Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program:
Opportunities in Ireland for 2025-26

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Today’s Presentation

- Program Overview
- Why Fulbright?
- Eligibility
- Opportunities in Ireland
- Alum Perspective
- Application Cycle & 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, the United States government’s international educational and cultural exchange program.

• Fulbright is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and administered by the Institute of International Education.
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
Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards give opportunities to U.S. citizens to teach, 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!
Fulbright is family-friendly!

- Approximately 60% of Fulbright students provide dependent support.
- Many Fulbright dependents have international care.

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

- **Fulbright U.S. Scholar alums are eligible for a waiting period between end of your 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!
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

**Remember:** you can only apply for **ONE AWARD** per application cycle
Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program
Opportunities in Ireland for 2024-25
Your Fulbright Experience in Ireland

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‘MYTHICAL’ IRELAND

When you think of Ireland...
01 Youngest population in Europe (33% under 25) and one of the most educated in the world (top 10).

02 2nd highest quality of life in the world (UN HDI). Among the highest life satisfaction in the OECD

03 Irish GDP growth is the 2nd highest in the world

04 We are one of the most pro-EU with 88% approval

*IDA Ireland statistics
1. English-Speaking
2. Safe and Family Friendly
3. A gateway to Europe
4. Increasingly diverse
5. Highly educated population
6. Rich landscapes, history, language and culture
7. Easy pace of life
FULBRIGHT IN IRELAND

Yet ultimately most U.S. Fulbrighters come for the people and culture.

The difference between Ireland and the U.S.

“Irish people think 100 miles is a long distance; Americans think 100 years is a long time.”

(US. Fulbright Alum quote)
Fulbright Commission in Ireland

Programs Funded by Irish and U.S. Governments & Sponsors

Funding Sources

- USA
- Ireland

Awardee Ratio

- USA
- Ireland

1946
US Program Setup

1957
Ireland Joins

1991
Irish Commission Setup

2024
170 Program Worldwide
(49 Commissions)
IRELAND-UNITED STATES RELATIONSHIP

FULBRIGHT 67 OF 100 YEARS
1. Fulbright Program in Ireland operates from a Commission

2. Many U.S. Scholar awards have Institutional co-sponsors, demonstrating their commitment to the Fulbright Program

3. The Irish Commission and stakeholders are fully and successfully invested in expanding diversity, equity and inclusion of the program.

4. Our selection process is robust, fair and achieves great outcomes

5. Alumni & Commission engagement persists for a lifetime
2025-2026 U.S. SCHOLAR AWARDS APPLICATION TIMELINE

**February 2024**
Applications Open

**September 2024**
Applications Close

**September-December 2024**
Reviews

**January-February 2025**
Interviews

**March 2025**
Offers Made

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**Planning**

- Review info on fulbrightscholars.org
- Choose Award that’s right for you
- Plan Proposal & contact host
- Research what it means to be a Fulbrighter
- Application

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FULBRIGHT ALL DISCIPLINE AWARDS to IRELAND

TEACHING

RESEARCH

PROFESSIONAL PROJECT
FINDING A HOST

Who do you want to work with?

- Find experts in your field
- Reach out to Fulbright Alum
- Consider diverse institutions where you can establish new Irish-U.S. connections
15 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards to Choose From!
FULBRIGHT SPONSORED AWARDS

STEM

- Astronomy and Astrophysics at DIAS, Research, 6 months
- Computer Science at ATU Donegal, Teaching/Research, 3 months
- Geoscience/Earth Science; GSI, Teaching/Research, 6-10 months
- Medical Sciences/Education at RCSI, Research, 3 months
- Engineering and Informatics at Technological University of the Shannon, Teaching/Research
- Material Science and Engineering, AMBER Centre, Research, 6-10 months
FULBRIGHT SPONSORED AWARDS

HUMANITIES
- UCD Mary Ball Washington (History) at UCD, Teaching/Research 4-5 months
- Celtic Studies, DIAS, Research, 6 months

BUSINESS
- Responsible Leadership, Sustainable Business and the Future of Work at University College Dublin, Research, 3-6 months
- Business Administration: DCU, Research, 3 months

OTHER
- Future Scoping and Challenge-Based Funding, SFI, Research/Professional Project, 6-9 months
  - Project title: Interdisciplinary approaches in mission-oriented research
- Investigating Impact through Innovative Research: UCC, Research/Teaching, 3 months
AWARD: ASTRONOMY & ASTROPHYSICS

HOST: Dublin Institute of Advanced Studies (DIAS); Invitation Required

DURATION: 6 months

ACTIVITIES: Conduct research within an appropriate specialization. Participate in or attend most school this period (e.g. seminars, conferences etc.), collaborate with researchers at DIAS, and occasionally give lectures/

PREFERRED AREAS: Star and planet formation; Solar physics; weather; Planetary magnetospheres; Low frequency radio (including LOFAR); Photo-ionisation regions and wind bulbs massive stars; Microwave kinetic induction detectors for purposes

Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) required

Left: Scholars may stay at the DIAS Dunsink Observatory where William Ro...
AWARD: CELTIC STUDIES

HOST: Dublin Institute of Advanced Studies (DIAS). Invitation Required

DURATION: 6 months

ACTIVITIES: Research project in the school of Celtic Studies for a 6-month period, interacting with faculty and at least one research seminar during the tenure. Participants are expected to attend most SCS activities during this period (e.g., conferences, etc.) Members of SCS are active in many areas, including Irish, Scottish Gaelic, and Welsh language and literature.

