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Scholar Program

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



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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, the United States government's **international educational and 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.



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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



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Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards give opportunities to U.S. citizens to teach and 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!



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Why Fulbright?



Fulbright is family-friendly

- Approximately **60%** of provide **dependent student**
- Many Fulbright dependents have international careers



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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



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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 experience
- Professional and/or artistic experience
- Teaching experience as required



Fulbright U.S. Scholar alums are eligible

waiting period between end of your Fulbright U.S. Scholar award and next application



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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!



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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



Teach

Research

Teach
Research

Professional
Programs

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



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Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program Opportunities in Ireland for 2024-25



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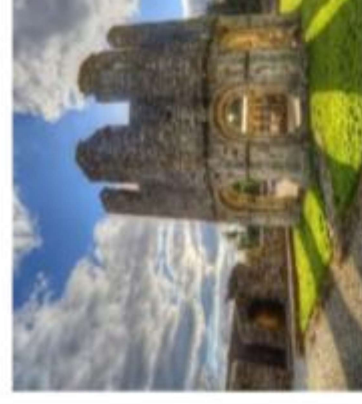
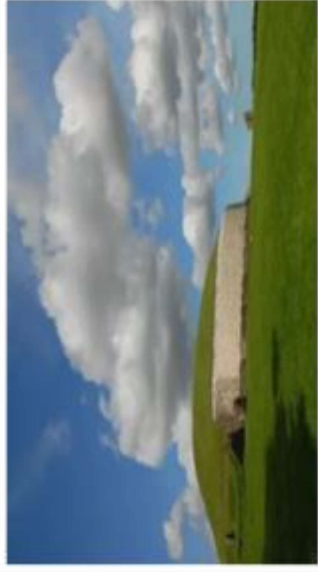


Your Fulbright Experience in Ireland

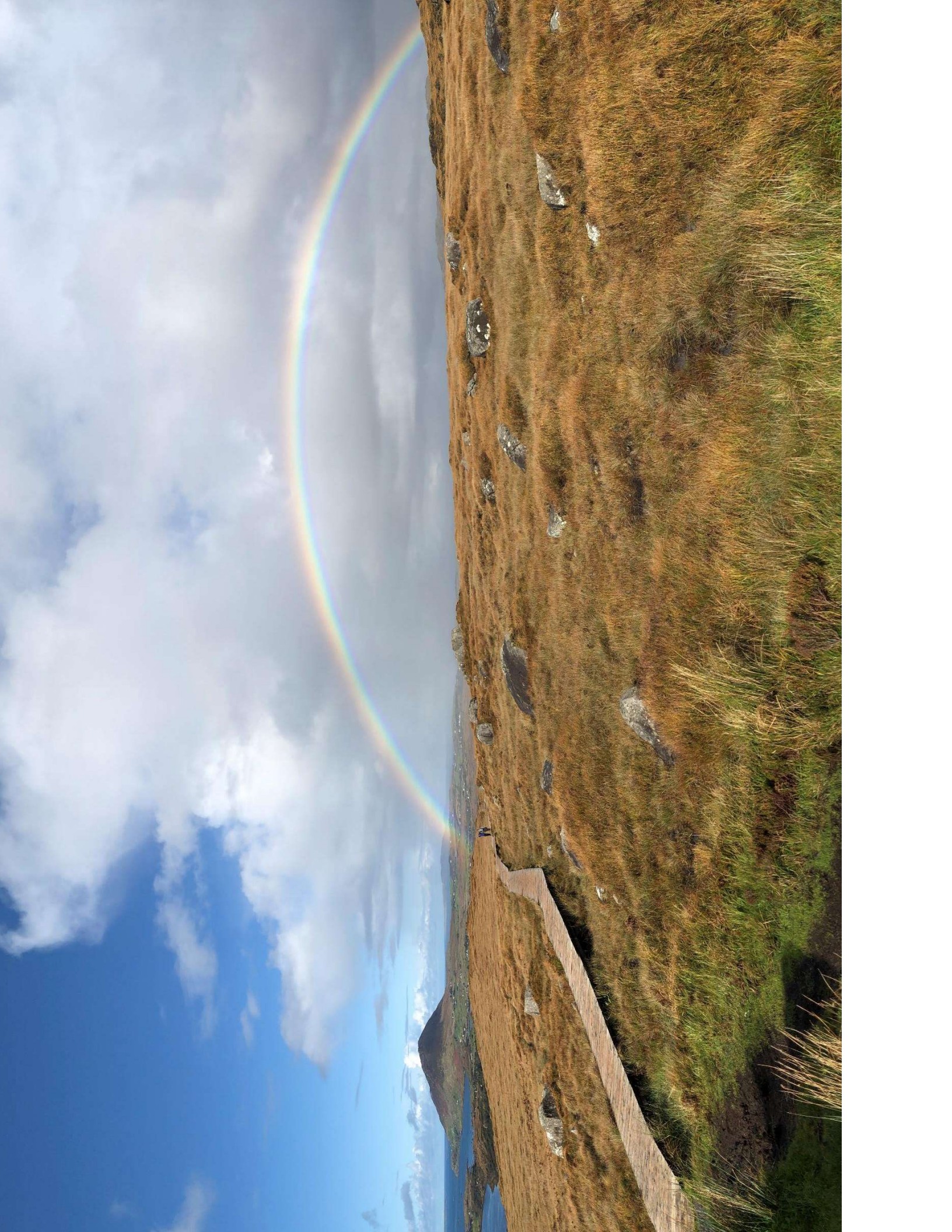
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18th June 2024



