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Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: *Awards for 2027-2028*



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The Fulbright Scholar Program

Background

- Created in 1946 by U.S. Congress
- Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), as its flagship program
- In the United States, the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program is managed by the Institute of International Education (IIE).
- Implemented by bi-national Commissions and U.S. Embassies abroad.
- Supports research, teaching, seminar attendance, and professional projects abroad in 120+ countries





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



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Why Fulbright?

Fulbright supports your professional development

-  **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.





Why Fulbright?

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](#)





Fulbright Scholar Liaisons

Fulbright supports you from application to grant

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>





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 U.S. Scholar alums are eligible:**

Recipients of a Fulbright Scholar grant are eligible to apply for another Fulbright Scholar grant two years after the date of completion of the previous grant



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Fast Facts & Types of Awards

380+

AWARDS

Research or
Teaching

Teaching &
Research

130+

COUNTRIES

Professional
Project

Seminars (2
weeks)

2-12

MONTHS

- Flex option: segment your award into 2-3 non-consecutive month(s)-long visits over 1-2 years
- **ONE Award per cycle / competition year**



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Fulbright Scholar Awards

Awards for Research, Teaching, Teaching/Research, or Professional Projects

- Scholar Awards
- Postdoctoral Awards
- Distinguished Scholar Awards

Awards for Seminars

- International Education Administrator (IEA) Awards





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.

<https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards/IEA>





Fulbright IEA Seminar Offerings for 2027-28

Location	Applicant Profile	Seminar Dates	Application Deadline
Taiwan	Senior Leadership & Student-facing Roles	March 2027	September
France-Senegal	HBCU Senior Leadership	March-April 2027	September
Israel	Senior Leadership	June 2027	November
Japan	Senior Leadership & Student-facing Roles	June 2027	November
France	Senior Leadership	October 2027	February
South Korea	Senior Leadership & Student-facing Roles	October-November 2027	February
Germany	Senior Leadership & Student-facing Roles	October-November 2027	February



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Tips for Choosing the Right Fulbright Award

- Choose the **most specific award** that meets your needs
- **Target** your search by country, discipline, or award type
- Explore **“Hidden Gems”**—less competitive but rewarding opportunities
- Check if you're eligible for **Postdoctoral** or **Distinguished Awards**
- Reflect on your **career stage**, field trends, global events, and any **personal or professional constraints** (e.g., ability to take leave)





Application Components

Requirements:

- ✓ Application Form
- ✓ Project Statement
- ✓ Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- ✓ 2 Recommendations
- ✓ Language Proficiency Report *(if required)*
- ✓ Invitation Letters *(if required)*

Supplemental Materials:

- ✓ Syllabi or Course Outlines *(for teaching)*
- ✓ Reference List *(for research)*
- ✓ Portfolio *(for disciplines like Arts, Architecture, and Journalism)*





Tips for a strong application:



Read all four tabs of an award so you know which one best meets your needs



Start an online application **as soon as possible**



Attend webinars and Office Hours and read guides on our website





Application Cycle

FEBRUARY	Competition Opens
SEPTEMBER 15	Application Deadline
SEPTEMBER	IIE staff conducts Preliminary Screening
OCTOBER – NOVEMBER	U.S. Peer Review
DECEMBER	Applicants notified of Peer Review result
DECEMBER – JUNE	Selection process takes place and notifications sent
JUNE – ONWARD	Participants are selected and prepare for departure



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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





Additional Fulbright U.S. Programs

SCHOLARS

- Specialist Program
FulbrightSpecialist@worldlearning.org

STUDENTS

- Student Program
FBstudent@iie.org
- English Teaching Assistant (ETA) Program
FBstudent@iie.org

TEACHERS

- Distinguished Award in Teaching Research Program
FulbrightDA@irex.org
- Teachers for Global Classrooms
FulbrightTGC@irex.org



More Fulbright Scholar Events

Click the "Resources" tab on fulbrightscholars.org

WEBINARS

apply.iie.org/portal/scholar_webinars

OFFICE HOURS

apply.iie.org/portal/office_hours



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