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Scholar Program

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program 2027-28

Opportunities in the Western Hemisphere
*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).



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**Celebrating 80 years of
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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.





Why Fulbright?

Fulbright supports your professional development

- **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.





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



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Fulbright Scholar Awards in the Western Hemisphere for 2027-28



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Awards in the Western Hemisphere

49 AWARDS | **24** 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





Western Hemisphere New Awards

- **Brazil: Fulbright-FAPESP Postdoctoral Awards**
- **Chile: Fulbright Chile Partnerships Awards**
- **Chile: Chile Lithium Award**



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Postdoctoral Awards

- **Brazil:** [Fulbright-FAPESP Postdoctoral Awards](#)
- **Canada:** [Postdoctoral Research Awards](#)
- **Chile:** [Fulbright Chile Postdoctoral Awards](#)
- **Mexico:** [Fulbright-García Robles Postdoctoral Scholar Award](#)



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Western Hemisphere Central America

- **El Salvador:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Honduras:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Belize:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Costa Rica:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Guatemala:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Panama:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Panama:** [Science, Technology and Education](#)



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Western Hemisphere South America

- **Argentina:** [Science and Technology](#)
- **Brazil:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Paraguay:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Uruguay:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Uruguay:** [Agriculture](#)



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Brazil

- All Disciplines
- Fulbright Distinguished Scholar Awards, Interdisciplinary Network
- Fulbright Distinguished Scholar Awards, Fulbright-FAPESP Network
- Fulbright-FAPESP Postdoctoral Awards
- Fulbright Distinguished Scholar Award in Medical Sciences



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Western Hemisphere Andean Region

- **Bolivia:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Colombia:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Ecuador:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Peru:** [All Disciplines](#)



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Western Hemisphere Caribbean Region

- **The Bahamas:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Barbados and Eastern Caribbean:** [Multiple Disciplines](#)
- **Dominican Republic:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Jamaica:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Trinidad and Tobago:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Suriname:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Guyana:** [Multiple Disciplines](#)



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Western Hemisphere Mexico Awards

- [Fulbright-García Robles Teaching English as a Foreign Language \(TEFL\)](#)
- [Fulbright-García Robles Social Sciences and Humanities](#)
- [Fulbright-García Robles Science and Technology](#)
- [Fulbright-García Robles U.S. Studies Chair](#)
- [Fulbright-García Robles Postdoctoral Scholar Award](#)



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Western Hemisphere - Canada Awards

- **Research Chairs in Business and Management**
- Distinguished Research Chairs at Carleton University
- Research Chairs in Environmental, Food, and Health Studies
- **Research Chairs in Education**
- Research Chairs in Policy, Law, and Governance
- Postdoctoral Research Awards
- Research Chairs in Science and Technology
- **Fulbright Canada Entrepreneurship Initiative (FCEI)**
- All Disciplines
- Research Chairs - General and Interdisciplinary



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Multi-Country Award

- **Mexico & Canada: Fulbright-Carlos Rico Award for North American Studies**



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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)*





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
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 – Western Hemisphere



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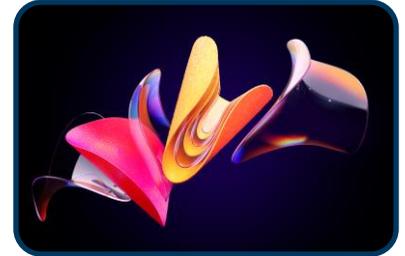
34
Awards for
Community
College
Faculty



23
Awards
PhD or
Terminal
Degree Not
Required



26
Awards
Offer
Dependent
Support



21
Awards
Offer Flex
Options



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