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Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Fulbright Public Policy Overview

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MISSION

- In partnership with **160 countries worldwide**, Fulbright offers passionate and accomplished faculty, administrators, 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

- Established in 1946 by Congress, Fulbright is the United States government's **flagship international educational and cultural exchange program**.
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Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Accessibility

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the United States Department of State strives to embed diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) in all aspects of its work.

Public diplomacy is most effective when people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives participate in people-to-people exchanges and programs to promote mutual understanding. The Bureau incorporates DEIA best practices throughout its exchanges and programs, grants, community partnerships, and in its workforce and workplace.

ECA is committed to addressing barriers based on race, ethnicity, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, geographic location, education, income, socio-economic status, and other diversity dimensions, that may hinder inclusion in the organization. The Bureau's commitment to DEIA strengthens U.S. foreign policy and is vital to building trust and partnerships here at home and around the world.





Fulbright by the Numbers

The Fulbright Program funds over **8,000 awards** annually:





Why Fulbright?

Fulbright is transformational.

- **Foster relationships** that are real and lasting
- Expand your **publishing network**
- Become more **multicultural** in the classroom
- Serve as an **ambassador** for international exchange
- Gain the **professional recognition** as being identified as a “Fulbright Scholar”
- Join a vibrant **alumni network**





Why Fulbright?

Fulbright is supportive.

- **70% of applicants** engage with IIE staff
- **Continued support** while in country from IIE and host country staff
- Access to **Fulbright alumni** as a resource





Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship

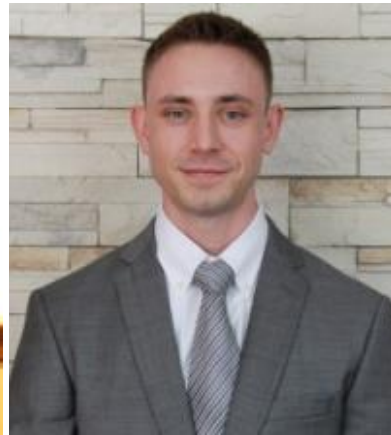
- The Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship provides opportunities for U.S. early and mid-career professionals and practitioners to serve in placements in a foreign government ministry around the world (*Applicants should not contact potential host ministries to organize or advocate for a placement*).
- Fellows will serve as “technical specialists” in a foreign government ministry or institution, 80% of the time immersing themselves in ongoing assignments and new initiatives, at the direction and under the supervision of host government officials.
- Self-directed professional project, 20% of the time
- Four to nine months
- Approximately 12 globally





Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship Eligibility

- U.S. citizenship at the time of application
- Desired qualifications include:
 - Graduate degree in a public-policy related field (e.g., JD, MPA, MPH)
 - 3 to 5 years public policy relevant experience
 - Language skills depends on the country



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Participating Regions and Countries

AFRICA

- Botswana
- Ghana
- Rwanda

EAST ASIA & THE PACIFIC

- Cambodia
- Fiji
- Thailand
- Timor-Leste
- Vietnam

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

- Colombia
- Peru





Participating Countries and Potential Placements: Africa

BOTSWANA

Potential Host Ministries: Ministry of Employment, Labour Productivity and Skills Development; Ministry of Home Affairs; Ministries of Basic and Tertiary Education; Ministry of Youth, Sport, and Culture

Language: English is an official language

GHANA

Potential Host Ministries: Ministry of Health, Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture

Language: English is an official language

RWANDA

Potential Host Ministries: Ministry of Health, Ministry of Infrastructure, Ministry of Gender and Family Promotion, Ministry of Local Government, Rwanda Social Security Board

Language: English is an official language. Additional fluency in French or Kinyarwanda is helpful but not required.





Participating Countries and Potential Placements: East Asia & the Pacific

CAMBODIA

Potential Host

Ministries: Ministry of Culture & Fine Arts

Language: English is sufficient, Khmer language proficiency is not required

FIJI

Potential Host Ministries:

Ministry of Education, Ministry of Environment and Waterways, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture

Language: English is an official language

THAILAND

Potential Host Ministries: Ministry of Public Health; Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research, and Innovation (MHESI); National Innovation Agency; National Vaccine Institute; Food and Drug Administration

Language: English is sufficient, Thai language proficiency is not required

TIMOR-LESTE

Potential Host Ministries: Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Ministry of Public Works, Ministry of Higher Education

Language: Some Portuguese is encouraged although not required

VIETNAM

Potential Host Ministries: Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture

Language: English is sufficient, Vietnamese language proficiency is not required.





