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Virtual Advising: Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards in the Middle East and North Africa

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Today's Webinar: What to Expect

Highlights of opportunities available in the Middle East and North Africa

Overview of the Application Process & Resources

Questions & Answers









Award Highlights

- Israel: Postdoctoral & Senior Scholar Fellowships
- Jordan: All Disciplines, Business Administration, Nursing & TEFL
- Morocco: All Disciplines & All Disciplines (Flex)
- Qatar: All Disciplines
- West Bank: All Disciplines
- Bahrain: Educational Administration and Teacher Education, Business and Economics, All Disciplines
- Tunisia: All Disciplines









Flex and Multi-Country Opportunities

Flex Awards

- Applicants must indicate plans for Flex in their project statement, including a project timeline
- Flex grantees are especially encouraged to make contact with the local community, developing long-term connections and collaborations
- Consult each award description to determine whether Flex is an option for that award
- The Middle East and North Africa Regional Research Program (Award 8475-MC)
 - Conduct research in two or more countries in the region
 - One segment, or Flex option







Eligibility for U.S. Scholar Programs

- U.S. citizenship
- Degree as required by award
 - Ph.D. or other terminal degree may be required
 - Many awards are open to applicants with a Masters and professional or academic experience
- Open to professionals and artists outside academia with recognized standing and substantial accomplishments
- Teaching experience as required by award
- New policies on previous Fulbright Scholar grants and waiting periods between grants







Application Components

- Application Form
- Project Statement
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Letters of Reference
- Additional components, depending on award
 - Course Outlines or Syllabi (for teaching awards)
 - Select Bibliography (for research awards)
 - Language Proficiency Report
 - Letter of Invitation
 - Supplemental materials for applicants in the Arts, Architecture, Writing and Journalism







Letter of Invitation

Host Institution:

- If a host is identified, it will be found under Location in the Catalog
- When a host is not identified, there are several resources to help find an affiliation:
 - International office on your campus
 - U.S. and Visiting <u>Fulbright Scholar Directory</u>

Letter of Invitation:

- Non-binding expression of interest from proposed host abroad
- Should come from person with whom you will be collaborating
- Should be on host institution letterhead







Submitting a Competitive Application

- Address the Fulbright goal of promoting mutual understanding
- Why you are interested in a Fulbright and why in your proposed host country
- Professional expertise and skills you can offer; benefits to the host institution and host country; exchange of knowledge and experience
- Cultural diplomacy; demonstrated flexibility, adaptability
- Outcomes, impact, and multiplier effect
 - for your professional development, home campus, students, field at large; for your host institution
 - future collaborations; linkages: personal, professional, institutional; plans for sustaining relationships
 - internationalizing campus and curriculum







Review Process and Timeline

AUG.

Program staff conduct technical reviews for completeness

SEPT.

Discipline-specific committees review applications

SEPT. – EARLY NOV.

U.S. peer review committees discuss applications for a single geographical region

NOV. - JAN.

Applicants notified of status - Recommended applications are sent to host countries and to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board

FEB. - MAY

Grantees notified of final approvals

MAY - JUNE

Grant packets sent to grantees







Application Resources

- Fulbright Scholar Program website and Catalog of Awards
- Apply
 - Application and Application Instructions
 - Application Guidelines, Project Statement Guidance and Samples
- Learn
 - Webinars
 - The Fulbright Scholar Blog
- Connect
 - MyFulbright









Question and Answer

- Q: How can I contact you?
- A: E-mail addresses are listed in the award descriptions.
- Q: When is the application deadline?
- A: August 1, 2018
- Q: How many applications do you get? What is the success rate?
- A: Sorry, we can't share that information (FFSB policy)
- Q: Can I apply to two or more awards in the same competition?
- A: No, you need to choose ONE award to apply to.





