



FULBRIGHT

Scholar Program

# Spotlight on Canada

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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





# Canada: Overview

- 18 awards offer approximately 50 grants to teach and research
- Multi-country research opportunities
- Variety of eligible institutions as well as disciplines sought
- Open to all levels of academics, including postdoctoral applicants
- Support from Fulbright Commission in Canada
- Regional Travel Grant available
  
- *New Award:* Fulbright Canada - Pierre Elliott Trudeau Fellowship



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# Opportunities to Teach and Research

## Research Chairs in:

- Arts, Humanities, and Culture
- Business and Management
- Economics
- Education
- Environmental Studies
- Food Studies

## Program Officer

- Health Studies
- Indigenous Studies
- North American Studies
- Policy, Law, and Governance
- Science and Technology
- Field Open

*Letters of invitation are optional (except for “Field Open” award). Host institutions are listed in the award descriptions.*







# Opportunities to Teach and Research

## All Disciplines Award

- 4-9 months, Flex option
- Open to all career levels
- Applicant selects affiliation
- Letter of Invitation required

## Postdoctoral Research Award

- University of Northern British Columbia
- 9 months

## Fulbright Canada Distinguished Research Chairs at Carleton University

- Senior scholars
- Five research areas
- 9 months

## Fulbright Canada - Pierre Elliot Trudeau Fellowship

- Senior scholars and researchers in Public Policy
- 4 months in Montreal, plus 8 months remote collaboration





# Multi-country Award Research Opportunities

## Fulbright-Carlos Rico Award for North American Studies

- Open to all disciplines and projects that promote trilateral collaboration
- 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.

## Fulbright Arctic Initiative

- Open to all career levels including postdocs and applicants outside of academia
- 6 weeks to 3 months in the field, over 18 months
- Collaborative research on thematic areas of relevance to Arctic Council





# Fulbrighter Insights

## Jessica Shoemaker

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**Award:** Research Chair in Indigenous Studies

**Host Institution:** University of Alberta, Edmonton

Research Chair in Aboriginal Legal and Resource Rights

September 2018 - June 2019

**Project Title:** Indigenous Land Tenure Reform: Creating Models for Property Pluralism, Innovation, and Reconciliation





# 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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## Research Chairs in Indigenous Studies

CANADA  
Western Hemisphere

AWARD DETAILS

AWARD REQUIREMENTS

STIPEND & BENEFITS

COUNTRY/AREA OVERVIEW

### Application Requirements

#### INVITATION REQUIREMENT

A letter of invitation is optional

#### INVITATION REQUIREMENT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A letter of invitation is not required, but applicants are encouraged to contact the institution to discuss research interests. For information and contacts at host institutions, please email [info@fulbright.ca](mailto:info@fulbright.ca)

- 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

## **Anthropological Experts and First Nations Community Engagement**

Host Institution: University of British Columbia

## **Black Transnational Exchange: Tied Together Despite Canadian-American National Lines that Divide**

Host Institution: Brock University

## **Comparative Risk Governance Approaches for Genetically Engineered Organisms in North America**

Host Institution: University of Ottawa

## **Concussion in Youth Sports: Advances in Research and Education**

Host Institution: University of Calgary

## **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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