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Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Opportunities in American Studies

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Today's Presentation

- Program Overview
- Why Fulbright?
- Eligibility
- American Studies: Opportunities Around the World
- Application Cycle and Tips
- Questions





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.

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Fulbright by the Numbers

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



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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 family-friendly.

- Approximately **60%** of our awards provide **dependent support**
- Many Fulbright dependents go on to have international careers





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





Eligibility for U.S. Scholar Program



U.S. citizenship



Degree and experience, as required by award:

- Ph.D. or other terminal degree
- MA and higher education teaching or professional experience
- Professional and/or artistic experience with substantial accomplishments
- Teaching experience as required



Compliance with policies on previous Fulbright

Scholar awards: two year waiting period between Fulbright U.S. Scholar award and next application





Which Award is for you?

Award Types:

- 1 Scholar Awards
- 2 Postdoctoral Awards
- 3 Distinguished Scholar Awards
- 4 International Education Administrator Awards





Which Award is for you?

Flex Option

- Available in 63 countries and all world areas
- Allows multiple visits over two years

Global & Regional Awards

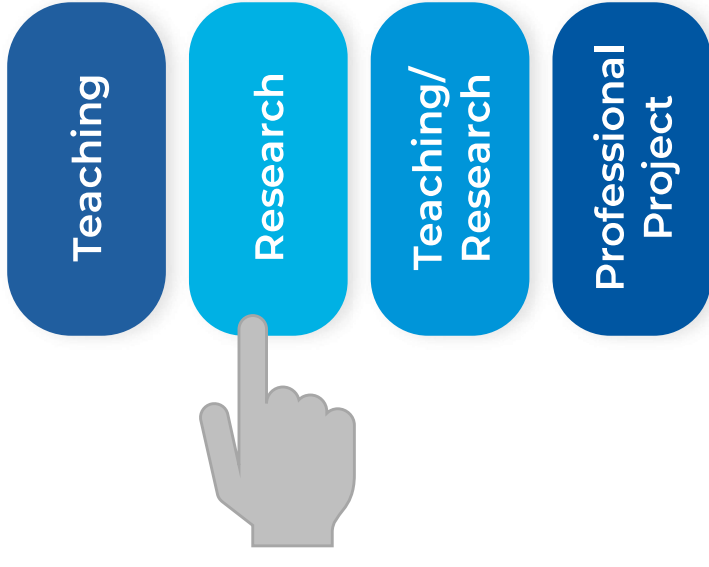




Selecting the Right Award

- **Match** country interest, expertise, career profile, and proposal to the award description
- **Language ability** (if applicable)
- **Discipline preferences**, when specified
- **Project relevance** to the host country and/or institution
- **Benefits** to you and your community

Remember: you can only apply for **ONE AWARD** per application cycle





Understanding the Awards

Visit fulbrightscholars.org to search awards

Review important details in:

- award details
- award requirements
- award benefits
- country/area overview

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1 Award Details
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Begin Application Process

Add to Comparison

PROGRAM STAFF:
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AWARD CODE: 25287-AT

ACTIVITY TYPE: Teaching / Research

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) / required

CAREER PROFILE: Mid-Career Academics / Senior Academics

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS: Exactly 1

AWARD START PERIOD: September 2025 or February 2026

AWARD LENGTH: 4 months

FLEX OPTION: No

MULTI-COUNTRY/AREA AWARD: No

DISCIPLINES: American Studies, Anthropology, Architecture, Art History, Arts, Creative Writing, Drama/Theater, Education, Film/Cinema Studies, Gender Studies, History (American), Literature (American)

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American Studies: Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program 2025-26 Competition



