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Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Global Hidden Gems in 2023-24

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Today's Webinar

- 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 & 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.



Gita Pai, U.S. Scholar to India





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

Approximately 400,000 “Fulbrighters” have participated in the program since its inception in 1946.





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

Fulbright is family-friendly.

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

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



Fulbright U.S. Scholars to Colombia

- 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 and waiting periods between grants



Global Hidden Gems: Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program 2023- 24 Competition



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Madlene Hamilton, U.S. Scholar to Sierra Leone

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

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- **Austria:** Fulbright-Graz University of Technology Visiting Professor
- **The Balkans:** Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, North Macedonia
- **Czech Republic:** Fulbright Distinguished Scholar in Economics at CERGE-EI, Charles University, Czech Academy of Sciences (New award)
- **Eurasia:** Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, & Turkey
- **France:** Fulbright Award for Research in Southwestern France (Nouvelle-Aquitaine)
- **Italy:** Fulbright Early Career Research Lectureship at the Department of Civil, Environmental and Mechanical Engineering at the University of Trento



Dessa Bergen-Cico, U.S. Scholar to Georgia





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Bruce Sicheloff U.S. Scholar to Montenegro

- **Latvia:** All Disciplines
- **Portugal:** Fulbright Award in Artificial Intelligence Ethics / Universidade Católica Portuguesa (UCP)
- **Romania:** All Disciplines
- **Spain:** Epidemiology and Public Health at the Universidad de Murcia
- **Slovakia:** All Disciplines
- **United Kingdom:** Fulbright-University of Manchester Distinguished Scholar Award (Humanities) & Fulbright - British Virgin Islands Scholar Award at H. Lavity Stoutt Community College (HLSCC)





East Asia and the Pacific

- **Australia:** Fulbright Distinguished Chairs in Advanced (Defense) Science and Technology, Applied Public Policy and Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- **Australia:** Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarships (partnered with the Kinghorn Foundation and University of Newcastle)
- **Australia:** Fulbright Scholar Awards at Central Queensland University Australia and University of Canberra
- **Philippines:** U.S.-Philippine Relations
- **Taiwan:** Arts, Education, Humanities, Professional Fields and Social Sciences (Postdoctoral Scholar Award)
- **Thailand:** All Disciplines



Tim Berra, U.S. Scholar to Australia





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Western Hemisphere



Hai-Vu Phan, Public Policy Fellow to Peru

- Argentina: Science and Technology
- Brazil: Fulbright Distinguished Scholar Awards in Medical Sciences, Urban Studies, Renewable Energy and Green Hydrogen Production, Biodiversity and Environmental Conservation
- Canada: Research Chairs in Business and Management, Indigenous Studies, Policy, Law and Governance, Food Studies, Health Studies and Science and Technology
- Chile: Astronomy and Antarctic Studies
- Guyana: STEM and Agriculture
- Mexico: Fulbright-García Robles U.S. Studies Chair





Sub-Saharan Africa

- **Cabo Verde:** All Disciplines
- **Eswatini:** All Disciplines
- **Guinea:** All Disciplines
- **Namibia:** All Disciplines
- **Niger:** All Disciplines
- **Zimbabwe:** All Disciplines



Irene Osisioma, U.S. Scholar to Nigeria





Middle East and North Africa



Casey Allen, U.S. Scholar to Jordan

- **Egypt:** Business, Visual/Performing Arts, Sciences, Distinguished Scholar Award (new award!)
- **TEFL/Applied linguistics** in Algeria, Jordan and Palestinian Territories
- **Israel:** Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowships
- **Qatar:** Water, Energy and the Environment
- **Tunisia:** All Disciplines
- **United Arab Emirates:** Multiple Disciplines awards for Research, Teaching, Teaching/ Research





South and Central Asia

- **Bangladesh:** All Disciplines (**new for 2023-24**)
- **Bhutan:** Multiple Disciplines
- **India:** Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellowship
- **All Disciplines awards:** Nepal, Kyrgyz Republic, Turkmenistan



Kitty Purgason, U.S. Scholar to Tajikistan





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)
- Select bibliography (for research)
- Portfolio submissions (for artists, architects, and journalists)





Tips to submit 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 your application and enter your referees' information as soon as possible.** You can always save and return to it.
- **Take advantage of IIE resources**, including webinars, office hours and pointed application guidance on our website.

Remember: You only can receive an award if you apply!





Application Cycle

2023-24 Competition Now Open

FEBRUARY	Catalog of Awards Opens
SEPTEMBER 15	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



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