'MYTHICAL' IRELAND



When you think of Ireland...



THE REAL 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

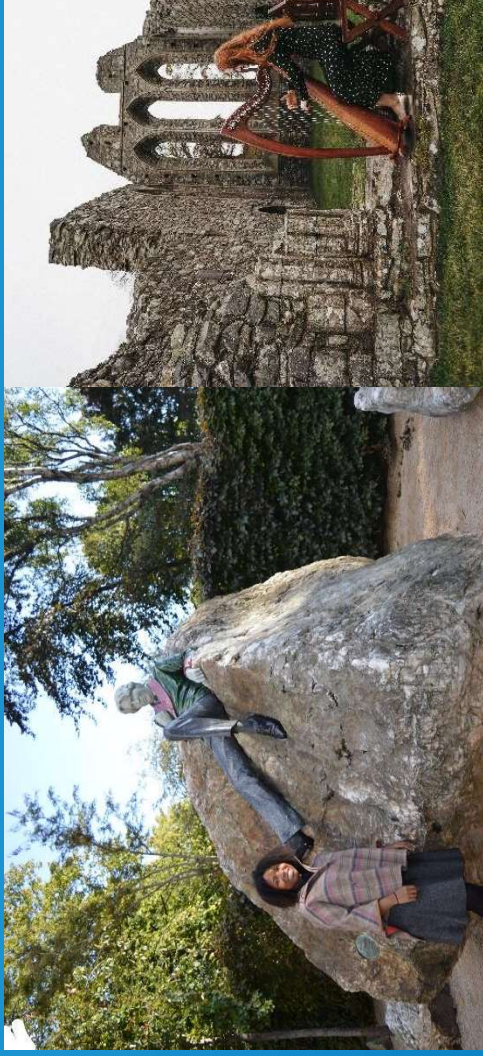
CHOOSING IRELAND FOR YOUR FULBRIGHT...

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



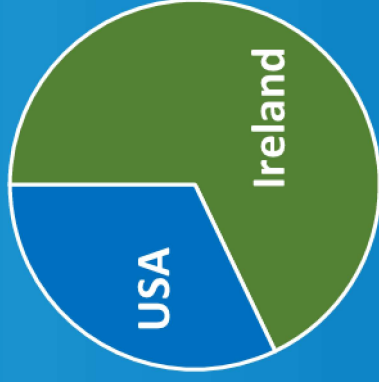
The difference between Ireland and the
“Irish people think 100 miles is a long distance
Americans think 100 years is a long time”
(US. Fulbright Alum quote)



