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Scholar Program

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program 2027-28

Opportunities in Sub-Saharan Africa *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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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.



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Why Fulbright?

Fulbright supports you from application to award

- **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





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 Sub-Saharan Africa for 2027-28



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Awards in Sub-Saharan Africa

29 AWARDS | **25** 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





Sub-Saharan Africa West Africa Awards

Benin -1

Cabo Verde – up to 2

Côte d'Ivoire - up to 4

Gambia (PP) - up to 2

Ghana – approximately 5

Guinea – up to 2

Nigeria (PP) -- up to 7

Senegal – up to 4

Sierra Leone – up to 2



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Sub-Saharan Africa East Africa Awards

- Ethiopia – up to 8
- Kenya – up to 8
- Rwanda – up to 3
- Tanzania – up to 7
- Uganda (PP) -- up to 5



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Sub-Saharan Africa Southern Africa Awards

- Botswana (PP)
- Eswatini (PP)
- Madagascar
- Malawi (PP)
- Mauritius
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- South Africa (PP)
- Zambia (PP)
- Zimbabwe (PP)



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Sub-Saharan Africa

Cameroon and the Africa Regional Research Program

- Cameroon – Approximately 2 awards, All Disciplines, Teaching and Research
- ARRP applications are accepted for up to three countries in the Sub-Saharan Africa region with active Fulbright U.S. Scholar programs, except South Africa.
- <https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/africa-regional-research-program-8>



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Fulbright IEA Seminar Offerings for 2027-28

Location	Applicant Profile	Seminar Dates	Application Deadline
Taiwan	Senior Leadership & Student-facing Roles	March 2027	September
France-Senegal	Senior Leadership & Manager Level Roles at HBCUs	March-April 2027	September
Israel	Senior Leadership	June 2027	November
Japan	Senior Leadership & Student-facing Roles	June 2027	November
France	Senior Leadership	October 2027	February
South Korea	Senior Leadership & Student-facing Roles	October-November 2027	February
Germany	Senior Leadership & Student-facing Roles	October-November 2027	February



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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 – Sub-Saharan Africa



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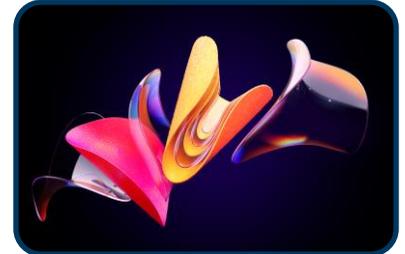
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Awards for Community College Faculty



15
Awards PhD or Terminal Degree Not Required



28
Awards Offer Dependent Support



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Award Offers Flex Option



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