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Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards for Postdoctoral and Early Career Applicants

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Today's Presentation

- Program Overview
- Qualifications for Awards
- Summary of Awards
- Next Steps
- Question & Answer





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).

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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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Postdoctoral Awards & Early Career Applicants Explained

**Award Type:
Postdoctoral Awards**

Postdoc awards are open to scholars who have received their doctoral degree (Ph.D., JD, MD, Ed.D., etc.) within five to seven years of the fellowship start date, as noted in the award description.

**Career Profile:
Early Career Academic**

Awards are open to those who have been working in the capacity of a teacher or scholar for *no more than seven years*. You can view eligibility by career profile on the “Award Details” tab under “Career Profile”





Awards for Postdoctoral and Early Career Applicants

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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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East Asia and the Pacific

21 awards

- **Australia:** [Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship \(funded by the University of Newcastle\)](#)
- **Australia:** [Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship \(funded by Deakin University\)](#)
- **Australia:** [Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarships \(General Category\)](#)
- **Taiwan:** [Arts, Education, Humanities, Professional Fields and Social Sciences \(Postdoctoral Scholar Award\)](#)

Early Career Professionals

- **Mongolia:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Timor-Leste:** [All Disciplines](#)



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Europe and Eurasia Postdoc Awards

6 postdoc awards

- **Czech Republic:** [All Discipline Postdoctoral Award](#)
- **France:** [Fulbright Postdoc Award in the Social Sciences](#)
- **Slovak Republic:** [Postdoc Award in All Disciplines](#)
- **Spain:** [All Disciplines \(Postdoc Award\)](#)
- **Turkey (Türkiye):** [Fulbright Scholar Postdoc Award](#)
- **Italy:** [Fulbright Schuman Postdoc Award at the European University Institute \(Florence, Italy\)](#)



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Europe and Eurasia Early Career Awards

130 awards for Early Career candidates

- **Albania:** [Multiple Disciplines](#)
- **Austria:** [Fulbright-MCI | The Entrepreneurial School Visiting Professor](#)
- **Azerbaijan:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Belgium:** [NATO Security Studies](#)
- **Croatia:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Denmark:** [Digital Transformation in Shipping/Maritime](#)
- **France:** [Fulbright Award for Research in Southwestern France \(Nouvelle-Aquitaine\)](#)
- **Hungary:** [Fulbright Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences Award](#)
- **Italy:** [Fulbright Early Career Research Lectureship at the University of Trento](#)
- **Kosovo:** [Fulbright Scholar in Strategic Media Resilience](#)





Middle East and North Africa

30 awards

- **Israel:** [Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem](#)
- **Israel:** [Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship at Weizmann Institute for Science](#)
- **Israel:** [All Disciplines Postdoctoral Fellowship](#)

Early Career Professionals

- **Kuwait:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Oman:** [Multiple Disciplines](#)
- **Tunisia:** [All Disciplines](#)



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South and Central Asia

8 awards

Early Career Professionals

- **India:** [Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Awards \(All Disciplines\)](#)
- **Maldives:** [Multiple Disciplines](#)
- **Pakistan:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Sri Lanka:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Turkmenistan:** [All Disciplines](#)



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Sub-Saharan Africa

26 awards

Early Career Professionals

- Cabo Verde: [All Disciplines](#)
- Cameroon: [All Disciplines](#)
- Eswatini: [All Disciplines](#)
- Malawi: [All Disciplines](#)
- The Gambia: [All Disciplines](#)



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Western Hemisphere

34 awards

- **Brazil:** [Fulbright-FAPESP Postdoctoral Awards](#)
- **Canada:** [Postdoctoral Research Awards](#)
- **Chile:** [Fulbright Chile Postdoctoral Awards](#)
- **Mexico:** [Fulbright-García Robles Postdoctoral Scholar Award](#)

Early Career Professionals

- **Dominican Republic:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Honduras:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Suriname:** [All Disciplines](#)



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Western Hemisphere – New Awards in Chile

Early Career Professionals

- [Fulbright Chile Lithium Award](#)
- [U.S.-Chile Fulbright Antarctic Science Exchange](#)



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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)*

