

# FULBRIGHT Scholar Program

# Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Opportunities in Morocco for 2024-25

Jaclyn Assarian

Outreach and Recruitment Specialist Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

Institute of International Education

Hafsa El Bastami

Deputy Executive Director

**Ikram Boukhari** 

U.S Programs Officer

Moroccan-American Commission for Educational & Cultural Exchange

**James Peyton-Jones** 

U.S Scholar to Morocco 2022-2023







- Program Overview
- Why Fulbright?
- Eligibility
- Fulbright Scholar Opportunities in Morocco
- Alum Perspective
- > Application Cycle and Tips for U.S. Scholars
- Questions

# Today's Agenda





#### **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.
- Fulbright is sponsored by the U.S.
   Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and administered by the Institute of International Education.





### 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.

ECA is committed to addressing barriers based on race, ethnicity, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, geographic location, education, income, socio-economic status, and other diversity dimensions, that may hinder inclusion in the organization. The Bureau's commitment to DEIA strengthens U.S. foreign policy and is vital to building trust and partnerships here at home and around the world.









# **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







# 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 (including Morocco)
- 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 <u>policies</u> on previous Fulbright Scholar awards: two year waiting period between Fulbright U.S. Scholar award and next application

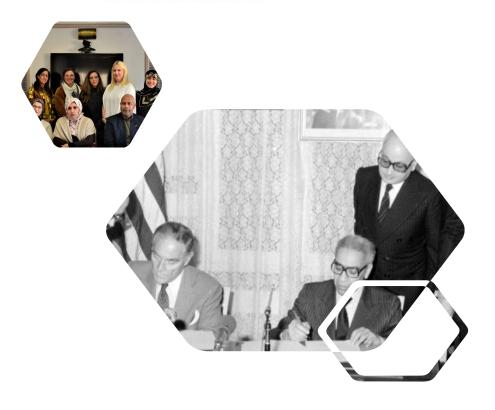


# Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program Opportunities in Morocco for 2024-25









- Commission established in 1982 and based in Rabat, with the mission of facilitating educational and cultural exchange between Morocco and the United States.
- MACECE runs several graduate studies, research, and professional development programs under the umbrella of the Fulbright Program.
- More than 3,000 alumni
- Over 225 Americans have traveled to Morocco on the US Scholar Program

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

Open for American university professors

#### Scholars can:

- Teach
- Conduct research
- Or combination

And participate in a variety of activities at the host institution and with the Commission.

Duration: 2 to 10 months





# Scholar Awards to Morocco

Scholar Program: 2-10 months

Flex Scholar Program: split into segments

Joint Morocco-Spain Scholar Program: 5 months/5months

Global Scholar Award (centrally funded)

Regional Scholar Award (centrally funded)



# **US Scholar Programs**

#### Regular Scholar program

- Typically, professors/faculty at US universities who come to Morocco for up to 10 months of research, teaching or a combination of both
- Research clearance required unless 100% teaching
- Each scholar needs to have a Moroccan affiliate for research and/or teaching (typically a university)
- https://awards.cies.org

#### Flex Scholar program

Can make up to 3 trips of 2 months or more

#### Joint Morocco-Spain Scholar Program

- Joint Morocco-Spain Scholar – spends half the time (up to 5 months) in Spain and half in Morocco;
- Selections are made in collaboration with Fulbright Espana.





# **US Scholar Programs**

#### Global Scholar program

- multiple countries, centrally funded; MACECE has welcomed global scholars as recently as 2022
- <a href="https://awards.cies.org">https://awards.cies.org</a>

#### Regional Scholar program

• 1-2 countries in the NEA (Near East Asia) region, centrally funded

# Financial Benefits

Compatitiva	nackaga	anda	rasconable	cost of living
Compeniive	package	anu a	Teasonable	cost of living

Stipend and monthly maintenance

Travel allowance

Language learning allowance

Health Insurance and the Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges (ASPE)

Dependent allowance

# Support for our Grantees

Research Clearance from the Moroccan Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Recommendations for Host Institutional Affiliation
Pre-departure information
Upon arrival support
Visa allowance
In-country orientation meetings
24h emergency phone







# Fulbright grantees in Morocco

# Recent Scholar Affiliations

Institute National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA) - Rabat Abdelmalek Essâadi University - Tetouan Al Akhwayn University - Ifrane Université Internationale de Rabat Mohamed V University - Rabat Ibn Zohr University - Agadir Cadi Ayyad University – Safi/Marrakech Université Hassan II de Casablanca

High Atlas Foundation - Marrakech



# Alumni Experiences







## 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



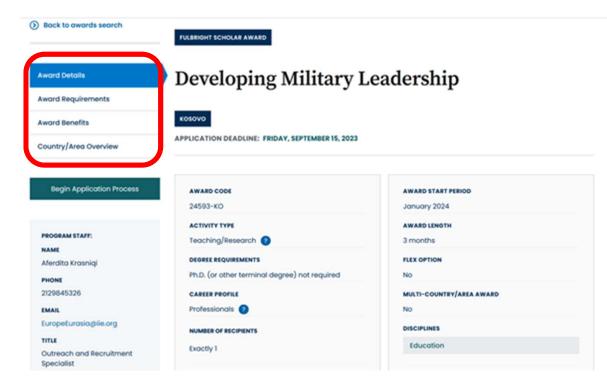


## **Understanding the Awards**

Visit <u>fulbrightscholars.org</u> to search awards

#### Review important details in:

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









## **Application Components for Scholar Awards**

#### **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	
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	





# Stay Connected with Fulbright

**EMAIL** us at <u>scholars@iie.org</u> (<u>MiddleEastNorthAfrica@iie.org</u> for Morocco)

**VISIT** <u>fulbrightscholars.org</u> to learn more about the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

**REFER** your colleagues

f /fulbright

**∭** @FulbrightPrgrm

in /the-fulbright-program



