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Virtual Advising for the Western Hemisphere

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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
- Sponsored by U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and administered by the Institute of International Education's Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)



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Fulbright in Numbers



380,000+

Fulbrights awarded since 1946



800

U.S. Scholar grants annually



160

Participants countries



37

Heads of State or Government



59

Nobel Laureates



84

Pulitzer Prize recipients

MacArthur
Foundation

71

MacArthur Fellows



16

Presidential Medal of Freedom recipients



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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 in the Core Program are open to applicants with a Masters and professional or academic experience – see Award Description for details
- Professionals and artists outside academia – recognized professional standing and substantial accomplishments
- Teaching experience as required by award
- [New policies](#) on previous Fulbright Scholar grants and waiting periods between grants



Selecting the Right Award

- Narrow your search by region, country, discipline
 - Discipline preferences listed in the award
 - All Disciplines awards
- Use advanced search function to search by degree requirements, professional profile, and grant activity
- Relevance of the project to the country; why will host country benefit from your project?

The screenshot shows the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Catalog of Awards search interface for the 2018-2019 period. At the top, the Fulbright logo is displayed, followed by the text "A program of the United States Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs" and "MY FULBRIGHT | FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR PROGRAM". Below this, the year "2018-2019" is shown, followed by the title "FULBRIGHT U.S. SCHOLAR CATALOG OF AWARDS". The search interface includes three dropdown menus: "Select Region", "Select Country/Area", and "Select Discipline". Below these is an orange "FIND AWARDS" button and a link for "ADVANCED SEARCH".



Western Hemisphere: Overview

- 28 Countries represented from Canada to Chile
- 55 award offerings in the region
- Approximately 195 grants available



“The Fulbright experience has permitted me to begin a new chapter in my U.S.-based research...”

Sarah Gallo, Fulbright US Scholar to Mexico 2016-2017



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Canada



- **9411-CA** All Disciplines Award
- **9494-CA** Postdoctoral Research Award in Northern Issues
- **9423-CA** Distinguished Research Chairs at Carleton University
- **Canada Research Chair Awards**– themed awards with pre-identified hosts. Applicants rank hosts in the proposal. **Letters of invitation not required:**
 - **9407-CA** Research Chairs in Arts, Humanities, and Culture
 - **9410-CA** Research Chairs in Business and Economics
 - **9413-CA** Research Chairs in Education Science and Technology
 - **9416-CA** Research Chairs in Environmental Sciences
 - **9422-CA** Research Chairs in Health/Food Security
 - **9418-CA** Research Chairs in Indigenous Studies
 - **9420-CA** Research Chairs in North American Studies
 - **9419-CA** Research Chairs in Policy, Law, and Governance
 - **9477-MC** Fulbright Carlos Rico Award for North American Studies

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Mexico



- **9450-MX** Postdoctoral Scholar Award
- **9449-MX** Fulbright Scholar Border Program
- **9448-MX** Science and Technology Award
- **9446-MX** Social Sciences and Humanities
- **9451-MX** Teaching English as a Foreign Language
- **9447-MX** U.S. Studies Chair
- **9477-MC** Fulbright Carlos Rico Award for North American Studies

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Brazil



- **9398-BR** All Disciplines Award- **30 Grants!**
- **9400-BR** Post Doctoral Award in Natural Sciences
- **9397-BR** Distinguished Chair in International Relations at the University of Sao Paulo
- **9399-BR** FACEPE Distinguished Chair in STEM+C
- **9401-BR** Distinguished Chair in Public Policy at EIPP/FUNDAJ

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Colombia and Venezuela

➤ Colombia



- **9434-CO** All Disciplines
- **9433-CO** Universidad Nacional de Colombia Distinguished Chair in Biodiversity and Sustainable Development

➤ Venezuela



- Multiple Disciplines award- Flex Only
- Information available in our catalog soon.
- The awarding of a Fulbright U.S. Scholar grant is contingent upon receipt of a visa from the Government of Venezuela. Selected Fulbright Scholar candidates who do not receive their visa by May 15, 2019, will not receive a Fulbright grant.



