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Opportunities in the Middle East and North Africa

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Mission

- In partnership with 160 countries worldwide, Fulbright offers passionate and accomplished faculty, administrator, artists, journalists, lawyers, and other professionals from all backgrounds an unparalleled opportunity to study, teach, or conduct research.
- Our mission is to foster mutual understanding between nations, advance knowledge across communities, and improve lives around the world.

A Brief History

- Established in 1946 by Congress, Fulbright is the United States government's flagship international educational and cultural exchange program.
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Diversity and Inclusion

Fulbright strives to ensure that it reflects the diversity of U.S. society and societies abroad. We encourage the involvement of people from traditionally underrepresented audiences in all our grants, programs and other initiatives.

Opportunities are open to people regardless of their race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, geographic location, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.





Fulbright by the Numbers

The Fulbright Program funds over 8,000 awards annually:

- 2,200 U.S. Students
- 4,000 foreign students
- 800 U.S. scholars and administrators
- 900 visiting scholars
- 400+ language teaching assistants

Approximately 390,000 “Fulbrighters” have participated in the program since its inception in 1946.

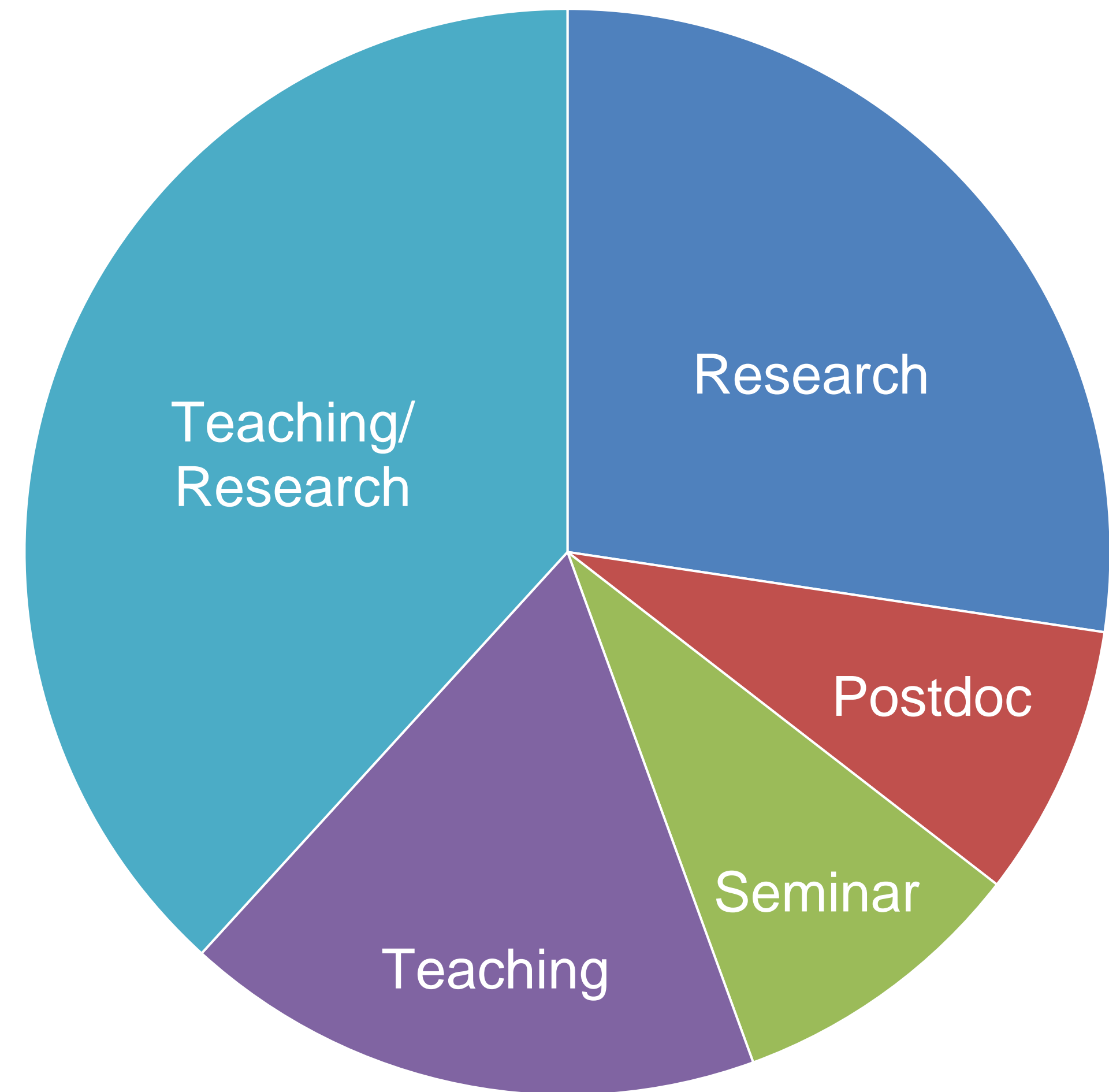




Distribution of Awards

Fulbright awards allow academics and professionals to participate in a wide variety of activities:

- Postdoctoral research (8%)
- Administrator seminar (9%)
- Teaching (17%)
- Research (28%)
- Teaching/Research (38%)





Eligibility for U.S. Scholar Program



- U.S. citizenship
- Degree and experience, as required by award:
 - Ph.D. or other terminal degree
 - MA and higher education teaching or professional experience
 - Professional and/or artistic experience with substantial accomplishments
 - Teaching experience
- Compliance with [policies](#) on previous Fulbright Scholar awards and waiting periods between grants





Program Highlights

- **13 countries represented from Morocco to Oman**
- **35 award offerings in the region with over 50 grants**
- **Flex Option for multiple visits for short periods of time**

“Teaching in the West Bank was personally and professionally enriching and empowering. My Fulbright experience transformed me to an expert in global teaching, leadership and research in my field.”

