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Fulbright Scholar Liaison Role and Resources

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The Fulbright Scholar Liaison Role

Fulbright Scholar Liaisons (at 1,250+ institutions)

- Serve as **campus contacts** for the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program
- Offer **guidance** on the application process and timelines
- Help with **institutional support** like leave or endorsements
- Connect you with **Fulbright alumni** for insights and mentorship

Find your Liaison or become a Liaison yourself at <https://fulbrightscholars.org/liaisons>





The Fulbright Scholar Program

Background

- Created in 1946 by U.S. Congress and funded by the U.S. Government
- Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)
- Administered by the Institute of International Education, binational Fulbright Commissions, and U.S. Embassies
- Supports research, teaching, seminar attendance, and professional projects abroad in 120+ countries

Our mission is to foster mutual understanding between nations, advance knowledge across communities, and improve lives around the world.





Three Key Features of the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program



- 1. Unmatched Scale:** With nearly **800 awards** granted annually, Fulbright is the largest fellowship program available to U.S. scholars
- 2. A Mission of Connection:** As a flagship public diplomacy initiative, Fulbright is dedicated to fostering long-term international relationships and mutual understanding
- 3. Broad Range of Opportunities:** With more than 400 unique awards, the program offers options to suit nearly every academic discipline, methodology, institution type, and career stage



Why Fulbright for your institution?

Fulbright fuels your professional growth

- **Go Global:** Teach, research, lead projects, and join seminars worldwide
- **Build Partnerships:** Create lasting international collaborations.
- **Advance Your Work:** Expand your publishing network and enrich your teaching
- **Ignite Ideas:** Gain fresh perspectives and spark creativity
- **Be Recognized:** Earn distinction as a Fulbright Scholar.



Stay Connected: Join a dynamic, supportive alumni community



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Why Fulbright for your faculty and staff?

Fulbright supports your family

- **Financial Support:** Around 60% of awards include funding for dependents.
- **Plan with Confidence:** Most countries welcome accompanying family members.
- **Open New Doors:** Many Fulbright families gain life-changing experiences—some even launch international careers.
- **Find the Right Fit:** Use our search filters and check the “Award Benefits” tab to explore family-friendly options.





Why Fulbright?

Fulbright supports you—From application to grant

- **Personal Support:** Every award has a dedicated team behind it.
- **Get Answers:** Join office hours for direct guidance.
- **In-Country Assistance:** Ongoing support from IIE and host country staff.
- **Learn from Experience:** Connect with past grantees through the Fulbright Scholar Directory to gain insights and inspiration.

[Fulbright Scholar Directory | Fulbright Scholar Program](#)



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Develop Your Expertise

- Familiarize yourself with fulbrightscholars.org
- Connect with alums - U.S. and Visiting Scholar
- Determine your institution's policies
- Reach out to your Fulbright Program Advisor, if applicable
- Host a campus visit or information session
- Attend a Liaison Linkup





Encouraging Institutional Support for Fulbright Scholars



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Fulbright Policies and Guidance

- Fulbright has no policy requirements, but we suggest all institutions post guidance of some sort.
- Why should institutions post guidance?
 - To avoid confusion
 - To enable informed decision-making for faculty
 - To encourage applicants from faculty who may be reluctant to self-advocate
 - To broaden participation





Key Questions for Liaisons

- Do you know what type of leave policies are available to faculty and staff at your institution?
- Fulbright is too competitive to rely on sabbatical policies alone; who are the key decision-makers for faculty affairs?
- Interested applicants need to know:
 - When are they allowed to take a Fulbright?
 - Will they be paid, if so, at what level?
 - Will they receive benefits?
 - What happens to teaching and service obligations?
 - How does the award period count toward sabbatical and tenure clock?
 - Who do they need to talk to?





