japan, Korea, France and Germany] seminars are open

• Additional program information appears throughout the year on the CIES website
  • MyFulbright Community
Core Multi-Country Opportunities

- Sub-Saharan Africa Regional Research Program
- Middle East and North Africa Regional Research Program
- East Asia and the Pacific: Cross-Strait Studies
- South and Central Asia Regional Research Program
- Europe: Fulbright-Schuman European Union Affairs, Austrian-Hungarian Research Award
- Western Hemisphere: Fulbright-Carlos Rico Award for North American Studies
Application Resources

- CIES website: www.cies.org
  - Online Catalog of Awards and Application
  - Program Overview, Guidelines, Frequently Asked Questions and Tips for Applying

- CIES Webinars

- The Fulbright Scholar Blog

- MyFulbright Community
Selecting an Award

• Awards in Catalog are created in the hosting country by the local Fulbright Commission or the American embassy

• Country listings

• Activity? Teaching, research or both

• Indices – by Discipline or All Discipline

• 50% of grants are All Discipline awards

• Read award descriptions and stipend information carefully

• Contact CIES program officer(s) for more information about awards and countries
Application Components

- Application Form
- Project Statement
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Course Outlines or Syllabi (for teaching awards)
- Select Bibliography (for research awards)
- References
- Supplemental Materials (depending on award)
  - Language Proficiency Report
  - Letter of Invitation
  - Additional materials for applicants in the Arts, Architecture, Writing and Journalism
Making Contacts Abroad

- International office on your campus
- U.S. and Visiting Fulbright Scholars Directory – searchable by discipline and country
- International division of your professional organization
- Who is publishing in your field
- CIES program officer may be able to help
- Web searches
  - Universities Worldwide – Links for 9322 universities in 205 countries
  - International Association of Universities
  - Center for Global Education – UCLA – World Wide Colleges and Universities
Submitting a Competitive Application

• Match your expertise, experience and proposal to the award description

• Focus on what you plan to DO

• Biographical information chiefly in C.V.

• Get three strong, current reference letters
  • One from your supervisor, if teaching
  • One from someone not at your institution
  • One from a colleague who knows your work well

• Each part of an application relates to the whole and supports your candidacy
Project Statement

• Brief self-introduction to reviewers
• Provide answers to the questions reviewers may have about you
• Why Fulbright and why this particular place
• What professional experience and skills will you bring to a host institution and country
• Outcomes from the grant, focus on the impact on hosts, home institution and you
• How adaptable are you? How well will you deal with challenging situations?
Review Process and Timetable

- **August**: CIES staff conduct technical reviews for completeness
- **September**: Discipline-specific committees review applications
- **September to early November**: U.S. peer review committees convene to discuss a single geographical region
- **November through January**: Applicants notified of status, either recommended or not recommended. Recommended applications are sent to host countries and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board for final approval.
- **February through May**: Grantees notified of final approvals
- **May through June**: Grant packets sent to grantees
Grant Benefits

• Package includes stipend, in-country living allowance, travel for grantee

• Some countries add travel for dependents, dependent schooling, research allowance, book allowance

• Stipends and living allowances vary considerably from country to country

• Enhanced grant benefits for teaching and teaching/research for some countries

• Country benefits are found with the award descriptions at http://catalog.cies.org/
Additional Opportunities

- Fulbright Specialist Program
- Seminars for International Education Administrators
- Fulbright NEXUS Regional Scholar Program
- Fulbright Arctic Initiative
Fulbright Specialist Program

- Two- to six-week consulting and/or teaching opportunities
- Institutions overseas develop projects and request specialists from the roster
- Rolling deadline
- Reviewed and placed on Fulbright Specialist roster for five years
- Program does not support research
- Twenty-four eligible disciplines, including STEM education fields
Administrator Seminars and Collaborative Research Programs

• International Education Administrator Seminars (IEA)
  • India – AUGUST 3
  • Japan, Korea – NOVEMBER 2
  • France, Germany – FEBRUARY 1

• Russia Community College Administrators
  • OCTOBER 15

• Fulbright NEXUS Regional Scholar Program

• Fulbright Arctic Initiative
Visiting (Non-US) Scholar Programs

- Core Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program
- Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence (S-I-R) Program
- Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF)
- Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program for Iraq
- Faculty Junior Faculty Development Programs for Lebanon, Egypt and Tunisia
- Fulbright NEXUS Regional Scholar Program
- Fulbright Arctic Initiative
Core Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program

- Visiting Scholars from other countries research, teach and help internationalize U.S. campuses
- Overseas scholars should contact the Fulbright commission or U.S. Embassy in their home countries
- Letter of invitation from potential host is always useful
Scholar-In-Residence Program

• Brings scholars and professionals from abroad to campuses that do not often host visiting scholars

• Involves colleges and universities that serve student populations underrepresented in international exchange programs

• Application is made by the interested U.S. institution

• Deadline is OCTOBER 15
Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF)

- Institutions apply and pay for lodging and meals
- Travel grant for Fulbright Visiting Scholars already in the U.S. for short-term guest teaching
- Meet with faculty and students to allow for an exchange of ideas
- Meet with community organizations, professional, cultural or religious groups, K-12 schools and school districts that have a special interest in international relations.
- View a list of 900+ scholars in country at: http://www.cies.org/fulbright-scholars
- Sarah Causer, OLF Coordinator – olf@iie.org
Faculty Development Programs

• Host cohorts of junior scholars in specific disciplines for faculty development, mentoring and cultural exchange
  • Visiting Scholar Program for Iraq – DECEMBER 4
  • Junior Faculty Development Programs for Egypt, Lebanon, and Tunisia – DECEMBER 4
Other Fulbright Programs

- Fulbright U.S. Student Program
  - Recent graduates, postgraduate candidates through dissertation level, developing professionals and artists to study and research abroad
  - Administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE)

- Fulbright U. S. Student Program

- Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program
  - Principally for primary- and secondary-level educators
  - Administered by Institute of International Education (IIE/DC)

- Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching

- Fulbright-Hays Awards
  - Faculty research, group projects and seminars in designated social sciences and humanities fields
  - Administered by the U.S. Department of Education

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