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Global Hidden Gems II

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Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program 2027-28

Today's Presentation

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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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Why Fulbright?

Fulbright supports your professional development

- **Go Abroad:** Teach, research, and lead projects
- **Build Partnerships:** Create lasting international collaborations.
- **Advance Your Work:** Expand your publishing network and enrich your teaching
- **Be Recognized:** Earn distinction as a Fulbright Scholar.
- **Stay Connected:** Join a dynamic, supportive alumni community.



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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 is a Global Hidden Gem?

Awards identified through a review of program data, regional insights, and strategic priorities to highlight new and noteworthy opportunities across the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program.



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Awards Overview



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Program Award Types

2027-28 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

385+

AWARDS

130+

COUNTRIES & LOCATIONS

2-12

MONTHS

AWARD ACTIVITIES

- 1) Research or Teaching
- 2) Research & Teaching
- 3) Professional Projects
- 4) Seminars (two weeks)

TYPES OF AWARDS

- 1) Scholar Awards
- 2) Postdoctoral Awards
- 3) Distinguished Scholar Awards
- 4) International Education Administrator (IEA) Awards



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Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

Award Highlights 2027-28

800+

Annual Awards in
all Disciplines

68%

Offer Dependent
Support

43

Distinguished
Scholar Awards

45

Countries Offer
Flex Option

400,000+

Alumni Network

All Fulbright Scholars receive support from *application throughout their award* from IIE, binational Fulbright Commissions, and U.S. Embassies and Posts.



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Recently Added New Awards

- **Australia:**
 - [Fulbright 80th Anniversary Distinguished Chair Award](#)
 - [Fulbright Generation250 Scholarship](#)
- **United Kingdom:** [Fulbright-University of Nottingham Scholar Award \(All Disciplines\)](#)
- **Belgium:** [NATO Security Studies](#)
- **India:** [Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators Award](#)
- **Chile:** [U.S.-Chile Fulbright Antarctic Science Exchange](#)



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Discipline-Specific Awards



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Awards in Business, Economics + Entrepreneurship

- **Canada:** [Fulbright Canada Entrepreneurship Initiative \(FCEI\)](#)
- **Canada:** [Research Chairs in Business and Management](#)
- **Czech Republic:** [Fulbright Distinguished Scholar in Economics at CERGE-EI, Charles University, Czech Academy of Sciences](#)
- **Ireland:** [Responsible Leadership, Sustainable Business and/or the Future of Work and/or Business and AI at University College Cork](#)
- **Australia:** [Fulbright Scholar Award \(funded by Curtin University\)](#)
- **Australia:** [Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Entrepreneurship and Innovation \(RMIT University\)](#)
- **Egypt:** [Business Administration](#)
- **Bahrain:** [Business and Economics](#)



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Awards for Education, TEFL, Community Colleges, etc.

- **Algeria:** [TEFL/Applied Linguistics](#)
- **Brazil:** [Fulbright Distinguished Scholar Award in Education and Linguistics](#)
- **Canada:** [Research Chairs in Education](#)
- **Cote d'Ivoire:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Denmark:** [Community College Faculty Award](#)
- **Egypt:** [Community College Faculty Award](#)
- **Jordan:** [TEFL/Applied Linguistics](#)
- **Mexico:** [Fulbright-García Robles Teaching English as a Foreign Language \(TEFL\)](#)



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Awards in Public Health & Medical Sciences

- Ireland: [Medical Sciences/Education](#)
- Finland: [Fulbright-Saastamoinen Foundation Distinguished Chair in Health Sciences](#)
- Spain: [Epidemiology and Public Health at the Universidad de Murcia](#)
- Australia: [Fulbright Scholar Award \(funded by the University of Canberra\)](#)
- Egypt: [Sciences](#)



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Awards in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM)

- **Spain:** [Molecular Biology and Biotechnology at the Universidad de Murcia](#)
- **Kosovo:** [Fulbright Scholar in Energy – Kosovo](#)
- **Italy:** [Fulbright Early Career Research Lectureship at the Department of Industrial Engineering at the University of Trento](#)
- **United Kingdom:** [Fulbright-Lancaster University Scholar Award in Science and Technology](#)
- **Australia:** [Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Cyber Information Influence](#)
- **Indonesia:** [BRIN-Fulbright U.S. Scholar Research Award](#)
- **Palestinian Territories (West Bank):** [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\)](#)
- **Qatar:** [Cybersecurity Research and Teaching at UDST](#)



