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# Fulbright U.S. Scholar Opportunities in South and Central Asia for 2019-2020

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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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# Fulbright in Numbers



**380,000+**

Fulbrights awarded since 1946



**800**

U.S. Scholar grants annually



**160**

Participants countries



**37**

Heads of State or Government



**59**

Nobel Laureates



**82**

Pulitzer Prize recipients

MacArthur  
Foundation

**71**

MacArthur Fellows



**16**

Presidential Medal of Freedom recipients

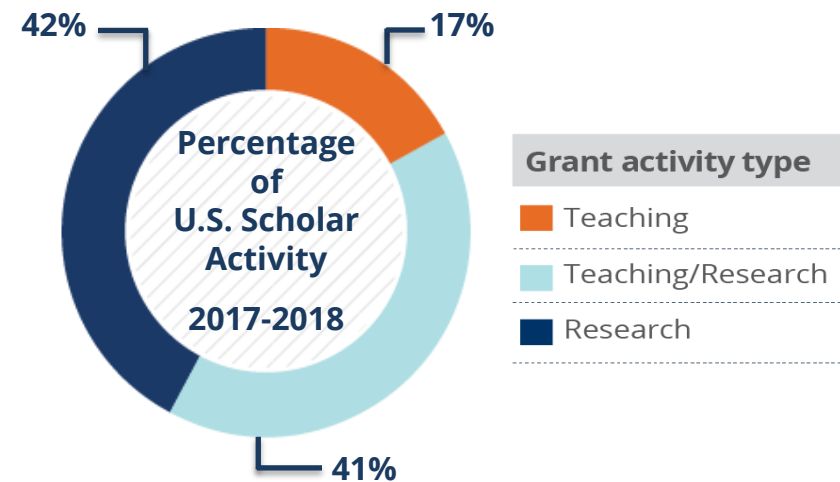


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# Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

- Supports teaching and/or research for three to 12 months
- Programs active in +125 countries
- For faculty, administrators and professionals
- Open to all disciplines
- Apply to specific award with proposed project
- Application deadline: **August 1**
- Variety of host institutions





# 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



# South and Central Asia: Overview

- 14 award offerings and up to 80 grants available
- Fulbright Regional Travel Program
- Regional [webpage](#)



*“I met the most incredible people in India who not only influenced my research, but also my thought processes about my field and research.”*



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# Multi-Country Opportunity

## South and Central Asia Regional Research Program

- [9476-MC](#) Conduct research in any discipline
- Research projects may be of historical or contemporary focus, comparative or regional in scope or where data must be collected in two or three countries:
  - Bhutan, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
- Three to nine months, letter of invitation required



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# Distinguished Chair Opportunity

## India

- [9377-IN](#) **Fulbright-Nehru Distinguished Chair (All Disciplines)**
- Teach or teach + research (ratio determined by applicant) for four months
- A letter of invitation is optional, however, applicants are encouraged to identify potential host institutions



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# All Disciplines Awards

## India

- [9379-IN](#) **Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Awards** (45 grants for teaching, research or both; PhD not required; open to early career academics)

## Kazakhstan

- [9380-KZ](#) Five or ten months

## Kyrgyz Republic

- [9382-KG](#) Five or ten months

## Maldives

- [9383-MV](#) Six months, starting in January 2020

## Nepal

- [9384-NP](#) Research only (Grant length is six months, for Flex 4-5 months)



# All Disciplines Awards - continued

## Nepal

- [9385-NP](#) Teaching & Research (80:20 ratio)

## Pakistan

- [9386-PK](#) Two-four months (Islamabad, Lahore and Faisalabad)

## Sri Lanka

- [9387-CE](#) Three to nine months

## Uzbekistan

- [9390-UZ](#) Five or ten months



# Multiple Disciplines Awards

## Bhutan

- [9376-BT](#) One or two semesters (5 or 10 months)

## Tajikistan

- [9388-TI](#) Letter of invitation preferred, host locations listed. Grant length: 4-9 months

## Turkmenistan

- [9389-TX](#) Teaching grant, 10 years teaching experience or 5 years with PhD



# Teaching English As a Foreign Language

## Kazakhstan

- [9381-KZ](#)
- Emphasis on English language teacher training
- PhD required, open to Early Career Applicants
- Grant length: 5 or 10 months
- Generous book and research allowance
- Allowance for accompanying dependents



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# South and Central Asia: Grantee Opportunities



South and  
Central Asia  
Fulbright  
Regional Travel  
Grant

South and  
Central Asia  
Fulbright  
Midyear  
Conference



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# A Fulbright that Works for You

- Flex option
  - Available in six countries in SCA
  - 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!



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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](#)



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# 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

**AUG.**

Program staff conduct technical reviews for completeness

**SEPT.**

Discipline-specific committees review applications

**SEPT. -  
EARLY NOV.**

U.S. peer review committees discuss applications for a single geographical region

**NOV. - JAN.**

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

**FEB. - MAY**

Grantees notified of final approvals

**MAY - JUNE**

Grant packets sent to grantees



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