Fulbright U.S. Scholar to West Bank





Regional Highlights

- **All Disciplines:** Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, Oman, Palestinian Territories (West Bank), Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates
- **Arts:** Egypt
- **Business/Economics:** Bahrain, Egypt
- **Journalism/Media:** Palestinian Territories (West Bank)
- **Postdoctoral:** Israel, Qatar
- **STEM Fields:** Egypt, Qatar
- **TEFL/Applied Linguistics, Education:** Algeria, Bahrain, Jordan





North Africa

Algeria:

- [All Disciplines](#)
- [TEFL/Applied Linguistics](#)

Egypt:

- [All Disciplines](#)
- [American University of Cairo – All Disciplines](#)
- [Business Administration](#)
- [Sciences](#)
- [Visual and Performing Arts](#)

Morocco:

- [All Disciplines](#)

Tunisia:

- [All Disciplines](#)





Middle East Opportunities

All Disciplines awards to:

- **Bahrain**: 10 month opportunities at pre-identified host institutions
- **Jordan**: 5 – 10 month opportunities (NOTE: Preferred disciplines are like a “wish list”)
- **Kuwait**: 4 – 9 month opportunities; flex option (NOTE: This award requests scholars from specific fields.)
- **Oman**: 3-10 month opportunities at pre-identified host institutions
- **Palestinian Territories (West Bank)**: 5-10 month opportunities at pre-identified host institutions; flex option
- **Qatar**: 5-10 month opportunities at pre-identified host institutions
- **Saudi Arabia**: 3-10 month opportunities at pre-identified host institutions; flex option
- **United Arab Emirates**: 3-10 month opportunities; flex option





Senior Scholar Opportunities – Israel

Senior Scholar Fellowships: We offer five awards for senior scholars in all disciplines. Four awards are with pre-identified host institutions, and one award is for any accredited institution of higher education. All awards are for 4 months. Letters of invitation are required.

- [All Disciplines Senior Scholar Fellowship*](#)
- [Fulbright Senior Scholar Fellowship at Ben Gurion University](#)
- [Fulbright Senior Scholar Fellowship at Hebrew University](#)
- [Fulbright Senior Scholar Fellowship at Tel Aviv University](#)
- [Fulbright Senior Scholar Fellowship at University of Haifa](#)

*Institutions need to indicate in their invitation letter that they would be willing to make a \$2,000 contribution to the program if their recommended candidate receives an award.





Postdoctoral Opportunities

Postdoctoral Fellowships in Israel: We offer four awards for postdoctoral scholars in all disciplines. Three awards are with pre-identified host institutions, and one award is for any accredited institution of higher education. All awards are for 1 – 2 academic years. Letters of invitation are required.

- [All Disciplines Postdoctoral Fellowship](#)
- [Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev](#)
- [Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship at University of Haifa](#)
- [Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship at Weizmann Institute for Science](#)

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Water, Energy, and the Environment at HBKU

- 4-12 months
- Flex option available
- Qatar Environment and Energy Research Institute (QEERI) at the Doha-based Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU)
- This grant support the Statement of Intent signed by NASA/JPL and HBKU





Multi-Country Opportunities

Middle East and North Africa Regional Research Program:

- Visit 2 or more countries in the MENA region
- 3-9 months in length
- Flex option available
- Invitation requirement depends on the country.

Morocco-Spain Joint (invitations required)

- 6-10 months in length (at minimum of 40% time/country)
- Invitation letters from both countries required.
- English is sufficient as long as feasibility of conducting the project is demonstrated in the project statement.





Special Award Features and Requirements

Language Requirements: Generally, English is sufficient. However, feasibility of conducting the project in English must be demonstrated in the project statement. Arabic, French, or local dialects can be helpful.

Regional Travel Program:

Allows grantees to travel to another country in the region to attend a conference, workshop or give a lecture (no research). To participate in this program, you must be invited by a host in another MENA country and they are expected to cost-share.





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The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program offers more than 400 different opportunities to teach, research and conduct professional projects in over 135 countries. Opportunities are available for higher education institute faculty and administrators as well as for professionals outside of academia, artists, journalists, scientists, and independent scholars.

DEADLINE SEPT 15TH, 2020

SELECT ONE OF THE FILTERS BELOW TO GET STARTED

Select Region or Select Country/Area

Select Discipline

SEARCH ONLY OPEN AWARDS

SEARCH ALL AWARDS



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Application Cycle

FEBRUARY	Awards Catalog Opens
SEPTEMBER 15	Application Deadline
SEPTEMBER	Program staff conducts technical reviews for completeness
OCTOBER – NOVEMBER	U.S. peer review
NOVEMBER – JANUARY	Applicants notified of status. Recommended applications are sent to host countries and to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.
JANUARY – APRIL	Grantees are notified of final approvals
MAY – ONWARD	Grantees prepare for grants





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