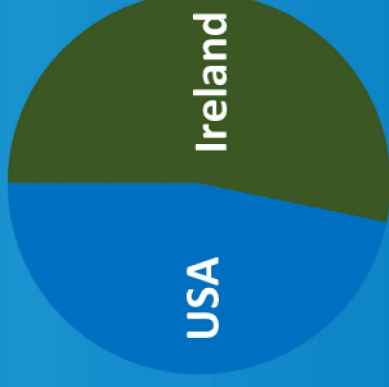
Fulbright Commission in Ireland

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

Funding Sources



Awardee Ratio



1946

US Program
Setup

1957

Ireland Joins

1991

Irish Commission
Setup

2024

170 Programs
Worldwide
(49 Commissions)



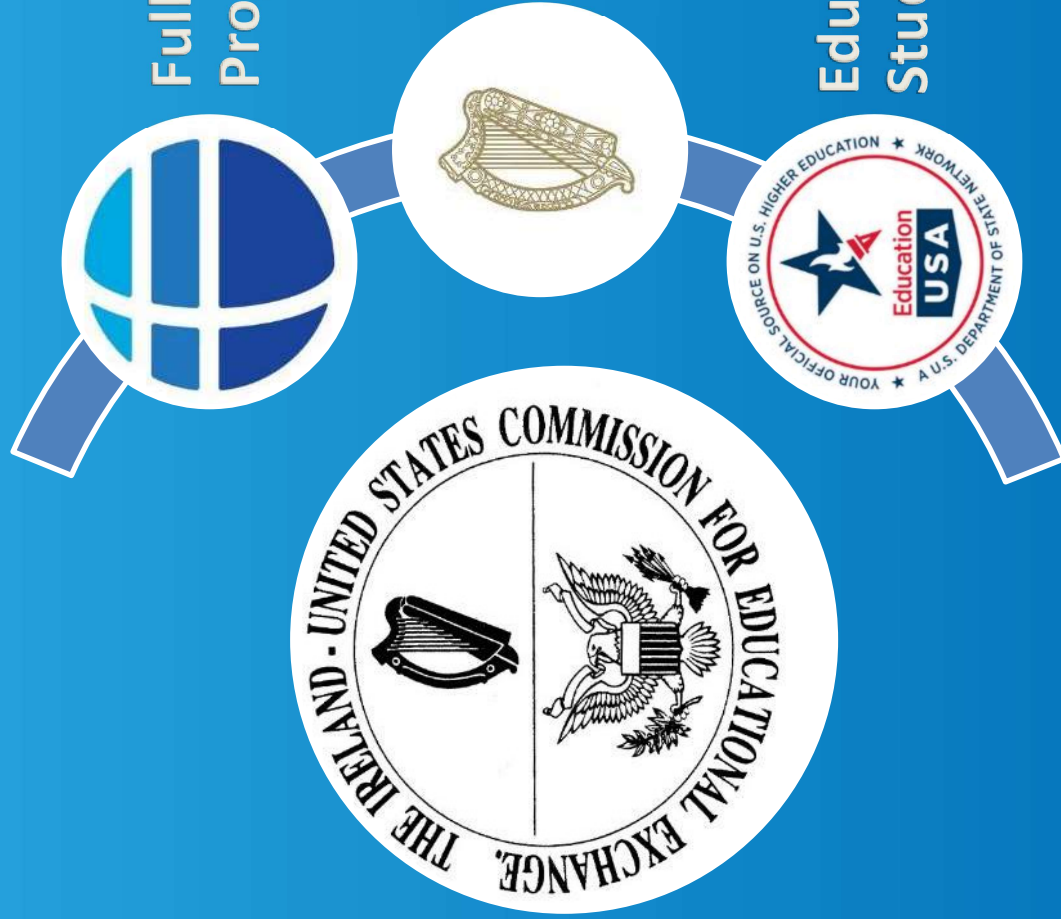


Years of Diplomatic Relations