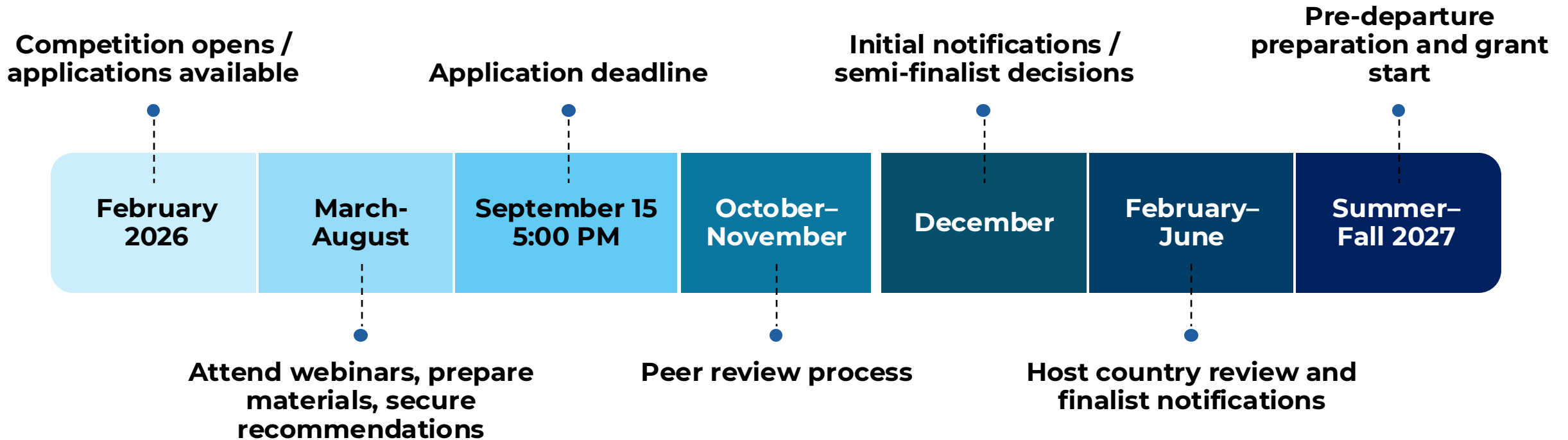
Supplemental Materials:

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





Application Cycle



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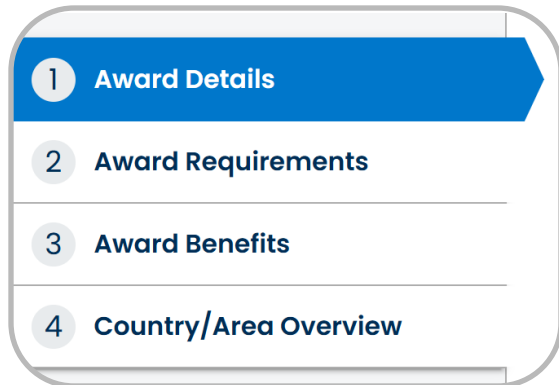
Fulbright Scholar Resources

- **Fulbright Scholar Liaisons**
— fulbrightscholars.org/liaisons
- **Fulbright Alumni Ambassadors**
— fulbrightscholars.org/alumni-ambassadors
- **Fulbright Scholar Directory**
— fulbrightscholars.org/fulbright-scholar-directory
- **Connect with Fulbright**
— fulbrightscholars.org/connect



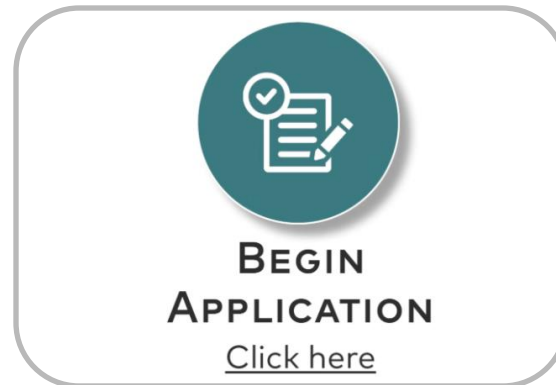


Tips for a strong application:



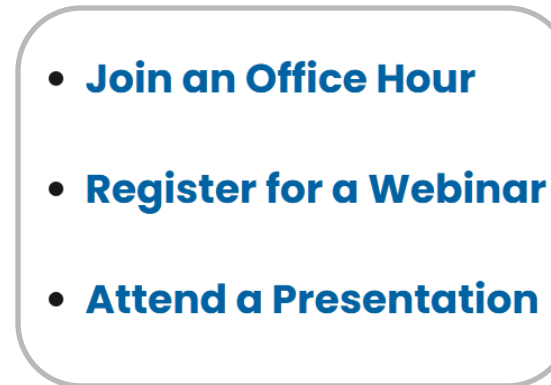
Review all Four Tabs

Read all four tabs of an award to find the best fit



Start Online

Start an online application as soon as possible



Attend Virtual Events

Attend webinars and office hours



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Question & Answer



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