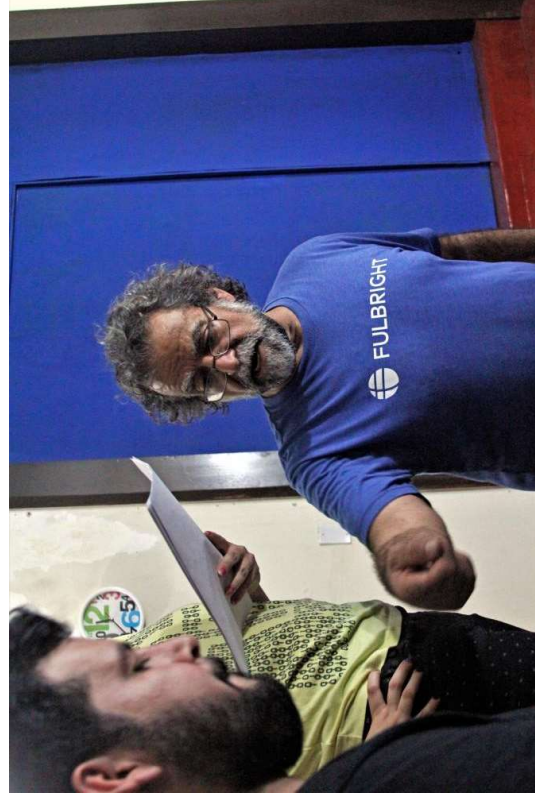
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American Studies: opportunity is waiting for you around the world!

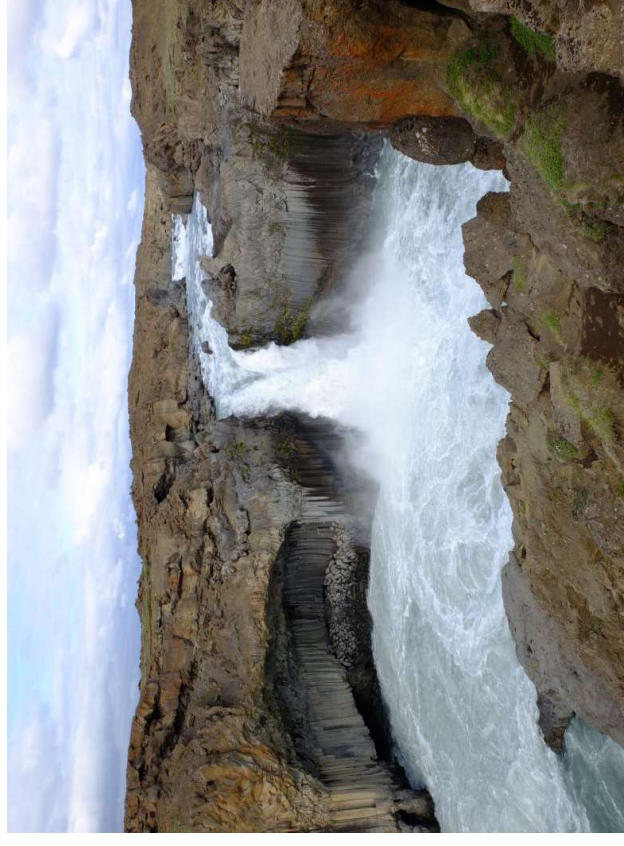
- Close to 50 awards focused on American Studies around the world!
- Many awards do not require letters of invitation or are partner awards, taking the guesswork out of finding a host.
- Looking for a country or award that we don't mention? Remember that this is just a fraction of what's available!





Europe and Eurasia

- **Austria:** [American Studies \(Lecturing Award\)](#)
- **Denmark:** [Danish Distinguished Scholar Award in American Studies](#)
- **Finland:** [Fulbright Bicentennial Chair in American Studies](#)
- **Italy:** [Fulbright Lectureship in Italian-American Studies at the University of Calabria](#)
- **Norway:** [American Literature and Culture](#)
- **Sweden:** [Fulbright-Uppsala University Distinguished Scholar Award in American Studies](#)





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- **Hungary:** [Laszlo Orszagh Distinguished Award in American Studies](#)
- **North Macedonia:** [Rule of Law, Judiciary Reform and Civil Society](#)
- **Poland:** [Distinguished Scholar in Humanities and Social Sciences at the American Studies Center, University of Warsaw](#)



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East Asia and Pacific

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- **Australia:** [Postdoctoral Scholarship in Multiple Disciplines at University of Newcastle](#)
- **Australia:** [Fulbright Scholar Award at Central Queensland University Australia](#)
- **Japan:** [Study of the United States](#)
- **Korea:** [Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities](#)
- **Philippines:** [U.S.-Philippine Relations](#)





