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Scholar Program

# Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

## *Global Hidden Gems 2026-2027*

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- Why Fulbright?
- Eligibility
- Global Hidden Gems:  
Opportunities around the World
- Creating a Competitive Application
- Questions



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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)
- 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

*Our mission is to foster mutual understanding between nations, advance knowledge across communities, and improve lives around the world.*





# Three Key Features of the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program



- 1. Unmatched Scale:** With nearly **800 awards** granted annually, Fulbright is the largest fellowship program available to U.S. scholars
- 2. A Mission of Connection:** As a flagship public diplomacy initiative, Fulbright is dedicated to fostering long-term international relationships and mutual understanding
- 3. Broad Range of Opportunities:** With more than 400 unique awards, the program offers options to suit nearly every academic discipline, methodology, institution type, and career stage



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# Why Fulbright?

## Fulbright fuels your professional growth

- **Go Global:** Teach, research, lead projects, and join seminars worldwide
- **Build Partnerships:** Create lasting international collaborations.
- **Advance Your Work:** Expand your publishing network and enrich your teaching
- **Ignite Ideas:** Gain fresh perspectives and spark creativity
- **Be Recognized:** Earn distinction as a Fulbright Scholar.
- **Stay Connected:** Join a dynamic, supportive alumni community.





# Why Fulbright?

## Fulbright supports your family

- **Financial Support:** Around 60% of awards include funding for dependents.
- **Plan with Confidence:** Most countries welcome accompanying family members.
- **Open New Doors:** Many Fulbright families gain life-changing experiences—some even launch international careers.
- **Find the Right Fit:** Use our search filters and check the “Award Benefits” tab to explore family-friendly options.





# Why Fulbright?

## Fulbright supports you—From application to grant

- **Personal Support:** Every award has a dedicated team behind it.
- **Get Answers:** Join office hours for direct guidance.
- **In-Country Assistance:** Ongoing support from IIE and host country staff.
- **Learn from Experience:** Connect with past grantees through the Fulbright Scholar Directory to gain insights and inspiration.



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# Why Fulbright?

Fulbright supports you from application to grant, cont.

## Fulbright Scholar Liaisons (at 1,300 + institutions)

- Serve as **campus contacts** for the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program
- Offer **guidance** on the application process and timelines
- Help with **institutional support** like leave or endorsements
- Connect you with **Fulbright alumni** for insights and mentorship

Find your Liaison or become a Liaison yourself at <https://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
- Options: Research, Teaching, Teaching/Research, Professional Project, Seminars (2 weeks)
- Flex option: segment your award into 2-3 non-consecutive 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







# Fulbright IEA Seminar Offerings for 2026-27

Country	Professional Profile	Application Deadline	Expected Grant Timing
Taiwan	Administrators with daily interaction with students + experienced administrators	<b>September 2025</b>	Spring 2026
France & Senegal	Senior-level university administrators (provosts, deans, directors, etc.) and experienced international education administrators <b>at HBCUs</b>	<b>September 2025</b>	Spring 2026
Japan	Experienced administrators (Wider range of experience welcome)	<b>November 2025</b>	Summer 2025
Korea	Administrators with daily interaction with students	<b>November 2025</b>	Summer 2025
France	Senior-level university administrators (provosts, deans, directors, etc.)	<b>February 2026</b>	Fall 2026
Germany	Experienced administrators (Wider range of experience welcome)	<b>February 2026</b>	Fall 2026
India	Experienced administrators (Wider range of experience welcome)	<b>February 2026</b>	Fall 2026



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# Tips for Choosing the Right Fulbright Award

- Choose the **most specific award** that meets your needs
- **Target** your search by country, discipline, or award type
- Check if you're eligible for **Postdoctoral** or **Distinguished Awards**
- Reflect on your **career stage**, field trends, global events, and any **personal or professional constraints** (e.g., ability to take leave)



# Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

## *Global Hidden Gems 2026-2027*



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# Hidden Gems: opportunity is waiting for you around the world!



