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# Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Opportunities in the Middle East and North Africa

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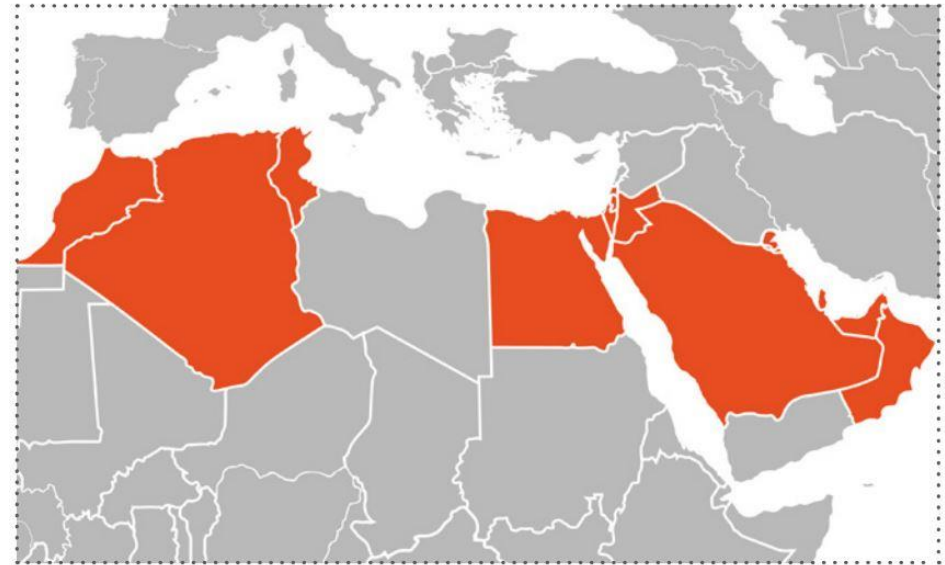
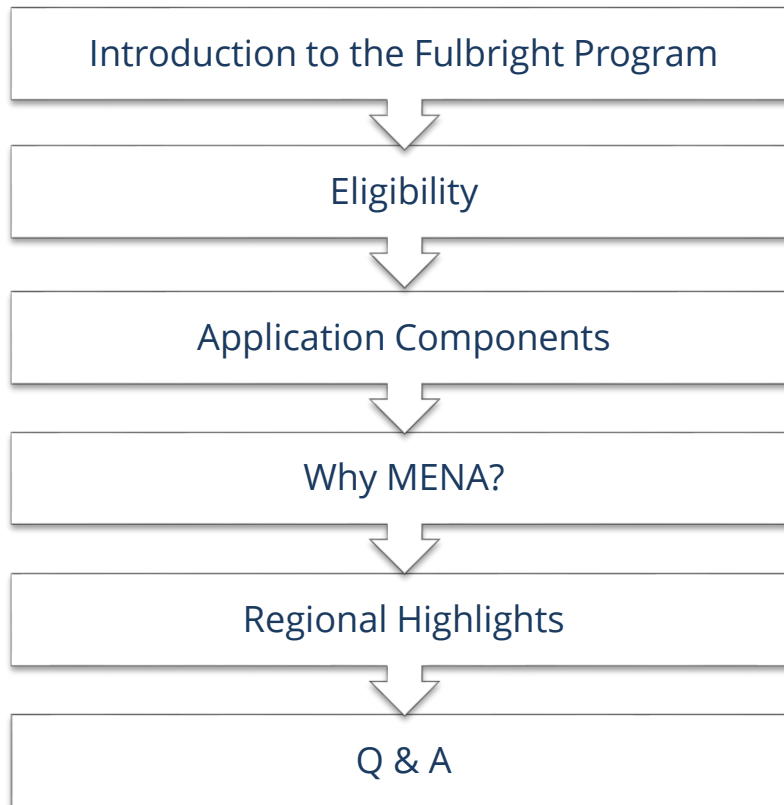
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# What can you expect today?



