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# Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

Virtual Advising: Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards in South and Central Asia & East Asia and the Pacific

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#### Eligibility for U.S. Scholar Programs

- U.S. citizenship
- Degree as required by award
  - Ph.D. or other terminal degree may be required
  - Many awards are open to applicants with a Master's and professional or academic experience
  - Recent Master's degree recipients and undergraduate degree holders are eligible for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program
- Open to professionals and artists outside academia with recognized standing and substantial accomplishments
- Teaching experience as required by award
- Candidates who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces are encouraged to apply
- New policies on previous Fulbright Scholar grants and waiting periods between grants





#### Selecting the Right Award

- Match your expertise, experience, and proposal to the award description
- Regional experience and language ability
- Discipline preferences listed in the award
- Relevance of the project to the country; why will host the host country benefit from your project?
- Career Level early career, postdoctoral, mid-level, Distinguished Chair





### **Application Components**

- Application Form
- Project Statement (3 to 5 pages, single spaced)
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume (Up to 6 pages, single spaced)
- Letters of Reference (3 letters, register recommenders)
- If applicable:
  - Bibliography and/or syllabi
  - Letter of Invitation
  - Language Proficiency Report
  - Portfolio (arts, architecture, creative writing, journalism, film, etc.)







#### **Project Statement**

- What skills, knowledge, and experience of yours will benefit the host country or institution, and how?
- Tell your story: What led you to apply for this fellowship?
- Outcomes from the grant impact on host country or institution, you, and your home institution
- How adaptable are you? How well will you deal with challenging situations?
- Lay out your proposed research/teaching project specifics in as much detail as possible









#### **Affiliations and Invitations**

- Host Institution:
  - If a host is identified, it will be found under "Location" in the award description
- When a host is not identified, there are several resources to find an affiliation:
  - International office on your campus
  - U.S. and Visiting Fulbright Scholar Directory
  - Review award description for suggested hosts or resources
- Letters of Invitation:
  - Non-binding expression of interest from proposed host
  - Should come from person with whom you will be collaborating
  - Should be on host institution letterhead





### Submitting a Competitive Application

- Address the Fulbright goal or promoting mutual understanding
- Express why you are interested in a Fulbright award and your proposed country
- Outlines your professional expertise and skills you can offer; benefits to you the host institution and host country; exchange of knowledge and experience
- Display cultural diplomacy; demonstrate flexibility and adaptability
- Outcomes, impact, and multiplier effect
  - For your professional development, home campus, students, field at large; for your host institution
  - Future collaborations; linkages personal, professional, institutional; plans for sustaining relationships
  - Internationalizing campus and curriculum





#### **Review Process and Timeline**

**SEPT. 16** 

Application deadline

SEPT.

Program staff conducts technical reviews for completeness.

OCT. - NOV.

U.S. peer review

NOV. - JAN.

Applicants notified of status - Recommended applications are reviewed by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board for approval.

JAN. – APR.

Grantees notified of final approvals.

MAY – onward

Grantees prepare for grants.





#### **Application Resources**

 Fulbright Scholar Program website and Catalog of Awards

Apply

- Application and Application Instructions
- Learn
  - Webinars
  - The Fulbright Scholar Blog
- Connect
  - My Fulbright







#### Frequently Asked Questions

• Q: How can I contact you?

A: E-mail addresses are listed in the award descriptions.

• Q; When is the application deadline?

A: September 16, 2019

Q: Can I apply to two or more awards in the same competition?

A: No, applicants must select one award.

• Q: Is there a preference for teaching research, or teaching/research? What proportion is required for teaching/research?

A: See award description for any stated preferences; generally open to design of project and capacity of host institution if not otherwise stated in award.





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# Open Q & A





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