Participating Countries and Potential Placements: **Western Hemisphere**

COLOMBIA

Potential Host Ministries: Servicio Nacional de Aprendizaje (SENA), Secretary of Culture, National Planning Department Public Innovation Team, Ministry of Education, and Ministry of Foreign Relations

Language: Advanced (superior) Spanish is required.

PERU

Potential Host Ministries: Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Energy and Mines, Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations, Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion, Ministry of Production, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Transportation and Communications, Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Housing and Construction, Ministry of Labor, Ministry of Economy and Finance, the Mesa de Concertación de Lucha contra la Pobreza (a multiparty group that works on policies to fight poverty), and the National Council for Science, Technology, and Technical Innovation (CONCYTEC), among others

Language: Advanced (superior) Spanish is required.





Application Components

- Application Form
- Essay Questions
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Letters of Reference
- Language Proficiency Report and Evaluation





Essay Questions

All Fulbright Public Policy applicants will be required to complete short essay questions to explain their specific strengths as a candidate and motivation for participating in the Fellowship to reviewers and potential hosts. Responses must be clear and compelling to audiences both inside and outside your field.

Essay questions will be asked in the following areas:

- **Experience and Skills** (*What knowledge and experience do you bring to this fellowship, including specific strengths*)
- **Career Trajectory** (*What is the trajectory you have followed, and what are your plans for the future? How does the Public Policy Fellowship fit into your career path and future goals?*)
- **Country Selection, Preparation and Impact** (*Why have you selected this country? What needs and interests of the host ministry and host country will you address?*)
- **Professional Project** (*What do you propose to do? What is the anticipated impact and benefit your project would have on your host community? Please be specific and also consider outcomes with the potential to be broad and sustainable.*)





Tips to submit a strong application:

Before you start, **read the award's description and country preferences carefully** to ensure you meet all requirements.

Start your application and enter your referees' information as soon as possible. You can always save and return to it.

Take advantage of IIE resources, including webinars, office hours and pointed application guidance on our website.

Remember: You only can receive an award if you apply!





Application Timeline

February 2023	Launch of Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship competition. Application opens
September 15, 2023	Application Deadline
November/December 2023	Peer Review Committee reviews applications and makes recommendations for further consideration by U.S. Embassies or binational Fulbright Commissions in the host country
December 2023	U.S. Embassies or binational Fulbright Commissions overseas review recommended applications, interview candidates (virtually), and consult with host government ministries on candidates. Successful candidates are nominated for selection
January 2024	Recommended candidates reviewed by the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board for approval
February/March 2024	Scholar selections announced, following U.S. Embassy host ministry placement negotiations
July 2024	Pre-departure Orientation (PDO) takes place
July 2024 - March 2025	Scholars depart for host countries





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Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship

The Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship provides opportunities for U.S. early and mid-career professionals and practitioners to serve in placements in a foreign government ministry or institution around the world. Fulbright Public Policy Fellows build mutual understanding and contribute to strengthening the public sector while cultivating public policy experience in their area of expertise. The Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship also includes



- Award Details**
- Award Requirements
- Award Benefits
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Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship

- MULTI-COUNTRY
- BOTSWANA
- CAMBODIA
- COLOMBIA
- FIJI
- GHANA
- MULTI-COUNTRY
- PERU
- RWANDA
- THAILAND
- TIMOR LESTE
- VIETNAM

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

<p>AWARD CODE</p> <p>24477-MC</p>	<p>AWARD START PERIOD</p> <p>July 2024 - March 2025</p>
<p>ACTIVITY TYPE</p> <p>Professional Project ?</p>	<p>AWARD LENGTH</p> <p>4 months - 9 months</p>
<p>DEGREE REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) not required</p>	<p>FLEX OPTION</p> <p>No</p>
<p>CAREER PROFILE</p> <p>Professionals ?</p>	<p>MULTI-COUNTRY/AREA AWARD</p> <p>Yes</p>



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