



FULBRIGHT

Scholar Program

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Opportunities in Mexico

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Today's Presentation

- Program Overview
- Why Fulbright?
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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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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 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



U.S. Fulbright-García Robles Programs



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Research and Teaching Programs

Programs



Teaching English as a Foreign Language

- Grantee undertakes training or teaching activities related to English teaching
- Teacher training

Carlos Rico

- Research and/or teaching of subjects of importance to North America
- Shared between Canada and Mexico

U.S. Studies Chair

- Teach a U.S.-related course at a Mexican university
- Relationships established with 4 universities
- Shared cost
- Began in 2016-17

Programs



Border Studies

- Research and scholarship related to the border

Researchers

- Binational research and collaboration
- Priority given to projects of binational importance

Post-doctorate

- Recent U.S. doctoral graduates undertake research at a Mexican institution

Border Scholar Program

- Seeks to enhance collaboration between U.S. and Mexican institutions and scholars in the border regions
- Eligible states: Arizona, California, New Mexico, & Texas; Baja California del Norte, Chihuahua, Sonora, Nuevo León, Saltillo, & Coahuila
- Focuses on cross-border research, but teaching can also take place, as well as public talks, mentoring, and engagement



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2019-2020
Scholar Award

Making Sense of U.S. Politics in a Polarized and Uncivil Era



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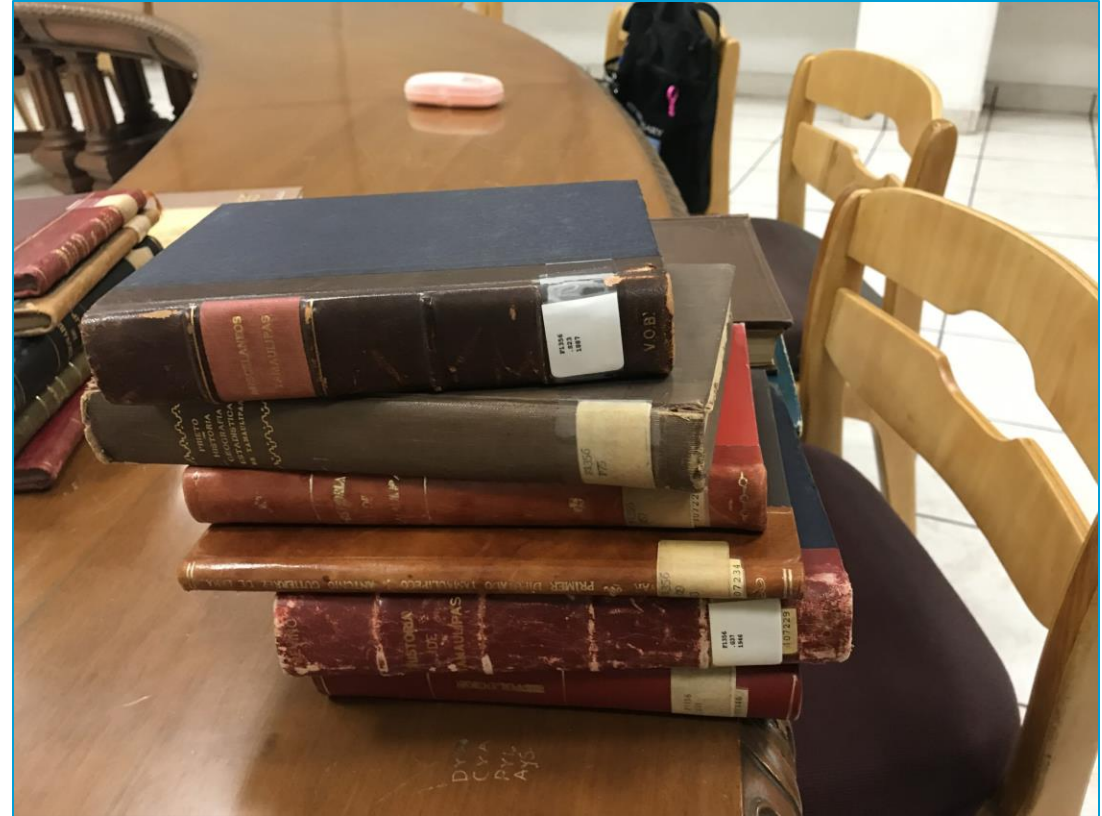
2018-2019
Scholar Award

“Por un Compatriota” Transnational Networks, State Violence, and the
Case of Gregorio Cortez, 1900-1920



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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: Now Open!

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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