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Scholar Program

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Opportunities in the United Kingdom

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Today's Presentation

- Program Overview
- Why Fulbright?
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- Alum Presentations
- The Application
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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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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



Fulbright US Scholar Program in the UK

- Overview of Awards in the UK
- Benefits of Awards
- Available Awards



Overview

General Scholar Awards or Distinguished Scholar Awards

- Activities: Research, Teaching, Professional and Creative Projects
- 21 awards with 19 partners across the 4 nations of the UK and the British Virgin Islands
- Fields of Study: All disciplines or specific to STEM, Humanities, the Arts
- Duration: Awards run for 3-12 months; some awards only for 6 months
- The UK does not offer flex options

Letters of Invitation

- Strongly recommended but not required
- Who? Contacts on the Fulbright US Scholar award description or relevant academics in the department you are interested in
- How? Mutual colleagues or cold emails





Benefits

- Generous monthly stipends - average \$3,700/month for General Scholars or \$5,700/month for Distinguished Scholars
- \$1,500 to help offset the cost of relocation to the UK
- Scholars accompanied by eligible dependents for the full duration of the program may receive a one-time dependent allowance
- ASPE Health Benefits coverage during grant period
- Government Authorised Exchange Visa sponsorship
- Support and guidance throughout grant period
- Cultural enrichment programs and events
- Invitations to the European network of Fulbright events and conferences
- Membership of national arts and culture organisations
- Access to a global alumni network with over 300,000 academically and professionally accomplished members



General Scholar: All Disciplines

- Fulbright - Cardiff University Scholar Award (All Disciplines)
- Fulbright - University of Roehampton Scholar Award (All Disciplines)
- Fulbright - British Virgin Islands at H. Lavity Stoutt Community College Award (All Disciplines)

General Scholar: Specific Disciplines

- Fulbright - Queen's University Belfast Scholar Award (Irish Literature)
- Fulbright - Lancaster University Scholar Award (STEM)
- Fulbright - Edinburgh Napier University Scholar Award (Nursing)

Distinguished Scholar Awards

- Fulbright - University of Leeds Distinguished Scholar Award (All Disciplines)
- Fulbright - University of Birmingham Distinguished Scholar Award (All Disciplines)
- Fulbright - Scotland Distinguished Scholar at the Glasgow School of Art (All Disciplines)

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2022-2023

Scholar Award

Student nurses' perceptions of caring for individuals with opioid use disorders



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Scholar Award

College Fag: The Autobiography of a Queer Educator in Sociopolitical
Context



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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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