



**FULBRIGHT**

Scholar Program

# Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Global Hidden Gems in 2024-25

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# Today's Presentation

- Program Overview
- Why Fulbright?
- Eligibility
- Global Hidden Gems: Opportunities Around the World
- Application Cycle and Tips
- Questions





## MISSION

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

- Established in 1946 by Congress, Fulbright is the United States government's **flagship international educational and cultural exchange program**.
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# Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Accessibility

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the United States Department of State strives to embed diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) in all aspects of its work.

Public diplomacy is most effective when people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives participate in people-to-people exchanges and programs to promote mutual understanding. The Bureau incorporates DEIA best practices throughout its exchanges and programs, grants, community partnerships, and in its workforce and workplace.

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# Fulbright by the Numbers

The Fulbright Program funds over **8,000 awards** annually:

**900**

U.S. scholars and  
administrators

**900**

Visiting  
scholars

**2,200**

U.S.  
students

**4,000**

foreign  
students

**400**

language  
teaching  
assistants



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of International  
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# Why Fulbright?

## Fulbright is transformational.

- **Foster relationships** that are real and lasting
- Expand your **publishing network**
- Become more **multicultural** in the classroom
- Serve as an **ambassador** for international exchange
- Gain the **professional recognition** as being identified as a “Fulbright Scholar”
- Join a vibrant **alumni network**





# Why Fulbright?

## Fulbright is family-friendly.

- Approximately **60%** of our awards provide **dependent support**
- Many Fulbright dependents go on to have international careers





# Why Fulbright?

## Fulbright is supportive.

- **70% of applicants** engage with IIE staff
- **Continued support** while in country from IIE and host country staff
- Access to **Fulbright alumni** as a resource





## 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 as required
- **Compliance with policies** on previous Fulbright Scholar awards: two year waiting period between Fulbright U.S. Scholar award and next application





# Which Award is for you?

## Award Types:

- 1 Scholar Awards
- 2 Postdoctoral Awards
- 3 Distinguished Scholar Awards
- 4 International Education Administrator Awards





# Which Award is for you?

## Flex Option

- Available in 63 countries and all world areas
- Allows multiple visits over two years

## Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship

## Global & Regional Awards





# Selecting the Right Award

- **Match** country interest, expertise, career profile, and proposal to the award description
- **Language ability** (if applicable)
- **Discipline preferences**, when specified
- **Project relevance** to the host country and/or institution
- **Benefits** to you and your community

**Remember:** *you can only apply for **ONE AWARD** per application cycle*



Teaching

Research

Teaching/  
Research

Professional  
Project





# Understanding the Awards

Visit [fulbrightscholars.org](https://fulbrightscholars.org) to search awards

Review important details in:

- award details
- award requirements
- award benefits
- country/area overview

Back to awards search

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR AWARD

**Developing Military Leadership**

KOSOVO

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

Begin Application Process

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**TITLE**  
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**AWARD CODE**  
24593-KO

**ACTIVITY TYPE**  
Teaching/Research ?

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**  
Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) not required

**CAREER PROFILE**  
Professionals ?

**NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS**  
Exactly 1

**AWARD START PERIOD**  
January 2024

**AWARD LENGTH**  
3 months

**FLEX OPTION**  
No

**MULTI-COUNTRY/AREA AWARD**  
No

**DISCIPLINES**  
Education



# Global Hidden Gems: Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program 2024-25 Competition



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



- Of over 400 awards available for the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program in 2023-24, 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

- **Albania:** [Climate Change – Education and Advocacy](#)
- **Finland:** [Fulbright-VTT \(VTT Technical Research Center of Finland\) Award in Science, Technology and Innovation](#)
- **Iceland-Finland:** [Fulbright Iceland-National Science Foundation Arctic Security](#)
- **Italy:** [Fulbright Early Career Research Lectureship at the Department of Industrial Engineering at the University of Trento](#)
- **Kosovo:** [Developing Military Leadership](#)
- **Sweden:** [Fulbright-Lund University Distinguished Scholar Award in Public International Law](#)





# Europe and Eurasia

- **Austria:** [Natural History Museum Vienna](#)
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Croatia:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Cyprus:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **European Union:** [Postdoctoral Award](#)
- **Montenegro:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Spain:** [Molecular Biology and Biotechnology at the Universidad de Murcia](#)





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- **Azerbaijan:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Bulgaria:** [Special Award in Journalism](#)
- **Georgia:** [All Awards](#)
- **Hungary:** [All Awards](#)
- **Moldova:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Slovak Republic:** [All Disciplines](#)





# East Asia and Pacific

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- **Australia:** [Distinguished Chairs and Postdoctoral Scholarships](#)
- **Japan:** [Study of the United States](#)
- **Korea:** [U.S.-Korea Presidential STEM Initiative \(NEW AWARD\)](#)
- **Philippines:** [U.S.-Philippine Relations](#)
- **Taiwan:** [Political Science and International Relations \(NEW AWARD\)](#)
- **Timor Leste:** [All Disciplines \(NEW AWARD\)](#)





# Western Hemisphere

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- **Bahamas:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Bolivia:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Brazil:** [Interdisciplinary Network](#)
- **Canada:** [Environmental Studies](#)
- **Guatemala:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Guyana:** [STEM and Agriculture](#)
- **Trinidad and Tobago:** [All Disciplines](#)





# Sub-Saharan Africa

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- **Cote D'Ivoire:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Eswatini:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Guinea:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Mauritius:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Mozambique:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Namibia:** [All Disciplines](#)





# Middle East and North Africa

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- **Bahrain:** [Educational Administration and Teacher Education](#)
- **Egypt:** [Multiple Awards](#)
- **Israel:** [Postdoctoral Fellowships](#)
- **Kuwait:** [Multiple Disciplines](#)
- **Tunisia:** All Disciplines and **Algeria:** Multiple Disciplines
- **TEFL/Applied Linguistics** in [Algeria](#), [Jordan](#) and [Palestinian Territories](#)





# South and Central Asia

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- **India:** [All Awards](#)
  - Fulbright-Nehru Distinguished Scholar Award
  - Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence (APE) Award
  - Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellowship
- **Nepal:** [All Disciplines](#) (Teaching/Research or Research)
- **Kyrgyzstan:** [All Disciplines](#)
- Multiple Disciplines awards in [Tajikistan](#) and [Uzbekistan](#)





# Application Components

## Requirements:

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

## Supplemental Materials:

- ✓ Course outlines or syllabi *(for teaching)*
- ✓ Reference list *(for research)*
- ✓ Portfolio submissions *(for artists, architects, and journalists)*





## Tips for a strong application:



Before you start, **read your award's description carefully** to ensure you meet all requirements and your proposed project is possible.



Start application and enter referees' information **as soon as possible**.



**Take advantage of IIE resources**, including webinars, office hours and application guidance on our website.





# Application Cycle

FEBRUARY	Competition Opens
<b>SEPTEMBER 15</b>	Application Deadline
SEPTEMBER	Program staff conducts technical reviews for completeness
OCTOBER – NOVEMBER	U.S. peer review
NOVEMBER – JANUARY	Applicants notified of status. Recommended applications are sent to host countries and to the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.
JANUARY – JUNE	Final decisions are made
JUNE – ONWARD	Participants prepare for departure



# Stay Connected with Fulbright

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