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U.S. Scholar Program

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program 2027-28

Opportunities in South and Central Asia

for Faculty, Researchers, Professionals, and Administrators

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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
- Implemented by bi-national Commissions and U.S. Embassies abroad.
- Supports research, teaching, and professional projects abroad in 130 countries and locations.
- Awards are merit-based and selected through a multi-step review process, including peer review, host country review, and final approval by the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB).

2026: A Year of Milestones

Highlighting Fulbrighters exemplifying American excellence worldwide

Celebrating 80 years of academic exchange and bi-national impact

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Why Fulbright?

Fulbright supports your professional development

Go Abroad: Teach, research, and lead projects

Build Partnerships: Create lasting international collaborations.

Advance Your Work: Expand your publishing network and enrich your teaching

Be Recognized: Earn distinction as a Fulbright Scholar.

Stay Connected: Join a dynamic, supportive alumni community.

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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.

Family Support: Many awards offer dependent funding and welcome accompanying family members, so you can plan your Fulbright with confidence.

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Fulbright Scholar Liaisons

Fulbright supports you from application to award

- Your local guide to Fulbright awards and application at **1250**+ institutions
- Assistance with securing leave and support
- Assistance connecting to Fulbright Alumni on campus

Find your Liaison or become a Liaison yourself at **fulbrightscholars.org/liaisons**

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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 alumni 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

Fulbright Scholar Awards in South & Central Asia for 2027-28

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Fulbright Scholar Awards in South & Central Asia

Fast Facts & Award Overview

13 AWARDS | **12** COUNTRIES & LOCATIONS | **2-12** MONTHS

Award Activities

- Research or Teaching
- Teaching & Research
- Professional Projects
- Seminars (2 weeks)

Award Type

- Scholar Awards
- Postdoctoral Awards
- Distinguished Scholar Awards
- International Education Administrator (IEA) Awards

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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Central Asia

- **Kazakhstan:** All Disciplines
- **Kyrgyz Republic:** All Disciplines
- **Tajikistan**: Multiple Disciplines
- **Turkmenistan**: All Disciplines
- **Uzbekistan**: Multiple Disciplines

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South Asia

- **Bangladesh:** All Disciplines
- **Bhutan:** Multiple Disciplines
- **Maldives:** Multiple Disciplines
- **Nepal**: All Disciplines (Research)
- **Pakistan**: All Disciplines
- **Sri Lanka**: All Disciplines

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South Asia - India

- **Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Awards:** All Disciplines
- **Fulbright-Nehru Distinguished Scholar:** All Disciplines

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Application Components

Requirements:

- Application Form
- Project Statement
- Essays
- 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)*

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Tips for a strong application:

CHECK ALL FOUR TABS

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

START ONLINE

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

ATTEND EVENTS

Attend webinars and Office Hours and read guides on our website

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Application Cycle

FEBRUARY	Competition Opens
MARCH - AUGUST	Attend Webinars & Office Hours, Request Invitation Letter
SEPTEMBER	**September 15** - Deadline followed by Preliminary Review
OCTOBER – NOVEMBER	U.S. Peer Review
DECEMBER	Applicants notified of Peer Review result
DECEMBER – JUNE	Selection process takes place and final notifications sent
JUNE – ONWARD	Selected participants prepare for departure

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Award Facts at a Glance – South & Central Asia

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Awards in South & Central Asia

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Awards for Community College Faculty

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Awards PhD or Terminal Degree Not Required

12
Awards Offer Dependent Support

2
Awards offer Flex Options

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