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# The Fulbright Program



- Established 1946 to expand and strengthen the relationships between the people of the United States and citizens of the rest of the world
- Sponsored by U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and administered by the Institute of International Education's Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)



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# Eligibility for U.S. Scholar Programs

- U.S. citizenship
- Degree as required by award
  - Ph.D. or other terminal degree may be required
  - Many awards are open to applicants with a Masters and professional or academic experience
- Open to professionals and artists outside academia with recognized standing and substantial accomplishments
- Teaching experience as required by award
- New policies on previous Fulbright Scholar grants and waiting periods between grants



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# Application Components

- Application Form
- Project Statement
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Letters of Reference
- Additional components, depending on award
  - Course Outlines or Syllabi (for teaching awards)
  - Select Bibliography (for research awards)
  - Language Proficiency Report
  - Letter of Invitation
  - Supplemental materials for applicants in the Arts, Architecture, Writing and Journalism





# Affiliations and Invitations

## Host Institution:

- If a host is identified, it will be found under Location in the Catalog
- When a host is not identified, there are several resources to help find an affiliation:
  - International office on your campus
  - U.S. and Visiting [Fulbright Scholar Directory](#)

## Letter of Invitation:

- Non-binding expression of interest from proposed host abroad
- Should come from person with whom you will be collaborating
- Should be on host institution letterhead





# Selecting the Right Award

- Narrow your search by region, country, discipline or keyword
- Match your expertise, experience and proposal to the award description
- Language ability
- Discipline preferences listed in the award
- Relevance of the project to the country; why will host country benefit from your project?

2020-2021

FULBRIGHT U.S. SCHOLAR  
CATALOG OF AWARDS

Select Region ▼

or

Select Country/Area ▼

Select Discipline ▼

SEARCH ALL AWARDS



# Why the Middle East and North Africa?



- Generous award benefits, including living and housing allowances and dependent tuition allowance for some countries
- Robust in-country support from Fulbright Commission and US Embassy staff
- High potential for lasting impact
- Unique and transformative experience



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# Flex and Multi-Country Opportunities

## ➤ Flex Awards

- Applicants must indicate plans for Flex in their project statement, including a project timeline
- Flex grantees are especially encouraged to make contact with the local community, developing long-term connections and collaborations
- Only available in Egypt, Kuwait, Morocco, West Bank, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, UAE, MENA Regional Award

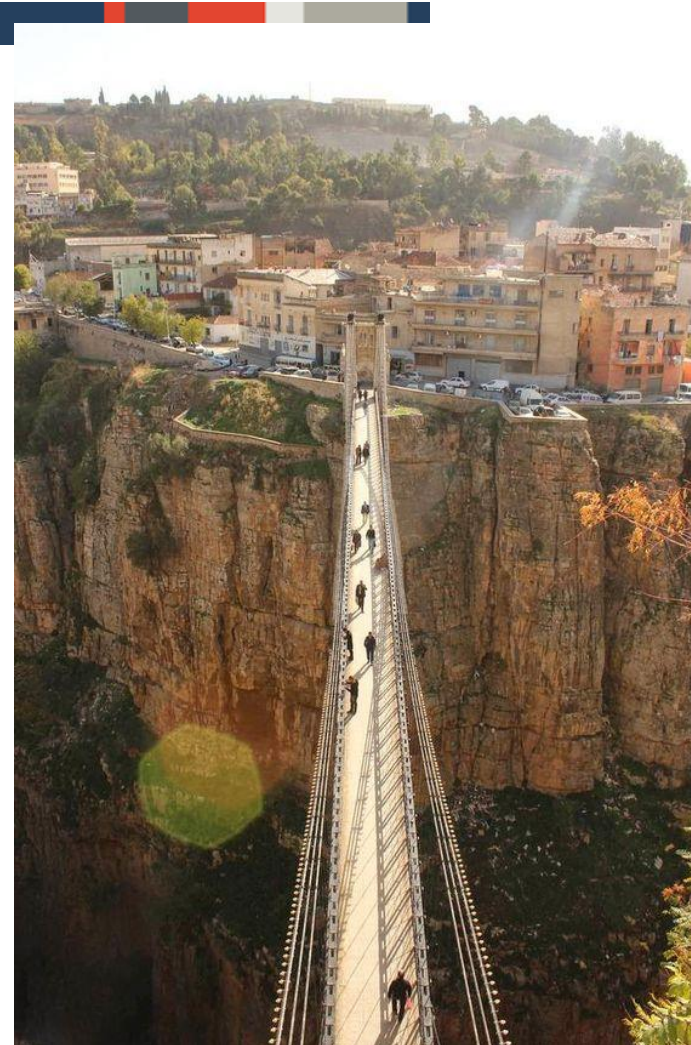
## ➤ The Middle East and North Africa Regional Research Program

