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# 2027-28 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Partnership Awards

Opportunities for Faculty, Researchers, Professionals, and Institutions

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# Fulbright U.S. Scholar Partnership Awards

## Today's Webinar

- Program Overview
- Why Fulbright?
- Qualifications for Awards
- Partnership Awards
- Tips & Tricks for Securing a Host
- Alumni Ambassador Experience
- Next Steps
- Question & Answer



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# The Fulbright Scholar Program

## Background

- Created in 1946 by U.S. Congress
- Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), as its flagship program
- Implemented by bi-national Commissions and U.S. Embassies abroad.
- Supports research, teaching, and professional projects abroad in 130 countries and locations.
- Awards are merit-based and selected through a multi-step review process, including peer review, host country review, and final approval by the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB).



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# 2026: A Year of Milestones



**Celebrating 80 years of  
academic exchange  
and bi-national impact**



**Highlighting Fulbrighters  
exemplifying American  
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# Fulbright Scholar Award Benefits

Travel Allowance

Living Allowance

Advance Your Work

Family Friendly

On-Going Support

Fulbright Alumni Network



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## 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 alumni 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
- **ONE Award per cycle / competition year**



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# What are Fulbright Scholar Partnership Awards?

Partnership awards are those that are offered by a specific host institution abroad. Often, you'll see the institution or organization listed in the award title.



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# Recently Added Partnership Awards

## United Kingdom: Fulbright-University of Nottingham Scholar Award (All Disciplines)

- University of Nottingham

## Chile: U.S.-Chile Fulbright Antarctic Science Exchange

- Instituto Antártico Chileno (INACH)

## Iceland: Deep Drilling for Superhot Geothermal Futures

- University of Iceland
- Reykjavik University

## Ireland: Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award hosted by Technological University of the Shannon (TUS)

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# Select 2027-28 Partnership Awards



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# South & Central Asia + East Asia & the Pacific

## South & Central Asia

- **Turkmenistan:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Kazakhstan:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **India:** [Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Awards \(All Disciplines\)](#)

## East Asia & the Pacific

- **Australia:** [Fulbright Scholar Award](#)
  - University of Wollongong
- **Australia:** [Fulbright Scholar Award](#)
  - University of Notre Dame Australia
- **Indonesia:** [BRIN-Fulbright U.S. Scholar Research Award](#)
  - BRIN, Indonesia's National Research and Innovation Agency
- **Philippines:** [Fulbright Scholar Award – Philippine Space Agency Program in Space Science](#)
  - Philippine Space Agency (PhilSA)



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# Middle East & North Africa

- **Qatar:** [Cybersecurity Research and Teaching at UDST](#)
  - University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST)
- **Egypt:** [American University in Cairo](#)
- **Israel:** [Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem](#)



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# Western Hemisphere & Sub-Saharan Africa

- **Canada:** [Fulbright Canada Entrepreneurship Initiative \(FCEI\)](#)
  - Affiliation can be with any university, government agency, or research institution in Canada.
- **Chile:** [Fulbright Chile Lithium Award](#)
  - National Institute for Lithium and Salars (INLiSa)
- **Panama:** [All Disciplines](#)
  - Universidad de Panamá
  - Universidad Autónoma de Chiriquí
  - Universidad Tecnológica de Panamá
  - Universidad del Istmo
  - Universidad del Arte Ganexa
- **Eswatini:** [All Disciplines](#)
  - University of Eswatini (UNESWA)
  - Southern African Nazarene University
- **Mozambique:** [All Disciplines](#)
  - 7 possible host institutions available including
    - St. Thomas University of Mozambique (Maputo)
    - Technical University of Mozambique (Maputo)
- **Zambia:** [Journalism and Broadcasting](#)
  - Evelyn Hone College
  - University of Zambia
  - Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation
  - Mulungushi University



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# Europe & Eurasia

- **Hungary**
  - [Hungarian Academy of Sciences Research Award \(All Disciplines\)](#)
  - [Fulbright - Széchenyi István University Scholar Award](#)
  - [Laszlo Orszagh Distinguished Award in American Studies](#)
- **Italy**
  - [University of Trento Awards](#) (three different awards offered this year)
- **Finland**
  - [Fulbright-VTT \(VTT Technical Research Center of Finland\) Award in Science, Technology and Innovation](#)
- **Spain**
  - [Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria](#)
  - [Universidad de Murica](#) (five different awards offered this year)
- **Poland**
  - [Distinguished Scholar in Humanities at Maria Curie-Sklodowska University](#)
- **Austria**
  - [BOKU University](#)



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# Tips & Tricks for Outreach



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# Resources for Outreach using [FulbrightScholars.org](https://fulbrightscholars.org)



**Review the full award description** for potential in-country contacts, including host institution, Fulbright Commission and U.S. Embassy representatives



**Download and filter** the Fulbright Scholar Directory in Excel.



**Search** for institutions using the website search function (top right corner).

e.g. – type “Corvinus University of Budapest Scholar Award - Social Sciences”



**Connect** with your **Scholar Liaison** and local Fulbright alumni network.



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# Award Tabs & Scholar Directory Download