- Of over 380 awards available for the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program in 2026-27, some simply don't garner as much attention as others.
- Awards featured today are considered by Program Staff to be the "hidden gems" of the competition!
- Many do not require letters of invitation or are partner awards, taking the guesswork out of finding a host.
- Looking for a country or award that we don't mention? Remember that this is just a fraction of what's available!







# Europe and Eurasia

215 awards in 49 countries

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## NEW

- **France:** [Fulbright Award for Research in Normandy](#)
- **Ireland:** [Kemmy Business School at University of Limerick](#)
- **Ukraine Beyond Borders:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Denmark:** [Digital Transformation in Shipping/Maritime Maritime Research, Education and Development](#)
- **Kosovo:** [Fulbright Scholar in Anthropology](#)





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- Azerbaijan: [All Discipline](#)
- Bulgaria: [All Disciplines](#)
- Czech Republic: [Fulbright Distinguished Scholar in Economics at CERGE-EI, Charles University, Czech Academy of Sciences](#)
- Estonia: [All Disciplines](#)
- Georgia: [Opportunities in STEM](#)





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Iceland: [Fulbright Iceland-Ministry for Foreign Affairs Arctic Scholar \(Multiple Disciplines\)](#)

Lithuania: [All Disciplines](#)

Montenegro: [All Disciplines](#)

North Macedonia: [Rule of Law, Judiciary Reform and Civil Society](#)

Portugal: [Fulbright Award for the Ocean, Environment and Space / AIR Centre](#)

United Kingdom: [Fulbright-Lancaster University Award in Science and Technology](#)



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# East Asia and the Pacific

45 awards in 17 countries

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## NEW

- **AUKUS:** [The Fulbright Australia, United Kingdom, U.S. \(AUKUS\) Award \(All Disciplines\)](#)
- **South Pacific:** [Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu](#)

## Featured

- **Australia:** [Fulbright Scholar Award \(Curtin University\)](#)
- **Indonesia:** [BRIN-Fulbright U.S. Scholar Research Award](#)
- **Malaysia:** [Fulbright Scholar Award in All Disciplines](#)
- **Mongolia:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Timor Leste:** [All Disciplines](#)







# Middle East and North Africa

36 awards in 15 countries

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## Featured

- Algeria: [All Disciplines](#)
- Bahrain: [Educational Administration and Teacher Education](#)
- Bahrain: [All Disciplines](#)
- Egypt: [Business Administration](#)
- Egypt: [Community College Faculty Award](#)
- Jordan: [TEFL/Applied Linguistics](#)
- Oman: [Multiple Disciplines](#)





# Sub-Saharan Africa

29 awards in 26 countries

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## Featured

- Benin: [All Disciplines](#)
- Cabo Verde: [All Disciplines](#)
- Eswatini: [All Disciplines](#)
- The Gambia: [All Disciplines](#)
- Guinea: [All Disciplines](#)
- Mauritius: [All Disciplines](#)
- Mozambique: [All Disciplines](#)
- Sierra Leone: [All Disciplines](#)





# South and Central Asia

15 awards in 12 countries

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## Featured – *South Asia*

- Bangladesh: [All Disciplines](#)
- Maldives: [Multiple Disciplines](#)
- Pakistan: [All Disciplines](#)
- Sri Lanka: [All Disciplines](#)

## Featured – *Central Asia*

- Kazakhstan: [All Disciplines](#)
- Tajikistan: [Multiple Disciplines](#)
- Turkmenistan: [All Disciplines](#)
- Uzbekistan: [Multiple Disciplines](#)







# Western Hemisphere

50 awards in 25 countries

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## NEW

- Brazil: [Fulbright-FAPESP Postdoctoral Awards](#) (10 awards!)

## Featured

- Argentina: [Science and Technology](#)
- Canada: [Research Chairs in Education](#)
- Chile: [Astronomy and Antarctic Studies](#)
- Costa Rica: [All Disciplines \(English and STEM Priorities\)](#)
- Paraguay: [All Disciplines](#)
- Suriname: [All Disciplines](#)
- Uruguay: [Agriculture](#)







# 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

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