Fulbright Program

Irish Language in the USA

EducationUSA Study Abroad



IRELAND-USA RELATION

FULBRIGHT 67 OF 100 YEARS

THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM IN IRELAND

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



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

App

FULBRIGHT U.S. SCHOLAR AWARD CATEGORIES

**ALL DISCIPLINES
AWARDS**

SPONSORED AWARDS

**GLOBAL SCHOLAR
AWARDS
(multi-country)**

**FULBRIGHT-SCHUMAN
AWARDS (EU)**

FULBRIGHT ALL DISCIPLINE AWARDS to IRELAND

TEACHING

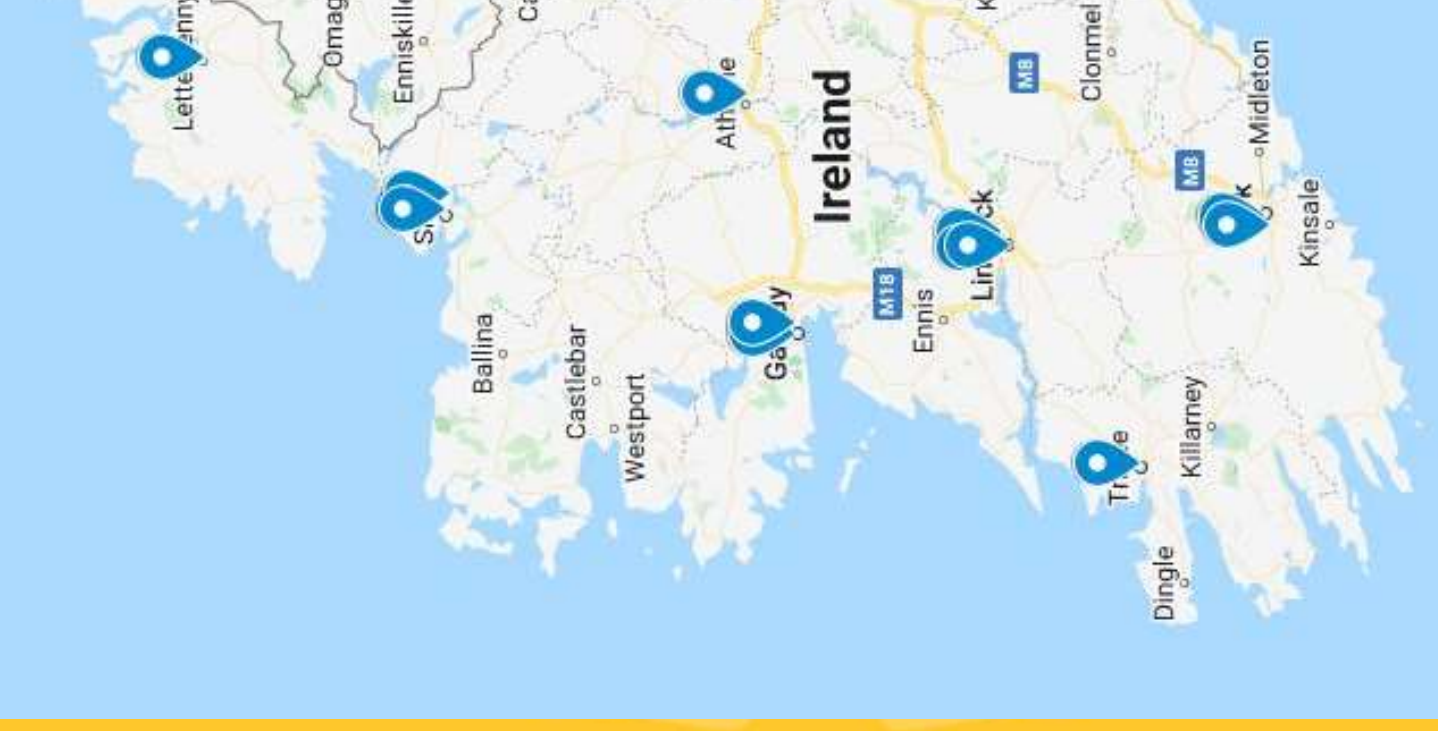
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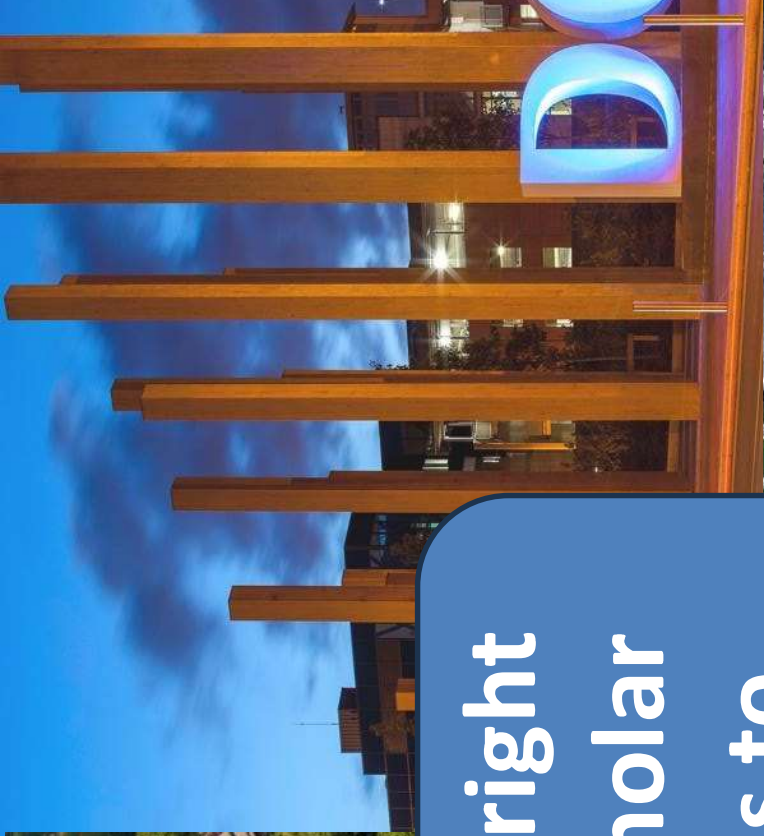
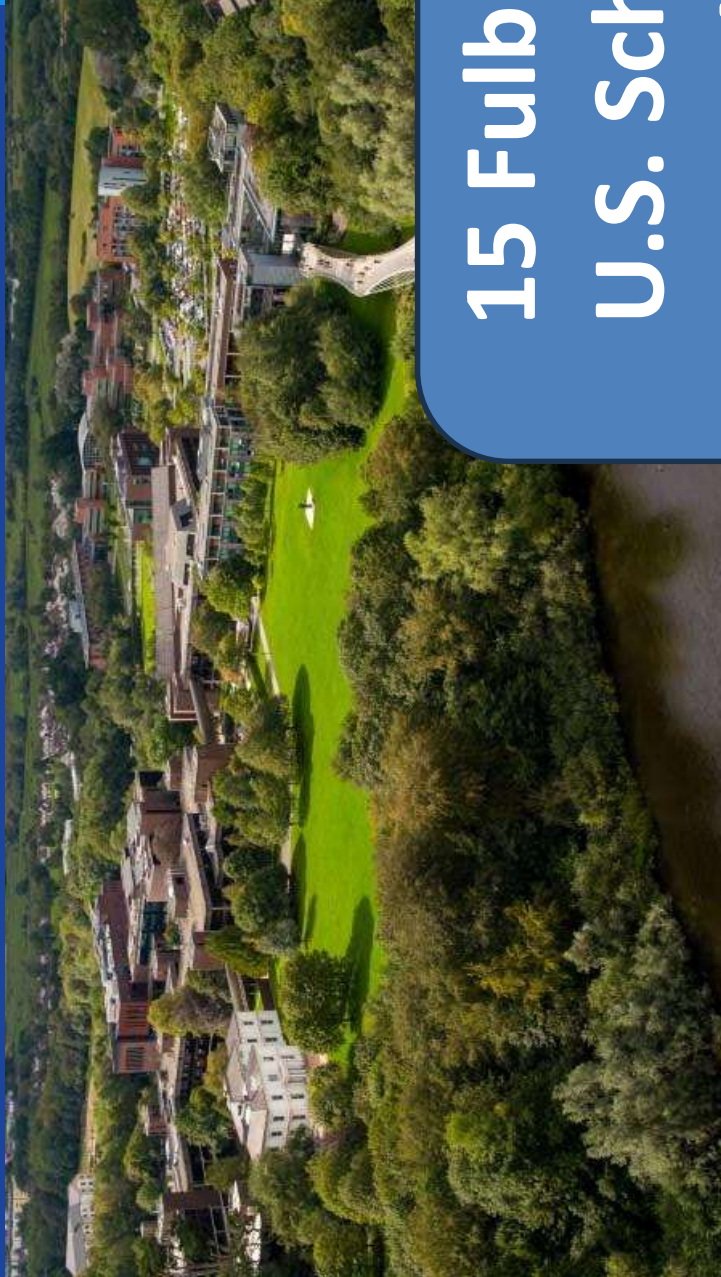
**PROFESSIONAL
PROJECT**