Issues to consider when crafting a Fulbright support policy

	Ability to Take Leave	Remuneration	Course and Service Obligations	Benefits
Encouraging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sabbatical available & off-sabbatical available any time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial incentive to apply, plus full salary, full award Full salary, full award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No course or service obligations No course obligations: Some service related to award (i.e. meet with overseas alumni, present to prospective students) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full benefits, including full retirement match Award period counts toward sabbatical
Supportive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sabbatical w/ one leave btw sabbaticals possible No off-sabbatical leave, but sabbatical flexibility No sabbatical available, but leave for externally funded opportunities possible w/ limits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salary top-up to full salary based on award remaining after travel, research, and in-country housing costs subtracted Top-up based on award total 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No course obligations: Continued advising and service Course reduction w/ remaining load redistributed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full benefits, inc. full retirement: Award period doesn't count toward sabbatical Full benefits w/ retirement match reduced to top-up amount
Basic or Discouraging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sabbatical and other leave availability on a very limited basis Sabbatical only Leave without pay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salary top-up based on award total + course coverage Leave without pay Leave without pay: Must cover courses from award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course load redistributed Virtual teaching at home institution while on award¹ Must pay for course coverage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No benefits



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Supporting Faculty and Staff Applicants

- Explore our [catalog of awards](#)
- Consider institution's current international connections
- Introduce alums to applicants
- Read the [application components](#) and [review criteria](#) pages
- Encourage applicants to attend IIE webinars and connect to the recruitment team
- Explain institution's leave policy





Managing the Award Experience

- Congratulate and celebrate using the press kit!
- Notify the administration
- Share the [timeline](#) page
- Explain the institution's leave policy
- Encourage grantees to follow IIE's instructions
- Develop a plan for re-entry and sharing with the campus community
upon return from the international fellowship





Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program Overview for Liaisons



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- Administered by the Institute of International Education, Fulbright Commissions, and Embassy Posts
- Established to support research, teaching, seminar attendance, and professional projects in 100+ countries





Qualifications for U.S. Scholar

- ➡ **U.S. citizenship**
- ➡ **Degree and experience**, as required by award:
 - Ph.D. or other terminal degree
 - Master's or professional or artistic experience
 - Teaching experience as required
- ➡ **Fulbright Scholar alums are eligible;** two-year waiting period between your last day on a Fulbright Scholar Award and the next application due date



Fulbright Scholar Awards – An Array of Opportunities

- **400+** awards in **100+** countries
- **2-12** months
- Options: Research, Teaching, Teaching/Research, Professional Project, Seminars (2 weeks)
- Flex option: segment your award into 2-3 non-consecutive month(s)-long visits over 1-2 years
- **ONE Award per cycle / competition year**





Fulbright Scholar Awards

Awards for Research, Teaching, Artistic Practice, and Professional Projects

- Scholar Awards
- Postdoctoral Awards
- Distinguished Scholar Awards
- Open to all institutional types