Western Hemisphere

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- **Argentina:** [Social Sciences and Humanities](#)
- **Canada:** [Research Chairs in North American Studies](#)
 - Transnational; US-Canada
 - Anti-racism, BIPOC communities
- **Canada-Mexico:** [Carlos Rico Award for North American Studies](#)
- **Panama:** [Science, Technology, and Education](#)



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Sub-Saharan Africa

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- Teaching and Lecturers are welcome in **American Studies, American Literature, and TEFL** throughout the region!
- **The Gambia:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Nigeria:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Uganda:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **South Africa:** [Social Sciences and Humanities Award](#)



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Middle East and North Africa

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- **Gulf Countries** (Bahrain, Kuwait, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar): All Disciplines or Multiple Disciplines Awards
- **Egypt:** [Distinguished Scholar Award](#)
- **Jordan:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Morocco:** [All Disciplines](#)



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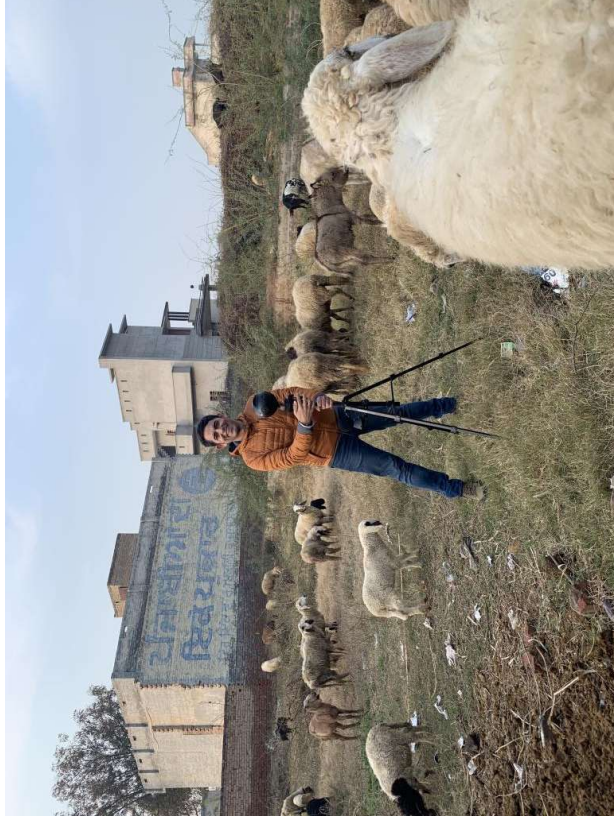
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South and Central Asia

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- **India:** [Fulbright-Nehru Distinguished Scholar \(All Disciplines\)](#) and [Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Award](#)
- **Nepal:** [All Disciplines \(Teaching/Research\)](#)
- **Bangladesh:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Kyrgyzstan:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Sri Lanka:** [All Disciplines](#)





Application Components

Requirements:

- ✓ Application Form
- ✓ Project Statement
- ✓ Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- ✓ 2 Letters of Recommendation
- ✓ Language Proficiency Report *(if required)*
- ✓ Letter of Invitation *(if required)*

Supplemental Materials:

- ✓ Course outlines or syllabi *(for teaching)*
- ✓ Reference list *(for research)*
- ✓ Portfolio submissions *(for artists, architects, and journalists)*





Tips for a strong application:



Before you start, **read your award's description carefully** to ensure you meet all requirements and your proposed project is possible.



Start application and enter referees' information **as soon as possible**.



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





Application Cycle

FEBRUARY	Competition Opens
SEPTEMBER 16	Application Deadline
SEPTEMBER	Program staff conducts technical reviews for completeness
OCTOBER – NOVEMBER	U.S. peer review
NOVEMBER – JANUARY	Applicants notified of status. Recommended applications are sent to host countries and to the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.
JANUARY – JUNE	Final decisions are made
JUNE – ONWARD	Participants prepare for departure



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