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

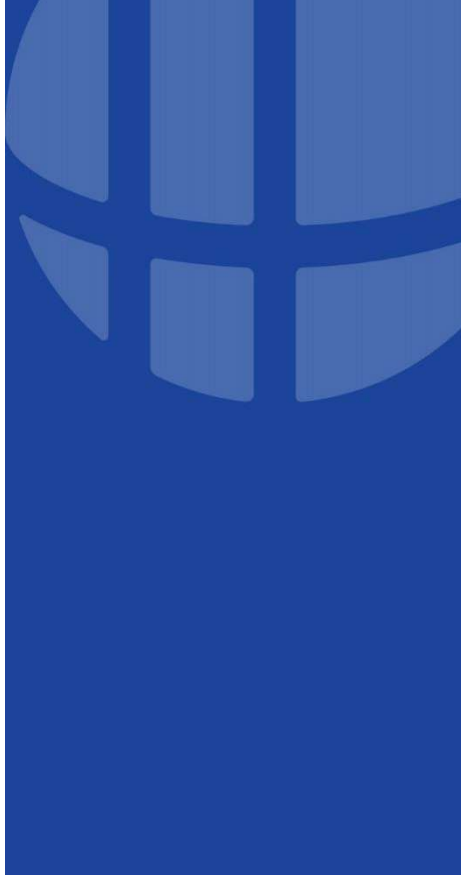
- Responsible Leadership, Sustainable Business and the Future of Work at University College Research, 3-6 months
- Business Administration: DCU, Research, 3 months

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

DIAS

Institiúid Ard-Léinn | Dublin Institute
Bhaile Átha Cliath | Advanced Studies



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/

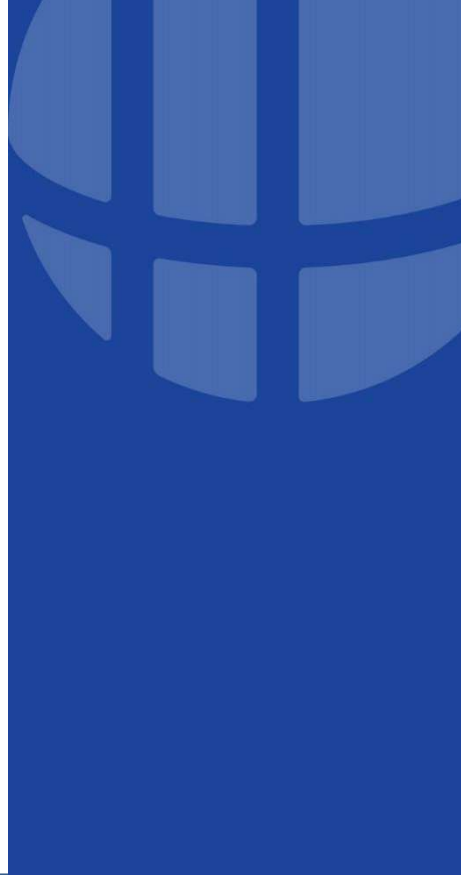
PREFERRED AREAS: Star and planet formation; Solar physics; Planetary magnetospheres; Low frequency radio astronomy (including LOFAR); Photo-ionisation regions and wind bubbles; Massive stars; Microwave kinetic induction detectors for

Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) required

Left: Scholars may stay at the DIAS Dunsink Observatory where William R

DIAS

Institiúid Ard-Léinn | Dublin Institute of
Bhaile Átha Cliath | Advanced Studies



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 staff. Participants must attend at least one research seminar during the tenure. Participants must also attend or 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, and history.

Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) required

AWARD: GEOSCIENCE / EARTH SCIENCE



Geological
Suirbhéireacht
Ireland | Éireann

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 research

DURATION: 6-9 months

Host: Science Foundation Ireland (SFI), Letter

Activities: expansion and development of challenge-based mission-oriented funding activities which are expected to have a tangible societal impact. Broad stakeholder engagement with academia including the delivery of seminars, panels, workshops, provision of expert advice on review panels with the identification of international experts to support the host community.

