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Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Opportunities in Sub-Saharan Africa

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Today's Webinar: What to Expect



Introduction to the
Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

Application Process: Overview & Strategies

Award Highlights

Question & Answer



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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
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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



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



Submitting a Competitive Application

- Address the Fulbright goal of promoting mutual understanding
- Why you are interested in a Fulbright and why in your proposed host country
- Professional expertise and skills you can offer; benefits to the host institution and host country; exchange of knowledge and experience
- Cultural diplomacy; demonstrated flexibility, adaptability
- Outcomes, impact, and multiplier effect
 - for your professional development, home campus, students, field at large; for your host institution
 - future collaborations; linkages: personal, professional, institutional; plans for sustaining relationships
 - internationalizing campus and curriculum



Review Process and Timeline

SEPT. 16

Application deadline

SEPT.

Program staff conduct technical reviews for completeness

OCT. - NOV.

U.S. peer review

DEC.

Applicants notified of status - Recommended applications are sent to host countries and to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board

JAN. - APR.

Grantees notified of final approvals

MAY - onward

Grantees prepare for grants



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Africa Regional Research Program

- Open to all disciplines
- Increase or develop new contacts and intellectual ties between U.S. and African communities and contribute to scholarship on Africa
- Flex option available
- Multi-Country options
- Choose 1-3 countries with active Fulbright U.S. Scholar programs (except South Africa)
- Research-only for South Africa? See separate South Africa awards.



Language Requirements

- French Language Ability Required:
 - **Benin:** French required except for teaching American studies and linguistics
 - **Burkina Faso:** French required except for teaching American studies and linguistics
 - **Cameroon:** varies per institution
 - **Cote d'Ivoire:** French preferred
 - **Guinea:** French required except for teaching American studies and linguistics
 - **Madagascar:** All teaching will be in English; conversational French in helpful
 - **Mauritius:** All teaching will be in English: knowledge of French is an advantage
 - **Niger:** French required except for teaching American literature
 - **Senegal:** French required except for teaching American literature
- Portuguese Language Ability Required:
 - **Mozambique:** Portuguese language fluency required
- Additional Languages
 - **Kenya:** All teaching will be in English; Swahili will be useful in social settings
 - **Malawi:** All teaching will be in English; basic Chichewa will be useful in remote areas
 - **Sudan:** All teaching will be in English; working knowledge of Arabic is an advantage
 - **Tanzania:** All teaching will be in English; scholars advised to take Swahili classes to prepare



Award Highlights: Western Africa

- Ghana: All Disciplines

- Burkina Faso
 - All Disciplines
 - Business Administration, Law or Medical Sciences
 - Engineering and Environmental Sciences

- Nigeria: All Disciplines

- Niger: All Disciplines



Award Highlights: Western Africa

- Sierra Leone: All Disciplines
- Côte d'Ivoire
 - Agriculture or Environmental Sciences
 - Mechanical Engineering and Technology Instruction
 - Business Administration
- Benin: All Disciplines
- Senegal: All Disciplines
- Guinea: All Disciplines



Award Highlights: Central & Eastern Africa

- Cameroon: All Disciplines
- Tanzania: All Disciplines
- Sudan: All Disciplines
- Uganda: All Disciplines
- Kenya: All Disciplines
- Ethiopia: All Disciplines
- Rwanda
 - Arts, Humanities and Journalism
 - Commerce, Business Administration, Economics and Finance
 - STEM, Medical Sciences and Physical Therapy, Agriculture, Veterinary Medicine



Award Highlights: Southern Africa

- Mauritius
 - All Disciplines
 - Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property (IP)

- Mozambique
 - All Disciplines
 - Medical Sciences
 - Environmental Studies and Sciences
 - Agriculture, Business Administration, Information Technology, Economics or Public Administration

- Namibia: All Disciplines

- Zimbabwe: All Disciplines



Award Highlights: Southern Africa

➤ Zambia

- University of Zambia
- Copperbelt University
- Journalism and Broadcasting

➤ Botswana

- Applied Sciences
- Public Health
- Cyber Security and Digital Forensics
- Computing: Mobile Technologies and Multimedia; Network Security and Computer Forensics



Award Highlights: Southern Africa

- Madagascar: All Disciplines
- Malawi: All Disciplines
- Eswatini (Swaziland)
 - Business Administration
 - Sociology
- South Africa
 - Social Sciences and Humanities
 - Science and Technology



Question and Answer

Q: How can I contact you?

A: SubSaharanAfrica@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: Can I apply to two or more awards in the same competition?

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

Q: Is Angola/Burundi/Mali/DRC/Togo/Liberia/Gambia/etc.?

A: No, the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program is not active in these countries. If the country is not listed in the Catalog of Awards, then we do not have an active program there and, thus, you cannot propose a project there.

