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Scholar Program



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# Opportunities in South and Central Asia

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## Mission

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- 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

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- 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.

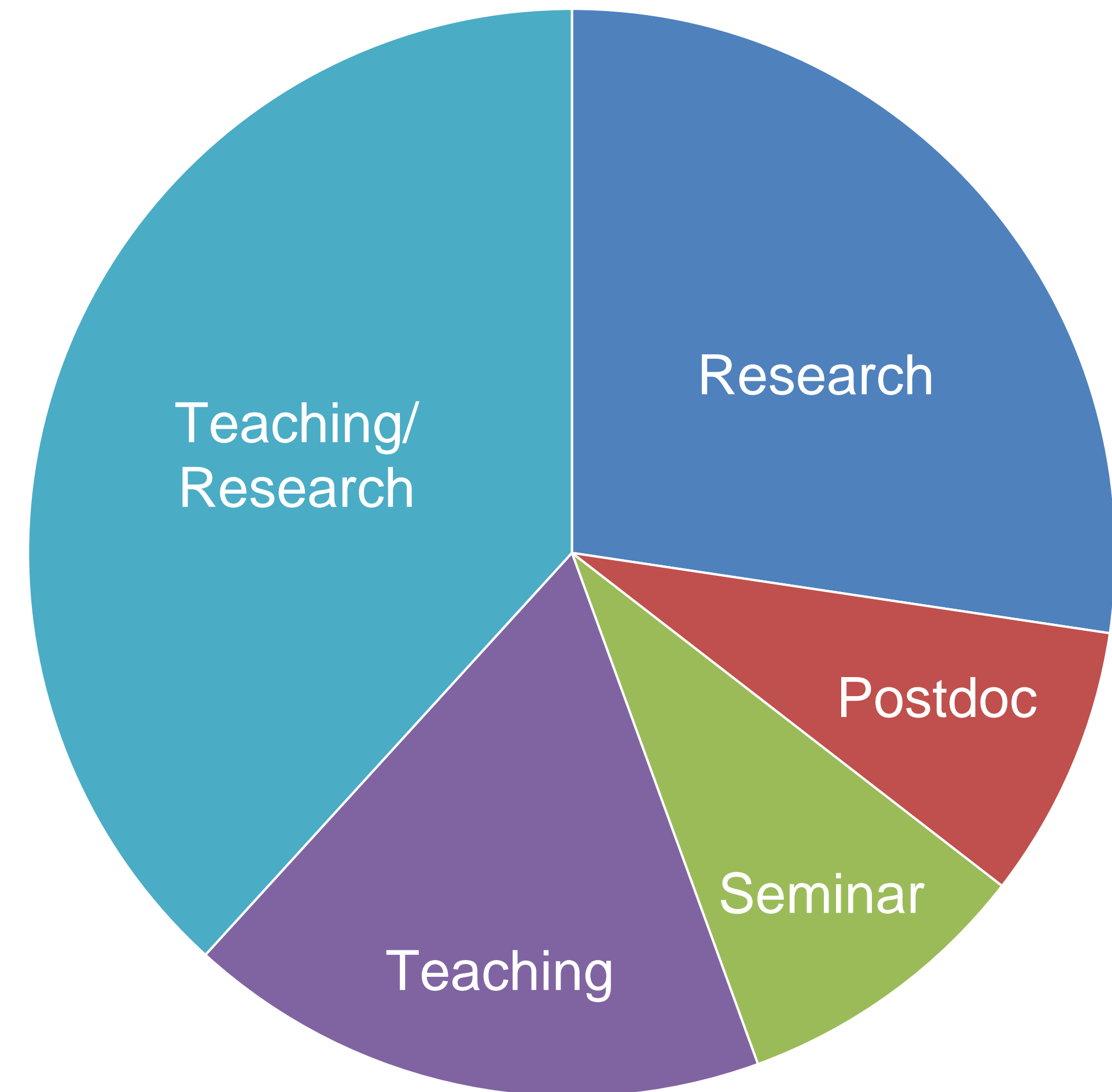




# Distribution of Awards

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

- **11 countries represented from Kazakhstan to Sri Lanka**
- **16 award offerings in the region with over 70 grants**
- **Flex Option for multiple visits for short periods of time**

*“This experience was transformative for me both professionally and personally. I got to meet and discuss research with many experts in their fields. I now have multiple friends in India that I can reach out to – which I did not have before.”*

*Fulbright U.S. Scholar to India*





# India

The largest program with over 40 grants.

Awards open to all disciplines and all levels of scholars and professionals for teaching, research, and professional projects:

- **Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Awards** (42 grants, 4-9 months, Flex option)
- **Fulbright-Nehru Distinguished Chair Award** (2 grants, 4 months)





# South Asia

## Bhutan

- [Multiple Disciplines](#) (10 months, teaching)

## Maldives

- [Multiple Disciplines](#) (3 - 4 months)

## Nepal

- All Disciplines ([Teaching/Research](#) or [Research](#))

## Pakistan

- [All Disciplines](#) (2- 4 months)

## Sri Lanka

- [All Disciplines](#) (4 - 9 months)





# Central Asia

## Awards open to All or Multiple Disciplines to:

- [Kazakhstan](#): 5 or 10 months, flex option
- [Kyrgyz Republic](#): 5 – 10 months; flex option
- [Tajikistan](#): 4 – 9 months at pre-identified host institutions
- [Turkmenistan](#): 10 month teaching opportunities
- [Uzbekistan](#): 5 -10 months, open to professional projects
- [Teaching English as a Foreign Language \(Central Asia\)](#) – applicants rank country of preference
  - Three to 10 months, PhD/terminal degree not required





# Multi-Country Opportunity

## South and Central Asia Regional Research Program:

- Conduct research in 2 - 3 countries in SCA region
- Open to all disciplines and topics pertaining to the region
- Open to academics at all career levels
- 3-9 months in length
- Invitation letter required for each country except for India
- Successful past project to India and Nepal:  
*Nepalese Guards and Indian Engineers: How the Experience of Intervention in Afghanistan Circulates in South Asia*





# 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. Russian or local dialects can be helpful in Central Asia.

**Mid-year Conference:** All Fulbrighters in the region who are on their grant in Feb/March are invited to a mid-year conference in India.

**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 SCA 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**

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Select Discipline

**SEARCH ONLY OPEN AWARDS**

**SEARCH ALL AWARDS**



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# Application Cycle

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







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