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Scholar Program



Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program 2027-28

Opportunities in the Middle East & North Africa
*for Faculty, Researchers, Professionals,
and Administrators*

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The Fulbright Scholar Program

Background

- Created in 1946 by U.S. Congress
- Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), as its flagship program
- Implemented by bi-national Commissions and U.S. Embassies abroad.
- Supports research, teaching, and professional projects abroad in 130 countries and locations.
- Awards are merit-based and selected through a multi-step review process, including peer review, host country review, and final approval by the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB).

Our mission is to foster mutual understanding between nations, advance knowledge across communities, and improve lives around the world.





2026: A Year of Milestones



**Highlighting Fulbrighters
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**Celebrating 80 years of
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Why Fulbright?

Fulbright supports your professional development

- **Go Abroad:** Teach, research, and lead projects
- **Build Partnerships:** Create lasting international collaborations.
- **Advance Your Work:** Expand your publishing network and enrich your teaching
- **Be Recognized:** Earn distinction as a Fulbright Scholar.
- **Stay Connected:** Join a dynamic, supportive alumni community.



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Why Fulbright?

Fulbright supports you from application to award

- **Personal Support:** Every award has a dedicated team behind it.
- **Get Answers:** Join office hours for direct guidance.
- **In-Country Assistance:** Ongoing support from IIE and host country staff.
- **Learn from Experience:** Connect with past grantees through the Fulbright Scholar Directory to gain insights and inspiration.
- **Family Support:** Many awards offer dependent funding and welcome accompanying family members, so you can plan your Fulbright with confidence.





Fulbright Scholar Liaisons

Fulbright supports you from application to award

- Your local guide to Fulbright awards and application at **1250+** institutions
- Assistance with securing leave and support
- Assistance connecting to Fulbright Alumni on campus

Find your Liaison or become a Liaison yourself at fulbrightscholars.org/liaisons





Qualifications for U.S. Scholar

- **U.S. citizenship**
- **Degree and experience**, as required by award:
 - Ph.D. or other terminal degree
 - Master's or professional or artistic experience
 - Teaching experience as required
- **Fulbright U.S. Scholar alumni are eligible:**
Recipients of a Fulbright Scholar grant are eligible to apply for another Fulbright Scholar grant two years after the date of completion of the previous grant
- **ONE Award per cycle / competition year**



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Fulbright Scholar Awards in the Middle East & North Africa for 2027-28



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Awards in the Middle East & North Africa

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AWARD ACTIVITIES

- 1) Research or Teaching
- 2) Research & Teaching
- 3) Professional Projects
- 4) Seminars (two weeks)

TYPES OF AWARDS

- 1) Scholar Awards
- 2) Postdoctoral Awards
- 3) Distinguished Scholar Awards
- 4) International Education Administrator (IEA) Awards



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Fulbright Scholar Award Features

- **Don't Skip these Sections: *Areas of Interest & Special Features***
 - On many awards, located under “Award Details”
 - Further details on what they are looking for
 - Regional Travel Grants
- **Do you know about partnership awards?**
 - Many awards are jointly-sponsored by institutions wishing to have a Fulbrighter on their campus
- **Flex Awards**
 - 13 awards in the MENA region allow scholars to segment award into 2-3 non-consecutive month(s)-long visits over 1-2 years
- **Dependents Allowance**
 - 95% of awards in the MENA region include funding for dependents.





Featured Awards in North Africa

Egypt

- [Business Administration](#)
- [Community College Faculty Award](#)
- [Visual and Performing Arts](#)
- [Sciences](#)
- [American University in Cairo](#)
- [Egypt Distinguished Scholar Award](#)



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Featured Awards in North Africa

Algeria

- [TEFL / Applied Linguistics](#)
- [All Disciplines](#)

Morocco

- [All Disciplines](#)
- [Morocco-Spain Joint Teaching/Research Award](#)

Tunisia

- [All Disciplines](#)



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Featured Awards in Israel

International Education Administrator seminar

Distinguished Scholar Fellowship

Postdoctoral Research Awards at select institutions

- Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- University of Haifa
- Weizmann Institute for Science
- Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
- Bar-Ilan University
- Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design
- Steinhardt Museum of Natural History
- All Disciplines – Applicant secures host institution



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A Note on Awards in the Middle East

*The 2025-2026 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program in **Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Palestinian Territories, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates** is currently suspended, to restart in January 2027.*

The 2026-2027 candidate selection process and 2027-2028 application cycle are proceeding. The Fulbright Program continues to monitor the regional conditions in close coordination with the U.S. Department of State. Any changes to the status of a program will be updated on our website.



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Fulbright IEA Seminar Offerings for 2027-28

Location	Applicant Profile	Seminar Dates	Application Deadline
Taiwan	Senior Leadership & Student-facing Roles	March 2027	September
France-Senegal	Senior Leadership & Manager Level Roles at HBCUs	March-April 2027	September
Israel	Senior Leadership	June 2027	November
Japan	Senior Leadership & Student-facing Roles	June 2027	November
France	Senior Leadership	October 2027	February
South Korea	Senior Leadership & Student-facing Roles	October-November 2027	February
Germany	Senior Leadership & Student-facing Roles	October-November 2027	February



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Application Components

Requirements:

- ✓ Application Form
- ✓ Project Statement
- ✓ Essays
- ✓ Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- ✓ 2 Recommendations
- ✓ Language Proficiency Report *(if required)*
- ✓ Invitation Letters *(if required)*

Supplemental Materials:

- ✓ Syllabi or Course Outlines *(for teaching)*
- ✓ Reference List *(for research)*
- ✓ Portfolio *(for disciplines like Arts, Architecture, and Journalism)*





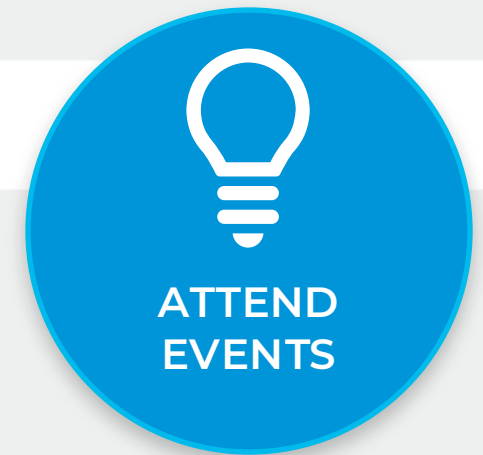
Tips for a strong application:



Read all four tabs of an award so you know which one best meets your needs



Start an online application **as soon as possible**



Attend webinars and Office Hours and read guides on our website





Application Cycle

FEBRUARY	Competition Opens
MARCH - AUGUST	Attend Webinars & Office Hours, Request Invitation Letter
SEPTEMBER	September 15 - Deadline followed by Preliminary Review
OCTOBER – NOVEMBER	U.S. Peer Review
DECEMBER	Applicants notified of Peer Review result
DECEMBER – JUNE	Selection process takes place and final notifications sent
JUNE – ONWARD	Selected participants prepare for departure



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Award Facts at a Glance – Middle East and North Africa



38
Awards
in Middle
East &
North
Africa



6
Awards for
Community
College
Faculty



9
Awards
PhD or
Terminal
Degree Not
Required



36
Awards
Offer
Dependent
Support



13
Awards
Offer Flex
Option



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