Areas of interest: Climate & Environmental Science, Development, Food Security, Engineering, Materials Science, Health Sciences; Public Policy, Arts, Veterinary

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





Ollscoil
Teicneolaíochta
an Atlantaigh

Atlantic
Technological
University

LETTERKENNY • KILLYBEGS



AWARD: COMPUTER

Host: Atlantic Technological University Letterkenny Campus, Letter of Invitation

DURATION: 3 months

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

AREAS OF INTEREST: Machine Learning, 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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[FulbrightIreland](https://www.youtube.com/FulbrightIreland)





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Ireland



ALUMNI PERSPECTIVES

FULBRIGHT U.S. SCHOLAR ALUMNI



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



- **Dr. Olysha Magruder: 2023-24**
Fullbright 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 researchers)*
- ✓ Portfolio submissions *(for architects, and journalists)*



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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 resources, including office hours and guidance on

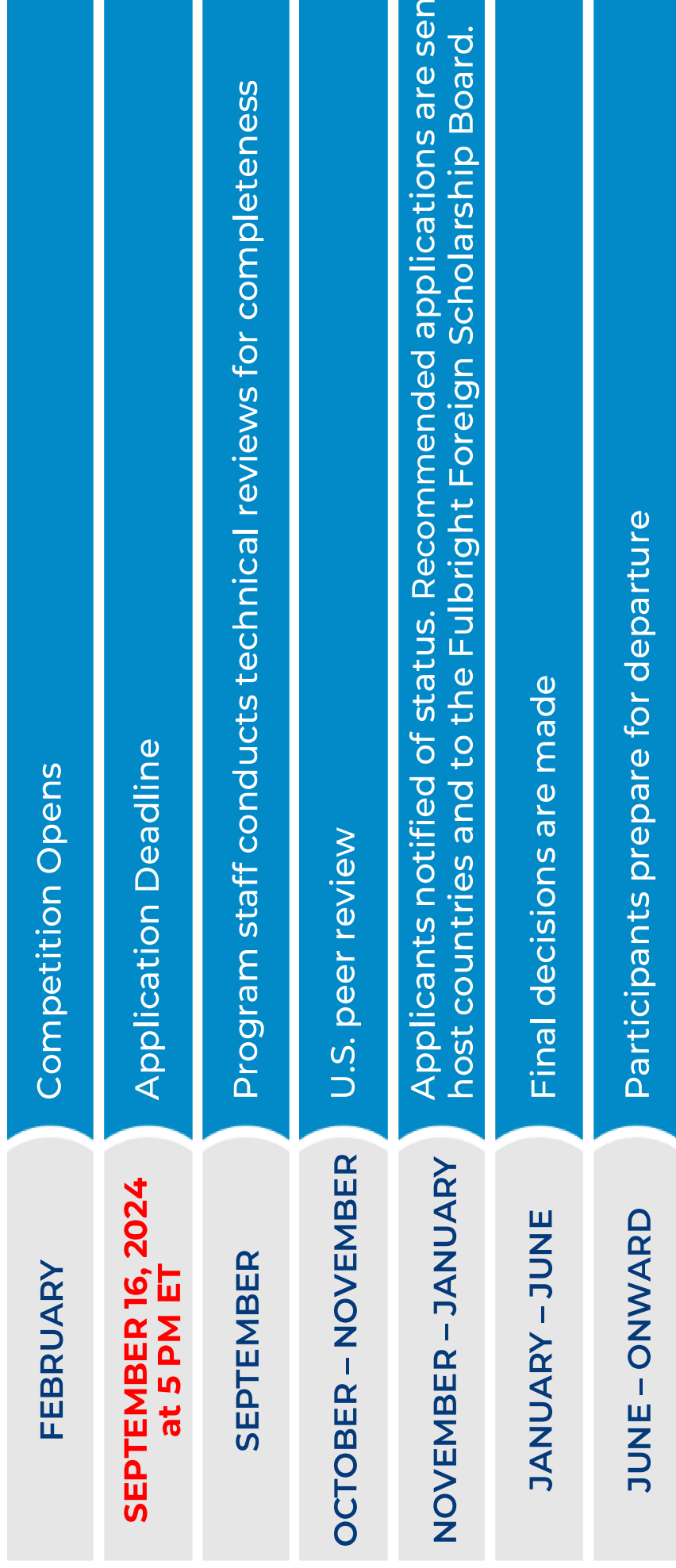


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Application Cycle

The 2025-26 Fulbright U.S. Competition: Now Open!



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