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| Martin Monti       | University of California, Los Angeles      | University of Tokyo                           | Neuroscience  | Japan  | 2025-2026 | Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program |
| Shelly Gray        | University of Washington                   | China Medical University                      | Epidemiology  | Taiwan | 2025-2026 | Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program |
| Luciano Martinez   | Swarthmore College                         | National Cheng Kung University                | Literature    | Taiwan | 2025-2026 | Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program |
| Christine Ho       | University of Massachusetts, Amherst       | Academia Sinica                               | Art History   | Taiwan | 2025-2026 | Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program |
| Ya-Hui Cheng       | University of South Florida                | Taipei National University of the Arts        | Music Studies | Taiwan | 2025-2026 | Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program |
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# Website Search & Liaison Network

fulbrightscholars.org/search?keywords=sciences+po&sort\_by=created&sort\_order=DESC

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Scholar Liaison Network

The Fulbright Scholar Liaison Network is a community of higher education administrators, faculty and Fulbright Program alumni at campuses across the United States. Fulbright Scholar Liaisons work in every type of accredited institution of higher education and serve as the main point of contact for the Fulbright Scholar Program with American higher education.

Fulbright Scholar Liaisons facilitate increased participation in the Fulbright Scholar Program via institutional level support and peer to peer engagement.

THE ROLE OF A FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR LIAISON CENTERS ON FIVE MAIN ACTIVITIES:

- Promote Fulbright Scholar Programs
- Educate faculty & administrators about opportunities
- Encourage candidates on campus
- Recognize returned Fulbright grantees
- Support the development of Fulbright-friendly institutional policies



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# Application Section on Website

- Template: PDF linked under ["Invitation Letter"](#)
- Reach out a couple of times (within reason!)
- Reach out to multiple people, try multiple institutions
- Connect with offices across campus (Study Abroad Office, International Student Services)



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## Sample Invitation Letter Email

### Overview

- Keep the initial email short and sweet! We recommend three paragraphs.
- Consider the host country's email etiquette. The email below is for France, where "titles" are very important. When in doubt, be more formal. Consider also that English may not be the recipient's first language, so it is best to keep the message clear and concise as well as free of jargon and abbreviations.
- **Do not send attachments in the first email.** Many units are being instructed *not* to open emails with attachments and avoid downloading attachments. Once you make the initial contact and the prospective host knows who you are, you can send attachments as a trusted contact. You may also link to your professional profile in lieu of attaching the CV.
- Link to the award to which you will apply. Make it clear that there is no financial commitment to the prospective host (provided the [award](#) does not indicate cost-share is expected on the Award Benefits tab).
- Note in our sample that the email writer does not explicitly ask for an Invitation Letter. You may do so in your first email, but we recommend asking for the Invitation explicitly after initial contact.
- If you do not hear back from the recipient within a week, email them again once per week for up to two weeks. If they do not respond after that time, consider another host.

Dear Dr. Laurent,

My name is Dr. Julia Lieber, and I am writing from the University of Virginia, where I am a scholar of French. [You can find my faculty profile here.](#) I am considering applying to the Fulbright Scholar Award in French Studies, which will allow me to choose a host anywhere in France with whom I can collaborate on research.

I identified your research group, focused on material culture, as being especially interesting for my work on souvenir objects related to the 1889 World's Fair and the Eiffel Tower. I would welcome the opportunity to learn from your team's expertise on similar subject matter (I especially admire Charlotte Carreaux's work on postcards from the Belle Époque) and in turn share my perspective on the unique corpus on which I work.

If you are interested in my scholarly profile, I am happy to send my CV and a short abstract describing my proposed Fulbright research project. From there, I would appreciate a short call where I can explain to you how Fulbright hosting works: there is no financial commitment from you, only a commitment to intellectually "host" me and, according to your interest, facilitate lectures I might give for your team and community.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Julia V. Lieber, Ph.D.

Introduce yourself and the award.  
Share the direct link to the award.

Share briefly the nature of your work  
and connect it to specific details of  
the prospective host's work and  
community.

Offer to send your CV and abstract  
after you make contact. Try to send  
an abstract and not a finished Project  
Statement so your host can see  
themselves in the project.

Underscore that there is no financial  
commitment, provided your Award  
does not specify a cost-share.



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# Alumni Ambassador Experience



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# Fulbright Scholar Alumni Ambassador



**Norb Delatte**

Fulbright U.S. Scholar to Italy

As a Fulbright U.S. Scholar, Norb conducted research at the University of Naples Federico II Department of Structures for Engineering and Architecture, working on forensic engineering—investigating how structures fail—to improve structural safety.



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**Kusali Gamage**

Fulbright U.S. Scholar to Sri Lanka

Dr. Kusali Gamage, a marine geologist and educator, engaged in discussions on critical minerals, taught courses in oceanography and introductory geology, and mentored undergraduate researchers as a Fulbright U.S. Scholar at the Department of Geology at the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.



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# Wrapping it Up



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# Next Steps & Application Tips

**Review Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award Opportunities** on our website

- **Read all four tabs of an award** so you know which one best meets your needs

**Attend** Office Hours, Webinars – ask questions!

- **Next Webinar: Application Writing Clinic, Part II – August 11, 2:00 PM ET**

**Start** an online application

- If you have not already, start an online application **TODAY!**

**Connect** with potential hosts & recommenders **NOW**

**Submit** your application by **September 15, 2026 at 5:00 PM ET**



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# Question & Answer



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