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Scholar Program

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Opportunities in Political Science

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Today's Presentation

- Program Overview
- Why Fulbright?
- Eligibility
- Opportunities in Political Science
- Application Cycle and Tips
- Q&A





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.

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**
- 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
 - MFA, MArch, MAJ
 - 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 for Political Science Projects:

- 1 Scholar Awards
- 2 Postdoctoral Awards
- 3 Distinguished Scholar Awards





Which Award is for you?

Flex Option

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

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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 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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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



Opportunities in Political Science: Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program 2024-25 Competition



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Awards in Political Science: Opportunity is waiting for you around the world!



- 77 awards specifically seeking Political Science and International Relations projects, in addition to almost 200 All Disciplines awards
- Of awards open to your field, 83 do not require a Ph.D. or Terminal Degree
- 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

- **Austria:** [Fulbright-Botstiber Visiting Professor of Austrian-American Studies in Austria](#)
- **Denmark:** [Danish Distinguished Scholar Award in American Studies](#)
- **Italy:** [Fulbright-LUISS Research Lectureship in Business, Economics, Law and Political Science](#)
- **Finland:** [Fulbright-Tampere University Scholar Award \(All Disciplines\)](#)
- **France:** [Fulbright-CY Initiative Award \(CY Cergy Paris Université and ESSEC Business School\)](#)
- **Montenegro:** [All Disciplines](#)





Europe and Eurasia

- **European Union:** [Fulbright-Schuman Distinguished Scholar Award at the European University Institute \(EUI - Florence, Italy\)](#)
- **Kosovo:** [Developing Military Leadership](#)
- **Hungary:** [Fulbright-University of Public Service Award](#)
- **North Macedonia:** [Rule of Law, Judiciary Reform, and Civil Society](#)
- **Portugal:** [Fulbright Award in Artificial Intelligence Ethics / Universidade Católica Portuguesa \(UCP\)](#)
- **Romania:** [Media Literacy and Cybersecurity](#)
- **Spain:** [International Studies at the Universidad Autonoma de Madrid](#)





East Asia and Pacific

- Timor Leste: [All Disciplines](#) (NEW AWARD)
- Taiwan: [Political Science and International Relations Award](#) (NEW AWARD)
- Korea: [Distinguished Scholar at Yonsei University](#)
- Philippines: [U.S.-Philippine Relations](#)
- Australia: Partner awards such as:
 - [Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Applied Public Policy \(Democratic Resilience\)](#) (Flinders University)
 - [Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences](#) (The Australian National University)





Western Hemisphere

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- **Barbados and Eastern Caribbean:** [Multiple Disciplines](#)
- **Canada:** [Research Chairs in Indigenous Studies](#); [North American Studies](#)
- **Chile:** [Social Sciences, Humanities, and Education](#)
- **Suriname:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Uruguay:** [All Disciplines](#)





Sub-Saharan Africa

- This region is looking to build teaching capacity through the many all-disciplines awards offered!
- **Eswatini:** All Disciplines
- **South Africa:** Social Sciences and Humanities
- **Zambia:** All Disciplines
- **Zimbabwe:** Public Policy and Governance





Middle East and North Africa

- **Bahrain, Qatar:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Kuwait, United Arab Emirates:** [Multiple Disciplines](#)
- **Jordan:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Tunisia:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Israel:** [Postdoctoral Fellowships](#)





South and Central Asia

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- **India:**
 - [Fulbright-Nehru Distinguished Scholar \(All Disciplines\)](#)
 - [Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Awards \(All Disciplines\)](#)
- **Sri Lanka:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Nepal:** All Disciplines
- **Central Asia:** [Tajikistan](#) and [Uzbekistan](#)





Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship

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- The Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship provides opportunities for U.S. early and mid-career professionals and practitioners to serve in placements in a foreign government ministry around the world (*Applicants should not contact potential host ministries to organize or advocate for a placement*).
- Fellows will serve as “technical specialists” in a foreign government ministry or institution, 80% of the time immersing themselves in ongoing assignments and new initiatives, at the direction and under the supervision of host government officials.
- Self-directed professional project, 20% of the time
- Four to nine months
- Approximately 12 globally





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
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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