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Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Opportunities in Sub-Saharan Africa

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Today's Webinar: What to Expect



Introduction to the
Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

Highlights of Opportunities in
Sub-Saharan Africa

Application Process: Overview & Strategies

Question & Answer



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The Fulbright Program



"We must try to expand the boundaries of human wisdom, empathy and perception, and there is no way of doing that except through education."

— Senator J. William Fulbright



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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 in the Core Program are open to applicants with a Masters and professional or academic experience – see Award Description for details
- Open to professionals and artists outside academia – recognized professional standing and substantial accomplishments
- Teaching experience as required by award
- New policies on previous Fulbright Scholar grants and waiting periods between grants



Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program Overview

- Supports teaching and/or research activities for three to 12 months
 - Flex
 - Multi-country
- Open to all disciplines
- Apply to specific award with proposed project, hosted (in most cases) by higher education institution in country
- Application deadline: **August 1**



Why Sub-Saharan Africa?



- Generous grant benefits, including living and housing allowances and dependent tuition allowance for most awards
- In-country support from U.S. Embassy staff
- High potential for broad community engagement and lasting impact
- Unique and transformative experience



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Selecting the Right Award

<http://awards.cies.org>

- Narrow your search by region, country, discipline or keyword
 - Discipline preferences listed in the award
 - All Disciplines awards

- Relevance of the project to the country; why will host country benefit from your project?

The screenshot shows the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Catalog of Awards search interface. At the top, the Fulbright logo is displayed, followed by the text "A program of the United States Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs" and "MY FULBRIGHT | FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR PROGRAM". Below this, the year "2018-2019" is shown. The main heading is "FULBRIGHT U.S. SCHOLAR CATALOG OF AWARDS". The search form consists of three dropdown menus: "Select Region", "Select Country/Area", and "Select Discipline", separated by "or". Below the dropdowns is an orange "FIND AWARDS" button and a link for "ADVANCED SEARCH".



Teaching in Sub-Saharan Africa

- Open to professionals, independent scholars and all levels of academia
- Teaching Activities
 - Teach undergraduate and graduate courses
 - Assist in the development or revision of curricula
 - Contribute to faculty development or training; give seminars, workshops, and public lectures
 - Supervise student research projects and serve on student thesis or doctoral dissertation committees
- Invitation Letters
- Making Contacts
 - Award description
 - Fulbright scholar directory
 - Existing networks



Research in Sub-Saharan Africa

Africa Regional Research Program

- Award #[9465-MC](#)
- Open to all disciplines
- Increase or develop new contacts and intellectual ties between U.S. and African communities and contribute to scholarship on Africa
- Flex option available
- Multi-Country options
 - Choose 1-3 countries with active Fulbright U.S. Scholar programs (except South Africa)
 - Research-only for South Africa? See separate South Africa awards.



Language Requirements

- French Language Ability Required:
 - **Benin:** French required except for teaching American studies and linguistics
 - **Burkina Faso:** French required except for teaching American studies and linguistics
 - **Cameroon:** varies per institution
 - **Cote d'Ivoire:** French preferred
 - **Democratic Republic of the Congo:** French fluency required
 - **Guinea:** French required except for teaching American studies and linguistics
 - **Madagascar:** All teaching will be in English; conversational French is helpful
 - **Mauritius:** All teaching will be in English; knowledge of French is an advantage
 - **Niger:** French required except for teaching American literature
 - **Senegal:** French required except for teaching American literature
- Portuguese Language Ability Required:
 - **Mozambique:** Portuguese language fluency required
- Additional Languages
 - **Kenya:** All teaching will be in English; Swahili will be useful in social settings
 - **Malawi:** All teaching will be in English; basic Chichewa will be useful in remote areas
 - **Sudan:** All teaching will be in English; working knowledge of Arabic is an advantage
 - **Tanzania:** All teaching will be in English; scholars advised to take Swahili classes to prepare



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Award Highlights

➤ American Studies

- **Senegal:** All Disciplines ([9049-SG](#))
- **Madagascar:** All Disciplines ([9035-MA](#))

➤ Business, Economics, and Entrepreneurship

- **Cote d'Ivoire:** Economics and Finance ([9026-IV](#))
- **Swaziland:** Business Administration ([9051-BC](#))

➤ Communications

- **Swaziland:** Mass Communication and Broadcast Journalism ([9053-WZ](#))
- **Zambia:** Journalism and Broadcasting ([9056-ZA](#))

➤ Education/TEFL

- **Ethiopia:** All Disciplines ([9031-ET](#))
- **Guinea:** All Disciplines ([9033-GV](#))

➤ Environmental Sciences

- **Burkina Faso:** Engineering and Environmental Sciences ([9022-UV](#))
- **Mozambique:** Environmental Studies and Sciences ([9042-MZ](#))



Award Highlights (con't.)

➤ Arts/Film Studies

- **Rwanda:** Arts, Humanities and Journalism ([9046-RW](#))

➤ Law

- **Burkina Faso:** Business Administration, Law or Medical Sciences ([9023-UV](#))
- **Mauritius:** Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property ([9039-MP](#))

➤ Medical Sciences & Public/Global Health

- **Botswana:** Public Health ([9019-BC](#))
- **Zimbabwe:** Midwifery Education ([9059-ZI](#))

➤ Political Science

- **Cameroon:** All Disciplines ([9024-CM](#))
- **Malawi:** All Disciplines ([9036-MI](#))

➤ CYBERSECURITY/STEM

- **Botswana:** Applied Sciences ([9020-BC](#))
- **Botswana:** Cyber Security and/or Digital Forensic ([9500-BC](#))
- **Namibia:** All Disciplines ([9044-WA](#))



Application Components

- Application Form
- Project Statement
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Course Outlines or Syllabi (for teaching awards)
- Select Bibliography (for research awards)
- Letters of Reference
- Additional Components, Depending on Award
 - Language Proficiency Report
 - Letter of Invitation
 - Supplemental materials for applicants in the Arts, Architecture, Writing and Journalism



Submitting a Competitive Application

- **Fulbright goal:** promote **mutual understanding**
- **Why** you are interested in a Fulbright in the 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, discipline; for your host institution
 - Future collaborations; linkages: personal, professional, institutional; plans for sustaining relationships
 - **Internationalizing** campus and curriculum



Affiliations and Invitations

Grant Locations:

- If a host is identified, it will be found under Location
- 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



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

FEB. - MAY

Grantees notified of final approvals

MAY - JUNE

Grant packets sent to grantees



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Application Resources

- **Catalog of Awards:** <http://awards.cies.org>
- **Fulbright Scholar Program website:** <http://www.cies.org>
- **Application Guidelines:** <http://www.cies.org/application-guidelines>
- **Project Statement Guidance and Samples:** <http://www.cies.org/project-statement-core-fulbright-scholar-program>
- **Webinars:** <http://www.cies.org/event-type/webinar-schedule>
- **The Fulbright Scholar Blog:** <http://www.cies.org/blog-posts>
- **MyFulbright**



Question and Answer

“Professionally it was a great experience and a chance to feel like I was having an impact on an individual and on an institutional level. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and the results of my teaching were very clear in the work that my students produced. It was very gratifying to look back at what I’d accomplished.”

- **Scholar to Ghana** (Teaching/Research, 2013-14)

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2018



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