



FULBRIGHT

Scholar Program

# Fulbright U.S. Scholar Opportunities in the Middle East and North Africa in 2026-27

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# Today's Presentation

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- Why Fulbright?
- Qualifications for Awards
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- **Awards**
- Submit a Strong Application
- Questions
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# The Fulbright Scholar Program

## Background

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- Created in 1946 by U.S. Congress and funded by the U.S. Government
- Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) as its flagship program
- Administered by the Institute of International Education, binational Fulbright Commissions, and U.S. Embassies
- Supports research, teaching, seminar attendance, and professional projects abroad in 120+ countries



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# Why Fulbright?

## Fulbright supports your professional development

- Teach, research, carry out professional projects, and participate in seminars around the world
- Foster sustainable partnerships
- Expand your publishing network and gain new teaching perspectives
- Gain the professional recognition as a Fulbright Scholar
- Join a vibrant and supportive alum network







# Why Fulbright?

## Fulbright supports your family

- Approximately 60% of our awards provide dependent support in funds
  - Use our search filter
  - Check the “Award Benefits” tab
- Most countries allow for family to come abroad with the grantee
- Many Fulbright dependents go on to have international careers





# Why Fulbright?

**Fulbright supports you from application to grant**

- There is a face behind every Scholar Award!
- Continued support while in country from IIE and host country staff
- Access to alums in the Scholar Directory







## Fulbright supports you from application to grant

### Fulbright Scholar Liaisons

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

Find your Liaison or become a Liaison yourself at  
**[fulbrightscholars.org/liaisons](https://fulbrightscholars.org/liaisons)**







## 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 alums 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

- **380+** awards in **120+** countries
- **2-12** months
- Options: Research, Teaching, Teaching/Research, Professional Project, Seminars (2 weeks)
- Flex option: segment your award into 2-3 non-consecutive month(s)-long visits over 1-2 years
- **ONE Award per cycle / competition year**





# Fulbright Scholar Awards

## Awards for Research, Teaching, Teaching/Research, or Professional Projects

- Scholar Awards
- Postdoctoral Awards
- Distinguished Scholar Awards

## Awards for Seminars

- International Education Administrator (IEA) Awards







# Choose “the Most Specific Award that Meets Your Needs”

- Consider “country” or “discipline.”
- Look for “Hidden Gems”
- Are you eligible for a Postdoctoral or Distinguished Award?
- Decide if you have a host in mind, or pick a named institution
- Reflect on the state of your career, your field, and current events in countries abroad.





# Awards in the Middle East and North Africa



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# North Africa

## Featured

- Algeria: [TEFL/Applied Linguistics](#)
- Egypt: [Visual and Performing Arts](#)
- Morocco: [All Disciplines](#)
- Tunisia: [All Disciplines](#)

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# Arabian Peninsula

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## Featured

- Bahrain: [Business and Economics](#)
- Kuwait: [All Disciplines](#)
- Oman: [Multiple Disciplines](#)
- Qatar: [All Disciplines](#)
- Saudi Arabia: [All Disciplines](#)
- United Arab Emirates: [Multiple Disciplines \(Teaching or Teaching/Research\)](#)





# Near East and Multi-Country Awards

## Featured

- Israel: [Distinguished Scholar Fellowship](#)
- Jordan: [All Disciplines](#)
- Palestinian Territories (West Bank): [All Disciplines](#)

## Multi-Country

- Morocco/Spain: [Morocco-Spain Joint Teaching/Research Award](#)
- Middle East and North Africa Regional Research Program: [Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, Oman, Palestinian Territories \(West Bank\), Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates](#)







# Application Components

## Requirements:

- ✓ Application Form
- ✓ Project Statement
- ✓ 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

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|--------------------|---|
| FEBRUARY           | Competition Opens   |
| SEPTEMBER 15       | Application Deadline  |
| SEPTEMBER          | IIE staff conducts Preliminary Screening  |
| OCTOBER – NOVEMBER | U.S. Peer Review  |
| DECEMBER           | Applicants notified of Peer Review result   |
| DECEMBER<br>– JUNE | Final decisions are made by Fulbright Commissions or U.S. Embassies abroad and by the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board in the U.S. |
| JUNE – ONWARD      | Participants are selected and prepare for departure   |



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