

Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program



The Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program provides grants to nearly 1,000 foreign scholars from over 100 countries to conduct post-doctoral research at U.S. institutions from an academic semester to a full academic year. Researchers in all disciplines are supported through the Visiting Scholar Program, although countries may prioritize certain fields of research.

What is the Award?

The Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program awards approximately 1,000 grants annually to foreign scholars to conduct post-doctoral research on campuses across the United States.

Grant Benefits:

- Enrichment activities
- J-1 visa sponsorship
- Health benefit plan
- Funding support

Eligibility

To participate in the Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program, the applicant must:

- Be a citizen of a country with an active Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program

- Hold a doctoral degree or equivalent professional training or experience at the time of application
- Display sufficient proficiency in the English language to carry out the project
- NOT be a U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident

How to Apply to 2026-27 Competition

Applicants apply through the binational Fulbright Commission or U.S. Embassy in their home country. You can review a directory of offices around the world here: exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/fulbright-visiting-scholar-program

Application link: apply.iie.org/fvsp/2026