- Conduct research in two or more countries in the region
- One segment, or Flex option



# Algeria

- All Disciplines & TEFL/Applied Linguistics
- 10 months, teaching-only
- Preferred:
  - ❖ Ph.D. (required for TEFL award)
  - ❖ Letter of Invitation
  - ❖ French or Arabic language skills
  - ❖ 3 years teaching experience
  - ❖ Previous experience in the MENA region and familiarity with Arab culture



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# Egypt



- Expected to reopen this year!
- All Disciplines, All Disciplines (Flex), American University in Cairo, Business Administration, Sciences, and Visual & Performing Arts
- Fulbright Commission provides deep support network
- Government clearance required
- Knowledge of Arabic is helpful, but not required for awards unless necessary for research projects.
- Flex option available



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# Israel

- Senior Scholar Fellowships (4 months)
  - Assistant professor rank or higher
  - Also open to professionals and artists
- Postdoctoral Fellowships (Up to 20 months)
  - Open to applicants within five years post-Ph.D.
- Letter of Invitation required
- Financial contribution required
  - Postdoctoral Fellowship: At least the standard Postdoctoral grant at the host institution.
  - Senior Scholars: \$2,000

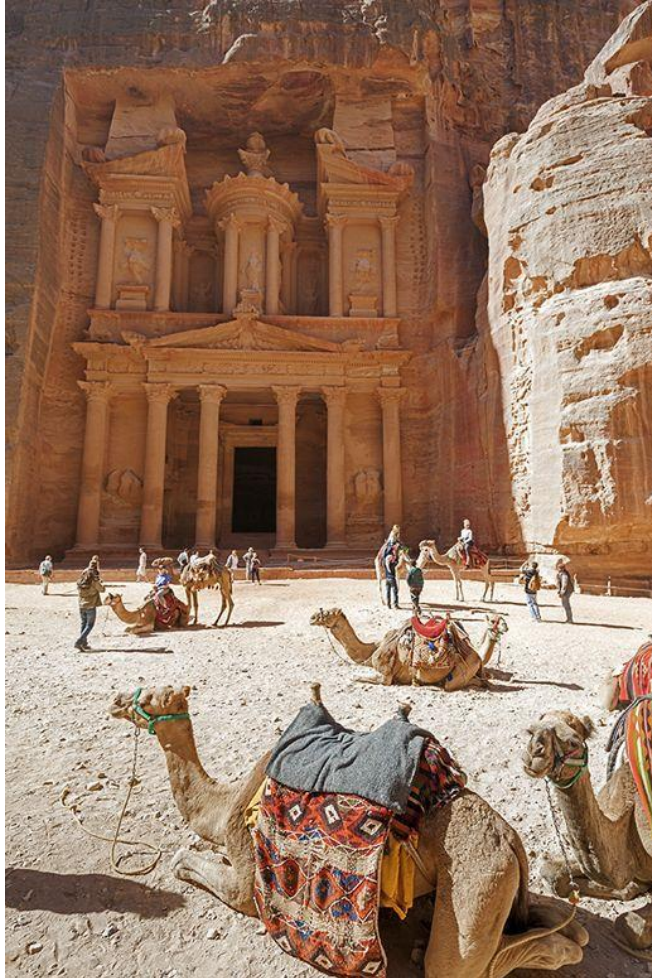


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# Jordan



- All Disciplines (5-10 months)
- TEFL (6 or 10 months)
  - Teaching only
- Ph.D. required
- Preference will be given to candidates with at least three years of postdoctoral experience.
- Letters of invitation are strongly preferred, but not required.
- Fulbright Commission provides deep support network; Fulbright House activities