PREFERRED AREAS: Celtic studies - language, literature, history.

Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) required
AWARD: GEOSCIENCE / EARTH SCIENCE

HOST: Geological Survey Ireland (GSI)

ACTIVITIES: The award is primarily a research position. Undertake research relevant to, or on, Irish geoscience. Build long term collaborations with Irish geoscience researchers (in universities and e.g. GSI). Share their expertise with the Irish geoscience community, in the form of e.g. short courses, fieldtrips, workshops etc. (there is no requirement to teach full new or existing modules).

LOCATIONS: Applicant may propose host affiliated with the Geological Survey Ireland (GSI) or with any appropriate university in Ireland. Letter of Invitation Required.

DISCIPLINES: Environmental Sciences, Geology

Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) required
AWARD: FUTURE SCIENCE CHALLENGE-BASED FUNDING

PROJECT TITLE: Interdisciplinary approaches in policy research

DURATION: 6-9 months

Host: Science Foundation Ireland (SFI), Letterkenny

Activities: expansion and development of character missions-oriented funding activities which are a tangible societal impact. Broad stakeholder engagement in academia including the delivery of seminars, participatory workshops, provision of expert advice on reviewing grants, and the identification of international experts to inform the host community.

Areas of interest: Climate & Environmental Science, Development, Food Security, Engineering, Manufacturing, Science, Health Sciences; Public Policy, Arts, etc.

Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) NOT required
AWARD: COMPUTER

Host: Atlantic Technological University
Letterkenny Campus, Letter of Invitation

DURATION: 3 months

Activities: Lecturing per their field of expertise, there is no preference for how scholars divide their time between teaching and research. Possible supervision. Attend approved faculty meetings, participate in curriculum development.

AREAS OF INTEREST: Machine Learning, Big Data Analytics, DevSecOps, Cyber Security, Cloud Computing, Storage Technologies

Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) required.
AWARD: ENGINEERING AND INFORMATICS

HOST: Technological University Shannon (TUS) Athlone Campus

DURATION: 3 months

ACTIVITIES: The scholar would join one of the research and innovation teams depending on experience and engage with an existing or develop a new specific research project which would be delivered as part of the scholarship. They would work 35 hours per week with PhD research students and other senior researchers. The grantee may join their respective research team in the development of new research project proposals to National and/or International funding agencies.

AREAS OF INTEREST: Engineering, Information Sciences. The ideal candidate will have a specific research/academic interest in ICT (Artificial Intelligence, cybersecurity, mobile applications, Augmented Reality)/ Polymer Materials, Robotics

Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) NOT required
CULTURAL TITBITS

- WATCH: Father Ted | Derry Girls | Young Offenders | Foil, Arms & Hog
- FILM: The Quiet Girl | An Irish Goodbye | Once | The Siege at Jadotville
- READ: Roddy Doyle | Ross O'Carroll-Kelly | Maeve Binchy
- SPORT: Gaelic Football | Hurling | Rugby
- LISTEN: RTE 1 | Today FM | Podcasts
- CHECK OUT: A Céilí | Concert (local & International) | Trad Session | Heritage Museums & Galleries
YOUR NEXT STEPS...

1. REVIEW info, webinars & eligibility criteria at www.fulbright.ie & fulbrightscholars.org

2. REACH OUT to Institutions for Letter of Invitation

3. CONNECT with the Irish Commission online

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@fulbright_commission_ireland   FulbrightIreland
FULRBRIGHT U.S. SCHOLAR ALUMNI

○ **Dr. George Dierberger**: 2022-23
  Fulbright U.S. Scholar
  Entrepreneurship and Business Innovation Awardee
  ○ Associate Professor at Augsburg University, Minneapolis, Minnesota, to ATU Donegal

○ **Dr. Olysha Magruder**: 2023-24
  Fulbright U.S. Scholar All Disciplines Awardee
  ○ Interim Assistant Dean of Learning Design and Innovation at Johns Hopkins University to DCU
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
- Reference list *(for research)*
- Portfolio submissions *(for artists, architects, and journalists)*
Tips for a strong application:

READ AWARD'S DESCRIPTION

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

START EARLY

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

US Resources

Take advantage of resources, including office hours and guidance online.
## Application Cycle

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<td>Competition Opens</td>
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<td>SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 at 5 PM ET</td>
<td>Application Deadline</td>
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<td>SEPTEMBER</td>
<td>Program staff conducts technical reviews for completeness</td>
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<td>OCTOBER – NOVEMBER</td>
<td>U.S. peer review</td>
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<td>NOVEMBER – JANUARY</td>
<td>Applicants notified of status. Recommended applications are sent to host countries and to the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.</td>
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<td>JANUARY – JUNE</td>
<td>Final decisions are made</td>
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<td>JUNE – ONWARD</td>
<td>Participants prepare for departure</td>
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The 2025-26 Fulbright U.S. Competition: Now Open!
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REFER your colleagues