

E FULBRIGHT Scholar Program

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Opportunities in Sub-Saharan Africa in 2026-27

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The Fulbright Scholar Program

Background

- Created in 1946 by U.S. Congress and funded by the U.S. Government
- Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) as its flagship program
- Administered by the Institute of International Education, binational Fulbright Commissions, and U.S. Embassies
- Supports research, teaching, seminar attendance, and professional projects abroad in 120+ countries







Why Fulbright?

Fulbright supports your professional development

- Teach, research, carry out professional projects, and participate in seminars around the world
- Foster sustainable partnerships
- Expand your publishing network and gain new teaching perspectives
- Gain the professional recognition as a Fulbright Scholar
- Join a vibrant and supportive alum network









Why Fulbright?

Fulbright supports your family

- Approximately 60% of our awards provide dependent support in funds
 - Use our search filter
 - Check the "Award Benefits" tab
- Most countries allow for family to come abroad with the grantee
- Many Fulbright dependents go on to have international careers









Why Fulbright?

Fulbright supports you from application to grant

- There is a face behind every Scholar Award!
- Continued support while in country from IIE and host country staff
- Access to alums in the Scholar Directory







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Fulbright Scholar Liaisons

- Your local guide to Fulbright awards and application at 1250+ institutions
- Assistance with securing leave and support
- Assistance connecting to alums 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 alums 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

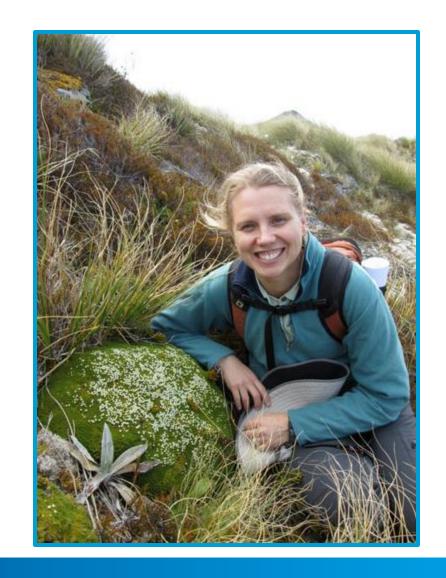






Fulbright Scholar Awards

- 380+ awards in 120+ countries
- **2-12** months
- <u>Options</u>: Research, Teaching, Teaching/Research, Professional Project, Seminars (2 weeks)
- <u>Flex option</u>: segment your award into 2-3 nonconsecutive month(s)-long visits over 1-2 years
- ONE Award per cycle / competition year









Fulbright Scholar Awards

Awards for Research, Teaching, Teaching/Research, or Professional Projects

- Scholar Awards
- Postdoctoral Awards
- Distinguished Scholar Awards

Awards for Seminars

 International Education Administrator (IEA) Awards







Choose "the Most Specific Award that Meets Your Needs"

- Consider "country" or "discipline."
- Look for "Hidden Gems"
- Are you eligible for a Postdoctoral or Distinguished Award?
- Decide if you have a host in mind, or pick a named institution
- Reflect on the state of your career, your field, and current events in countries abroad.















West Africa

Featured

Benin: All Disciplines

• Cabo Verde: All Disciplines

Cote d'Ivoire: All Disciplines

• The Gambia: All Disciplines

Ghana: All Disciplines







West Africa, cont.

Featured

Guinea: All Disciplines

• Nigeria: All Disciplines

Senegal: <u>All Disciplines</u>

Sierra Leone: All Disciplines







East Africa

Featured

• Ethiopia: All Disciplines

Kenya: <u>All Disciplines</u>

Madagascar: <u>All Disciplines</u>

• Mauritius: All Disciplines







East Africa, cont.

Featured

Mozambique: <u>All Disciplines</u>

• Rwanda: All Disciplines

Tanzania: <u>All Disciplines</u>

• Uganda: All Disciplines







Central and Southern Africa

Central

• Cameroon: All Disciplines

Southern

• Botswana: All Disciplines

• Eswatini: All Disciplines

• Malawi: All Disciplines

• Namibia: All Disciplines







Southern Africa, cont.

Featured

- South Africa: Science and Technology
- Zambia: <u>Journalism and Broadcasting</u>
- Zimbabwe: <u>Multiple Disciplines</u>

Multi-Country

 Africa Regional Research Program: Benin, Botswana, Cabo Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, Eswatini, Ethiopia, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe







Application Components

Requirements:

- Application Form
- Project Statement
- 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
SEPTEMBER 15	Application Deadline
SEPTEMBER	IIE staff conducts Preliminary Screening
OCTOBER – NOVEMBER	U.S. Peer Review
DECEMBER	Applicants notified of Peer Review result
DECEMBER – JUNE	Final decisions are made by Fulbright Commissions or U.S. Embassies abroad and by the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board in the U.S.
JUNE – ONWARD	Participants are selected and prepare for departure





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