The Southern Cone: Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay

➤ Argentina

- **9391-AR** Science and Technology
- **9392-AR** Social Sciences and Humanities



➤ Chile

- **9430-CL** Astronomy and Antarctic Study Awards- Post Doctoral/Early Career
- **9431-CL** Science and Technology
- **9432-CL** Social Sciences, Humanities, and Education



➤ Paraguay

- **9455-PA** All Disciplines



➤ Uruguay

- **9460-UY** All Disciplines
- **9461-UY** Agriculture



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All Disciplines Awards in the Western Hemisphere

All Disciplines Awards

- Available in 23 countries in the Western Hemisphere
- Support a variety of activities
- Open to all disciplines but may have preferences
- Open to a variety of host institutions

Bahamas
Barbados/Eastern Caribbean
Belize
Bolivia
Brazil
Canada
Colombia
Costa Rica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
El Salvador
Guatemala
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Jamaica
Nicaragua
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Suriname
Trinidad and Tobago
Uruguay

All Disciplines Awards

Available in all regions of the Western Hemisphere

- North America
- Central America
- The Caribbean
- South America



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A Fulbright that Works for You

- Flex option
 - Available in 25 Western Hemisphere countries
 - Allows multiple visits over two years
- Awards throughout your career:
 - Postdoctoral awards
 - Early Career
 - Distinguished Chair
- Carlos Rico Award: Canada/Mexico
- Global Scholar Award
- Home university affiliation is not required. Applications from artists and professionals, independent and emeriti scholars are welcomed!



Application Components

- Application Form
- Project Statement
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Course Outlines or Syllabi (for teaching awards)
- Select Bibliography (for research awards)
- Letters of Reference
- Additional Components, Depending on Award
 - Language Proficiency Report
 - Letter of Invitation
 - Supplemental materials for applicants in the Arts, Architecture, Writing and Journalism



Project Statement

- Your opportunity to lay out your proposed **project specifics** in as much detail as possible
- Why Fulbright and why this country/institution/organizations?
- Focus on what you plan to **do**; the specific courses you plan to teach/the methods and goals of your research
- Outcomes from the grant - impact on hosts, home institution and you
- How adaptable are you? How well will you deal with challenging situations?



Special Award Features and Requirements

- Language Requirements
 - Spanish, Portuguese, French or Haitian Creole, Dutch may be required.
 - Levels will vary by country and award.

- Regional Travel Award
 - During their grant period, Fulbright U.S. Scholars in the Western Hemisphere region may apply for a short-term regional travel grant in eligible WHA countries.
 - The Regional Travel Program covers travel to and from the destination; lodging may be offered by the hosting institution.
 - Scholars apply for this grant once in country on their Fulbright grant.



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](#)
 - Review award description for suggested hosts or resources

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



Affiliations and Invitations- Considerations for the Western Hemisphere

- Some countries ask that language requirements be addressed in the letter of invitation: e.g.: Brazil
- Some countries/systems of higher education may require the letter of invitation to come from a high-level administrator: e.g.: Argentina
- Some countries will make placements for some awards, and do not require letters of invitation: e.g.: Canada, Mexico.
- Some countries require finances to be input into the letter of invitation: e.g.: Chile- host institution must contribute to grant.



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 Criteria

- Teaching
 - Match of academic, professional or artistic expertise to the award
 - Teaching ability and requisite experience
 - Quality and feasibility
 - Outcomes, potential impact and benefits

- Research
 - Intellectual merits
 - Suitability and feasibility
 - Need for residence in the host country
 - Evidence of host institution interest and affiliation
 - Outcomes, potential impact and benefits



Review Process and Timeline

AUG.

Program staff conduct technical reviews for completeness

SEPT.

Discipline-specific committees review applications

**SEPT. -
EARLY NOV.**

U.S. peer review committees discuss applications for a single geographical region

NOV. - JAN.

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

FEB. - MAY

Grantees notified of final approvals

MAY - JUNE

Grant packets sent to grantees



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Application Resources

- [Fulbright Scholar Program website](#) and [Catalog of Awards](#)
- **Apply**
 - [Application](#) and [Application Instructions](#)
 - [Application Guidelines, Project Statement Guidance](#) and [Samples](#)
- **Learn**
 - [Webinars](#)
 - The Fulbright Scholar [Blog](#)
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