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# Morocco

- All Disciplines & Morocco-Spain Joint Award
- Flex option available
- Letter of invitation is strongly preferred
- Teaching: Ph.D. and 3 years teaching experience preferred
- Research: Ph.D. not required
- Moroccan government clearance is required



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# Palestinian Territories (West Bank)



- All Disciplines (5-10 months)
- Flex option available
- Ph.D. required
- Teaching: three years teaching experience is required
- 11 eligible host institutions identified
- Security requirements



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# Tunisia

- All Disciplines (5-10 months)
- Flex option available
- Proposals that support Tunisia's democratic and economic development are preferred.
- Letter of invitation preferred
- Ph.D. required

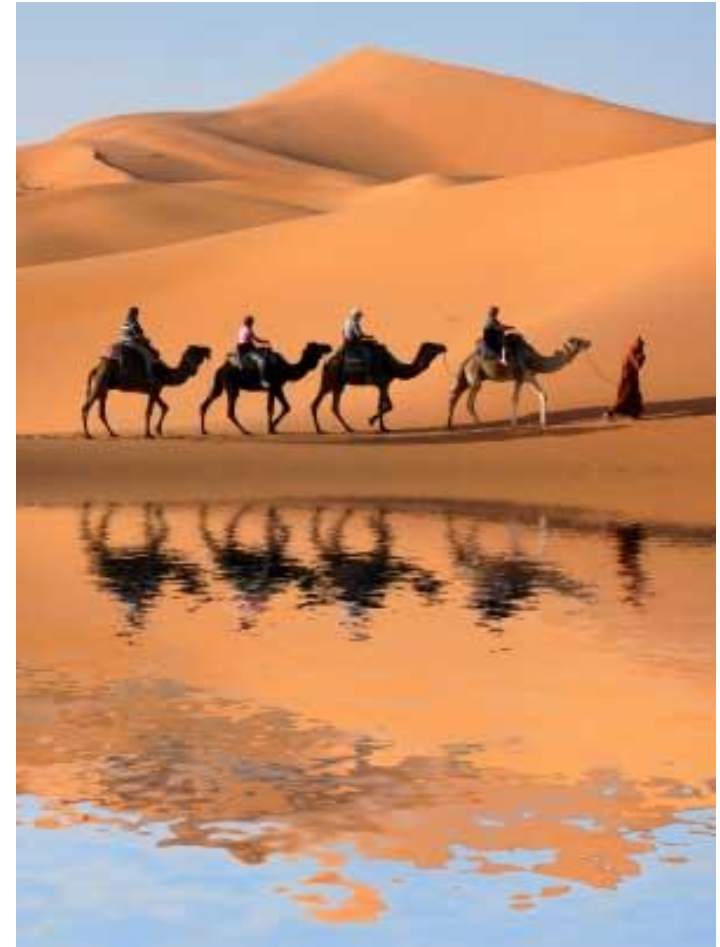


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# Gulf Countries

- Bahrain
  - All Disciplines
  - Business and Economics
  - Educational Administration and Teacher Education
  
- Kuwait: All Disciplines
  
- Oman: All Disciplines
  
- Qatar:
  - All Disciplines
  - Postdoctoral Fellowship in Water, Energy, and the Environment at HBKU
  
- Saudi Arabia: All Disciplines
  
- UAE:
  - All Disciplines (Research)
  - All Disciplines (Teaching or Teaching/Research)



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# Question and Answer

**Q: How can I contact you?**

**A:** [MiddleEastNorthAfrica@iie.org](mailto:MiddleEastNorthAfrica@iie.org)

**Q: When is the application deadline?**

**A:** September 16, 2019

**Q: How many applications do you get? What is the success rate?**

**A:** Sorry, we can't share that information (FFSB policy)

**Q: Is Iraq/Lebanon/Libya/Iraq/Syria/Yemen/Iran/Gaza an eligible host country?**

**A:** No, the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program is not active in these countries.

**Q: Can I apply to two or more awards in the same competition?**

**A:** No, you need to choose ONE award to apply to.