Awards for Seminars

- International Education Administrator (IEA) Awards





Steps toward Fulbright Engagement

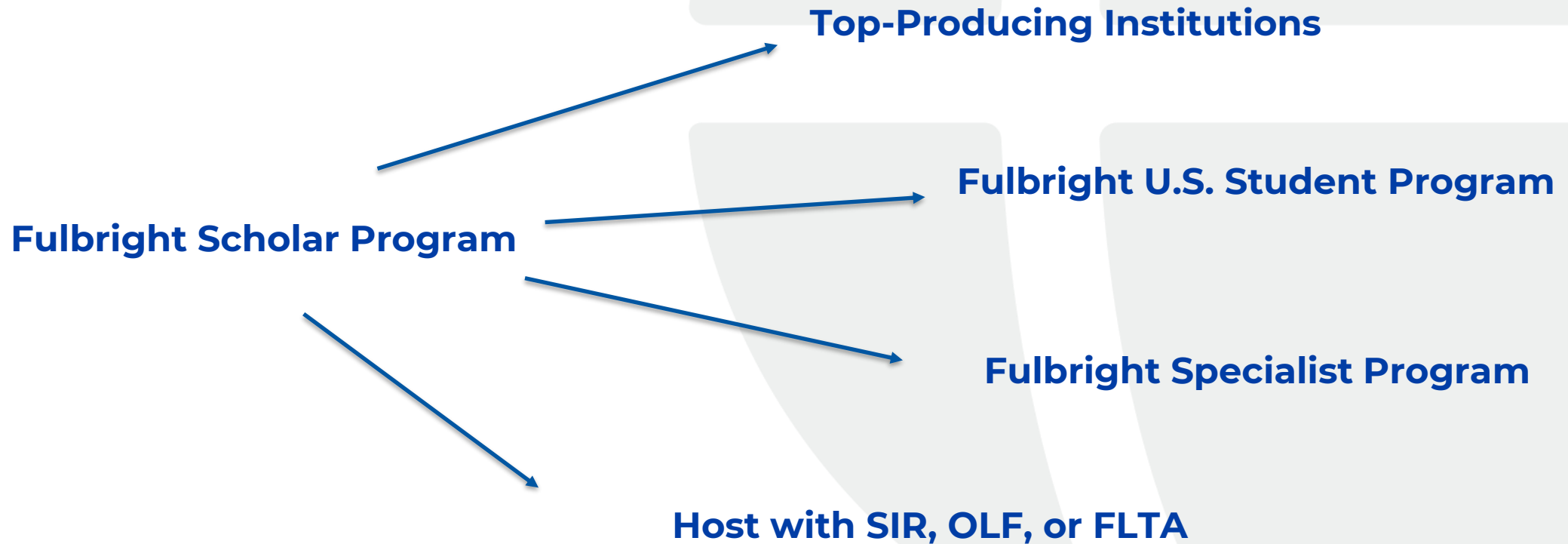


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The Fulbright Scholar Cornerstone





International Education Administrator (IEA) Awards

- **Funded** two-week seminars for administrators (**staff** and leadership) with international education responsibilities
- Check the award requirements tab of the description for country-specific requirements
- **Faculty can participate**, but **only** if they serve as an administrator with international responsibilities, such as a president, director, dean or chair
 - IEA awards do not support research or teaching.

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Why should you consider an IEA award?



- It's a **fully-funded** international professional development opportunity
- Local serving institutions: bring the world to your campus!
- Make connections and explore opportunities for future partnerships
- Showcase your institution's strengths to a global audience and expand our own network

Want to increase buy-in from senior leadership for international efforts?
Encourage them to apply to for an IEA award!





IEA Awards: Activities

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What do you do on an IEA seminar?

- Site visits at universities and government agencies
- Briefings with officials
- Networking events plus tours of historical and cultural sites





Fulbright IEA Seminar Offerings for 2026-27

Country	Professional Profile	Application Deadline	Expected Grant Timing
Taiwan	Administrators with daily interaction with students + experienced administrators	September 2025	Spring 2026
France & Senegal	Senior-level university administrators (provosts, deans, directors, etc.) and experienced international education administrators at HBCUs	September 2025	Spring 2026
Japan	Experienced administrators (Wider range of experience welcome)	November 2025	Summer 2025
Korea	Administrators with daily interaction with students	November 2025	Summer 2025
France	Senior-level university administrators (provosts, deans, directors, etc.)	February 2026	Fall 2026
Germany	Experienced administrators (Wider range of experience welcome)	February 2026	Fall 2026





Fulbright Opportunities on Campus

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE (S-I-R) PROGRAM

Host scholars from other countries to teach for a semester or an academic year

Deadline: Proposals due in June to host in the following academic year

Website:
fulbrightscholars.org/sir

Email: SIR@iie.org

FULBRIGHT OUTREACH LECTURING FUND (OLF)

Host current Fulbright Visiting Scholars for short-term lectureships of 2-6 days

Deadline: Proposals due 30 days before visit

Website:
fulbrightscholars.org/OLF

Email: OLF@iie.org

FULBRIGHT LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSISTANT (FLTA) PROGRAM

Host native-speaking language teaching assistants to enhance students' skillsets

Website:
foreign.fulbrightonline.org

Email: dcook@iie.org



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Scholar-in-Residence (S-I-R) Program

- **Institutions apply to host a visiting scholar to teach on your campus** and engage with your community for a semester or a full academic year
- Scholars apply separately and are matched with institutions
- S-I-R is perfect for institutions who lack connections w/ scholars abroad but want to host funded visiting faculty/scholars from abroad.



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Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF)



- Provides **funding for hosting Fulbright Visiting Scholars already in the U.S. for short-term speaking engagements.**
- Short-term travel grants (typically 2-5 days)
- Covers roundtrip airfare, airport transit, and per diem.
- Cost share to cover lodging and local transit on site is encouraged but not required



Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program

- The Visiting Scholar Program is the counterpoint to U.S. Scholar opportunities, **bringing faculty from other countries to teach and research at U.S. institutions**
- Scholars apply in their home country via the U.S. Embassy or Fulbright Commission
- *Do your faculty have collaborators abroad they would like to bring to your campus?* They can encourage them to apply and provide a letter of invitation!



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