



FULBRIGHT

Scholar Program

# Spotlight on Mexico

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## Mission

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- In partnership with 160 countries worldwide, Fulbright offers passionate and accomplished faculty, administrator, 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

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- Established in 1946 by Congress, Fulbright is the United States government's flagship international educational and cultural exchange program.
- Fulbright is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and administered by the Institute of International Education.







# Diversity and Inclusion

Fulbright strives to ensure that it reflects the diversity of U.S. society and societies abroad. We encourage the involvement of people from traditionally underrepresented audiences in all our grants, programs and other initiatives.

Opportunities are open to people regardless of their race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, geographic location, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.







# Fulbright by the Numbers

The Fulbright Program funds over 8,000 awards annually:

- **800 U.S. scholars and administrators**
- 900 visiting scholars
- 2,200 U.S. students
- 4,000 foreign students
- 400+ language teaching assistants

Approximately 390,000 “Fulbrighters” have participated in the program since its inception in 1946.







# 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
- Compliance with [policies](#) on previous Fulbright Scholar awards and waiting periods between grants







# Mexico: Overview



**FULBRIGHT  
COMEXUS**

BECAS FULBRIGHT-GARCÍA ROBLES

- Seven awards offer up to 26 grants to teach and research
- Fulbright-Carlos Rico Research Award for projects in Canada and Mexico
- Variety of eligible institutions as well as disciplines sought
- Open to all levels of academics, including postdoctoral applicants
- Spanish proficiency (intermediate or advanced level) recommended or required
- Support from Mexico Fulbright Commission (COMEXUS)
- Regional Travel Grant available

[www.comexus.org.mx](http://www.comexus.org.mx)





# Fulbright-García Robles Awards

## Opportunities to Teach and Research

- [Border Scholar Award](#)
- [Postdoctoral Award \(All Disciplines – research only\)](#)
- [Science and Technology](#)
- [Social Sciences and Humanities](#)
- [Teaching English as a Foreign Language](#)
- [U.S. Studies Professorship/Chair \(teaching only\)](#)







# Fulbright-Carlos Rico Award for North American Studies

- Open to all disciplines and projects that promote trilateral collaboration
- Research award, up to 2 grants
- 4 to 10 months in duration, with equal time spent in Canada and Mexico
- Host institutions can include universities, government agencies or research institutions in Canada and Mexico.







# Fulbrighter Insights

## Dennis Plane, PhD

Professor of Politics and Department Chair  
Juniata College

**Award:** Fulbright-García Robles U.S. Studies Chair

**Host Institution:**

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)  
Mexico City

**Project Title:** Making Sense of U.S. Politics in a Polarized and Uncivil Era







# Application Components

## Requirements:

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- Application Form
- Project Statement
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Language Proficiency Report (if required)
- Letter of Invitation (if required)

## Supplemental Materials:

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- Course outlines or syllabi (for teaching)
- Select bibliography (for research)
- Portfolio submissions (for artists, architects, and journalists)







# Project Statement

- Describe your proposed project in 3 – 5 pages.
- Focus on what you plan to do, the specific courses you plan to teach, the goals of your research, your methods.
- Explain the anticipated impact of your award on your hosts, home institution and you.

## Supplemental Questions (in the application form)

- Why Fulbright? (1,000 characters)
- Why this country? (2,000 characters)
- How adaptable are you? How well will you deal with challenging situations? (1,000 characters)
- How will you adapt your materials for to host culture (2,000 characters)







# Affiliations and Invitations

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## Fulbright-García Robles Science and Technology

**MEXICO**  
Western Hemisphere

AWARD DETAILS

AWARD REQUIREMENTS

STIPEND & BENEFITS

COUNTRY/AREA OVERVIEW

Application Requirements

### INVITATION REQUIREMENT

A letter of invitation is required

- 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







# Successful Past Projects

## **Integrating Technology in English Language Learning and Teacher-Training**

Host Institution: University of Guanajuato

## **Mexican Families with Children in a New Era of Mexico-U.S. Migration**

Host Institution: El Colegio de Mexico

## **Indian on Both Sides: Indigeneity, Race, and National Borders**

Host Institution: University of Guadalajara

## **Building Sustainable Digital Preservation Networks for Cultural Heritage Materials in Mexico**

Host Institution: Secretary of Culture

## **Carlos Rico Award: Connecting Across North America - Silviculture for Climate Change**

Host Institutions: University of Northern British Columbia and Juarez State University Durango







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# Questions?



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