



FULBRIGHT

Scholar Program

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Opportunities in TEFL and Education

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Today's Presentation

- Program Overview
- Why Fulbright?
- Eligibility
- Types of Awards
- Alum Perspective
- Submit a Strong Application
- 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. 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:

900

U.S. scholars and administrators

900

Visiting scholars

2,200

U.S. students

4,000

foreign students

400

language teaching assistants





Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards give opportunities to U.S. citizens to teach, research, carry out professional projects, and participate in seminars around the world.

Why Fulbright?

Fulbright is transformational.

- Foster sustainable partnerships
- Expand your publishing network and gain new teaching perspectives
- Serve as a cultural ambassador
- Gain the professional recognition as being identified as a Fulbright Scholar
- Join a vibrant and supportive 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 **scholar liaisons** and **alumni** as resources





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
- **Fulbright U.S. Scholar alums are eligible**; two year waiting period between end of your last Fulbright U.S. Scholar award and next application





What can a Fulbright U.S. Scholar do? Start by finding your award!

Over 400 individual awards in more than 100 countries to **teach, research**, teach AND conduct research (listed as **teaching/research**), carry out a **professional project** or attend a **seminar**:

fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search

Select ***one award*** that suits your profile as a scholar, your project and your goals – and apply!





Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards

Award Types that support research, teaching, and/or professional projects:

- Postdoctoral Awards
- Scholar Awards
- Distinguished Scholar Awards

Awards vary from **2-12 months**



Over 60 countries allow for the **Flex option**, which lets you divide a longer grant into two to three visits over up to two years, depending on the award.





International Education (IEA) Administrator Awards

Fulbright International Education

Administrator (IEA) Awards: Participate in seminars to learn about a country's higher education system and context!

Open to international education staff and senior-level administrators on U.S. campuses.

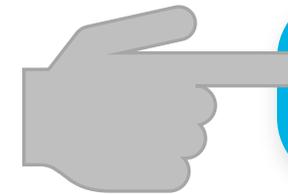
Details at fulbrightscholars.org/iea





Selecting the Right Award

- **Match** country interest, expertise, career profile, and proposal to the award description
- Most awards are for one country, but there also some **regional and global awards** – check your options!
- **Language ability** (if applicable)
- **Discipline preferences**, when specified
- **Project relevance** to the host country and/or institution
- **Benefits** to you and your community



Teaching

Research

Teaching/
Research

Professional
Project

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

[Back to awards search](#)

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR AWARD

Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Awards (All Disciplines)

INDIA

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024**

[Begin Application Process](#)

[Add to Comparison](#)

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AWARD CODE
25326-IN

ACTIVITY TYPE
Professional Project ?
Research ?
Teaching ?
Teaching/Research ?

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) not required

CAREER PROFILE
Artists ?
Early Career Academics ?
Mid-Career Academics ?
Professionals ?
Senior Academics ?

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS
Up To 40

AWARD START PERIOD
July 2025 - March 2026

AWARD LENGTH
4 months - 9 months

FLEX OPTION
Yes

MULTI-COUNTRY/AREA AWARD
No

DISCIPLINES
Projects are sought in all disciplines



TEFL and Education: Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program 2025-26 Competition



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TEFL and Education



- 59 awards in TEFL and Education
- 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

- **Albania:** [Multiple Disciplines](#)
- **Austria:** [Fulbright-University of Innsbruck Visiting Professor](#)
- **Czech Republic:** [Fulbright-Masaryk University Distinguished Scholar](#)
- **Hungary:** [Fulbright-Eszterházy Scholar Award](#)





Europe and Eurasia

- **Iceland:** [Fulbright Iceland-National Science Foundation Distinguished Scholar Award in Arctic Studies](#)
- **Kosovo:** [Improvement of Policy Making in Higher Education](#)
- **Finland:** [Fulbright-Haaga-Helia \(University of Applied Sciences\) Scholar Award](#)
- **Malta:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Montenegro:** [All Disciplines](#)





Europe and Eurasia



- **Norway:** [Roving Scholar in American Studies](#)
- **Poland:** [Distinguished Scholar in Humanities and Social Sciences at Adam Mickiewicz University](#)
- **Poland:** [Distinguished Scholar in Humanities at Maria Curie-Skłodowska University](#)
- **United Kingdom:** [Fulbright - British Virgin Islands Scholar Award at H. Lavity Stoutt Community College \(HLSCC\)](#)



East Asia and Pacific

- **Australia:** [Fulbright Scholar Award \(University of Canberra\)](#)
- **Taiwan:** [Arts, Education, Humanities, Professional Fields and Social Sciences](#)
- **Timor Leste:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Indonesia:** [All Disciplines \(Teaching\)](#)
- [ASEAN Research Program](#)





Western Hemisphere

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- **Canada:** [Research Chairs in Education](#)
- **NEW Chile:** [Distinguished Scholar Awards](#)
- **Mexico:** [Fulbright-García Robles Teaching English as a Foreign Language](#)
- **Panama:** [Science, Technology, and Education](#)





Sub-Saharan Africa

- Teaching experience sought in Sub-Saharan Africa
- 14 awards do **not** require a Ph.D. or Terminal Degree
- French and Portuguese language experience helpful
- **Eswatini:** All Disciplines
- **South Africa:** Social Sciences and Humanities
- **The Gambia:** All Disciplines





Middle East and North Africa

- Bahrain: [Teacher Education](#)
- Israel: [Postdoctoral Fellowships](#)
- Kuwait: [Multiple Disciplines](#)
- Tunisia: [All Disciplines](#)
- TEFL/Applied Linguistics in [Algeria, Jordan and Palestinian Territories](#)





South and Central Asia

SouthCentralAsia@iie.org

- **India:** Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Award
- **Nepal:** Research and Teaching/Research
- **Sri Lanka:** All Disciplines
- **Bangladesh:** All Disciplines
- **Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan:** All or Multiple Disciplines Awards



Alumni Perspective



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Dr. Hakim Mohandas Amani Williams

Fulbright U.S. Scholar – Ghana, Brazil, Jamaica (2021-2022)
Research



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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

The 2025-26 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Competition: Open in February 2024

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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Bring Foreign Fulbrighters to your Campus

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE (S-I-R) PROGRAM

Host scholars from other countries to teach for a semester or an academic year

Deadline: Proposals due in June to host in the following academic year

Website:
fulbrightscholars.org/sir

Email: SIR@iie.org

FULBRIGHT OUTREACH LECTURING FUND (OLF)

Host current Fulbright Visiting Scholars for short-term lectureships of 2-6 days on discipline or cultural topics to internationalize the campus

Website:
fulbrightscholars.org/OLF

Email: OLF@iie.org

FULBRIGHT LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSISTANT (FLTA) PROGRAM

Host native speaking language teaching assistants to enhance students' understanding different languages and cultures

Website:
foreign.fulbrightonline.org

Email: dcook@iie.org





Additional Fulbright U.S. Programs

SCHOLARS

- Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program
GPA@ed.gov
- Specialist Program
FulbrightSpecialist@worldlearning.org

STUDENTS

- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program
DDRA@ed.gov
- English Teaching Assistant (ETA) Program
FBstudent@iie.org
- Student Program
FBstudent@iie.org

TEACHERS

- Distinguished Award in Teaching Research Program
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- Group Projects Abroad
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- Teachers for Global Classrooms
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