



FULBRIGHT

Scholar Program

# Fulbright U.S. Scholar Opportunities in the Western Hemisphere Region

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# Today's Presentation

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- Program Overview
- Why Fulbright?
- Qualifications for Awards
- Types of Awards
- Application Cycle
- **Awards & How to Locate Them**
- What Makes a Strong Application
- Questions? Please Reach Out!



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# The Fulbright Scholar Program

## Background

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- Created in 1946 by U.S. Congress in the wake of World War II to promote increased ties and peaceful relations between the United States and countries abroad.
- Funded and 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 alumni *are* eligible:**
  - Recipients of a Fulbright Scholar grant *are* eligible to apply for another Fulbright Scholar grant but must wait 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







# Choose the Most Specific Award that Meets Your Needs

- Consider “country” or “discipline.”
- Think outside the box.
- 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.







# US Scholar Catalog of Awards

- Your way to search for available awards in the Western Hemisphere and beyond
- Filter for awards that match your interests based on various search criteria

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SEARCH AWARDS BY

Search by keyword...

Region

- ☐ Africa, Sub-Saharan
- ☐ East Asia and the Pacific
- ☐ Europe and Eurasia
- ☐ Middle East and North Africa
- ☐ South and Central Asia
- ☒ Western Hemisphere

Country +

Multi-Country/Area +

Disciplines

- \*Geology

Award Type +

Search Reset

SEARCH

Our Awards

COMMEMORATING 250

To commemorate America's 250th, we are highlighting U.S. Scholar awards in American Studies

8 Awards Found

Show Card View

Compare	Code	Award Title	Country/Area	Activity Type	Region
<input type="checkbox"/>	261109-AR	Science and Technology	Argentina	Professional Project, Research, Teaching, Teaching/Research	Western Hemisphere
<input type="checkbox"/>	261273-CA	Research Chairs in Science and Technology	Canada	Research, Teaching/Research	Western Hemisphere
<input type="checkbox"/>	261274-CA	Research Chairs in Policy, Law, and Governance	Canada	Research, Teaching/Research	Western Hemisphere
<input type="checkbox"/>	261081-CL	Astronomy and Antarctic Studies	Chile	Research, Teaching/Research	Western Hemisphere
<input type="checkbox"/>	261298-CL	Science and Technology	Chile	Teaching/Research	Western Hemisphere
<input type="checkbox"/>	261023-GY	Multiple Disciplines	Guyana	Research, Teaching, Teaching/Research	Western Hemisphere



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# Awards in the Western Hemisphere Region



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# North America

## NEW

- **Canada:** [Fulbright Canada Entrepreneurship Initiative](#)  
French: recommended for Québec only

## Featured

- **Mexico:** [Fulbright-García Robles U.S. Studies Chair](#)  
Spanish: from Intermediate *required* to Novice recommended – check each award
- **Canada and Mexico (Joint Award):** [Fulbright-Carlos Rico Award for North American Studies](#)  
French: recommended for Québec only  
Spanish: Intermediate *required*





# Greater Caribbean

## NEW

- **Trinidad and Tobago:** [Teaching Essential Clinical Skills in Occupational Therapy](#)  
English is sufficient

## Featured

- **Bahamas:** [All Disciplines](#)  
English is Sufficient
- **Barbados and Eastern Caribbean:** [Multiple Disciplines](#)
  - Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines  
English is sufficient







# Greater Caribbean, Continued

## Featured

- **Dominican Republic:** [All Disciplines](#)  
[Spanish](#): recommended Advanced
- **Guyana:** [Multiple Disciplines](#)  
English is sufficient
- **Jamaica:** [All Disciplines](#)  
English is sufficient
- **Suriname:** [All Disciplines](#)  
English is Sufficient





# Central America

## NEW

- **Costa Rica:** [All Disciplines \(English and STEM Priorities\)](#)  
[Spanish](#): *required* Intermediate

## Featured

- **Belize:** [All Disciplines](#)  
English is sufficient
- **El Salvador:** [All Disciplines](#)  
[Spanish](#): *required* Intermediate

## Featured

- **Guatemala:** [All Disciplines](#)  
[Spanish](#): *required* Intermediate
- **Honduras:** [All Disciplines](#)  
[Spanish](#): recommended Intermediate
- **Panama:** [Science, Technology, and Education](#)  
[Spanish](#): *required* Intermediate





# Andean and Amazonian Regions

## NEW

- **Brazil:** [Fulbright Distinguished Scholar Award in Arts and Design](#)  
English is sufficient, unless the project requires another language

## Featured

- **Bolivia:** [All Disciplines](#)  
[Spanish:](#) recommended Advanced
- **Colombia:** [All Disciplines](#)  
[Spanish:](#) *required Novice*
- **Ecuador:** [All Disciplines](#)  
English is sufficient, unless the project requires Spanish

## Featured

- **Peru:** [All Disciplines](#)  
[Spanish:](#) *required intermediate*





# Brazil and the Southern Cone

## Featured

- **Argentina:** [Social Sciences and Humanities](#)  
[Spanish:](#) recommended Intermediate
- **Chile:** [Astronomy and Antarctic Studies](#)  
[Spanish:](#) recommended Intermediate
- **Uruguay:** [Agriculture](#)  
[Spanish:](#) recommended Intermediate
- **Paraguay:** [All Disciplines](#)  
[Spanish:](#) recommended Advanced

## Featured

- **Brazil:** [All Disciplines](#)  
English is sufficient, unless the project requires another language







# 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

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 – 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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