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U.S.-Chile Fulbright Antarctic Science Exchange

Chile: [U.S.-Chile Fulbright Antarctic Science Exchange](#)

- First-of-its-kind Fulbright award focused on Antarctic scientific research
- **Applicant Profile:**
 - Early-Career Academics & Postdoctoral Researchers
 - Must hold a PhD in Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry or Environmental Sciences by time of grant start (May 2027)
- **Office Hours:**
 - Friday, July 31, 2 - 3pm (ET)
 - Friday, August 21, 2 - 3pm (ET)



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Awards for Postdoctoral and Early Career Applicants

250

AWARDS

111

COUNTRIES & LOCATIONS

2-12

MONTHS

Postdoc Countries

- Australia
- Brazil
- Canada
- Chile
- Czech Republic
- France
- Israel
- Mexico
- Slovak Republic
- Spain
- Taiwan
- Turkey
- European Union



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Awards by Region



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East Asia and the Pacific

25 countries and locations offering **45** awards

East Asia

- **Indonesia:** [All Disciplines \(Research\)](#); [All Disciplines \(Teaching\)](#)
- **Philippines:**
 - [Philippine Space Agency Program in Space Science and Technology](#)
- **Taiwan:** [Political Science and International Relations Award](#)

Pacific

- **Australia:** [Fulbright Scholar Award \(University of Notre Dame Australia\)](#)
- **Australia:** [Fulbright Scholar Award \(University of Wollongong\)](#)
- **South Pacific Islands Award:** [Multi-country](#)
- **Timor-Leste:** [All Disciplines Award](#)



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South and Central Asia

12 countries and locations offering 13 awards

South Asia

- Bangladesh: [All Disciplines](#)
- India: [Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Awards \(All Disciplines\)](#)
- Nepal: [All Disciplines](#)
- Pakistan: [All Disciplines](#)

Central Asia

- Kazakhstan: [All Disciplines](#)
- Tajikistan: [Multiple Disciplines](#)
- Turkmenistan: [All Disciplines](#)



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Europe and Eurasia I

44 countries and locations offering 211 awards with new opportunities in STEM, Humanities, & Social Sciences

- **Austria:**
 - [Fulbright-Johannes Kepler University Linz Visiting Professor](#)
 - [Fulbright-Salzburg University of Applied Sciences Visiting Professor](#)
- **Bosnia & Herzegovina:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Czech Republic:** [Fulbright-Masaryk Award \(NGO Management\)](#)
- **Finland:** [Fulbright-Haaga-Helia \(University of Applied Sciences\) Scholar Award](#)
- **France:** [Fulbright Award for Research in Eastern France \(Grand Est\)](#)



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Europe and Eurasia II

44 countries and locations offering 211 awards

- **Hungary:**
 - [Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award at Obuda University](#)
 - [Fulbright-Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences Award](#)
- **Italy:** [Fulbright Early Career Research Lectureship at the Department of Civil, Environmental, and Mechanical Engineering at the University of Trento](#)
- **Ireland:**
 - [Fulbright-UCD Mary Ball Washington Scholar Astronomy and Astrophysics](#)
- **North Macedonia:** [Combating Transnational Crime](#)



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Europe and Eurasia III

44 countries and locations offering 211 awards

- **Norway:** [Advanced International Studies \(Nobel Institute\)](#)
- **Poland:** [Teaching and Research at the Center for East European Studies, University of Warsaw](#)
- **Portugal:** [Fulbright Award in American Studies](#)
- **Romania:** [Fulbright-University of Bucharest](#)
- **Spain:** [Tourism Economics and Business Management at the Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria](#)



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Sub-Saharan Africa

25 countries and locations offering 29 awards

- **Cabo Verde:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Eswatini:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Namibia:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Zambia:** [Journalism and Broadcasting](#)
- **The Gambia:** [All Disciplines](#)



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Western Hemisphere

24 countries and locations offering 48 awards with new opportunities in Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

North America

- **Canada:** [Research Chairs in Science and Technology](#)

Caribbean

- **Suriname:** [All Disciplines](#)

Central and South America

- **Chile:** [Fulbright Chile Lithium Award](#)
- **El Salvador:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Honduras:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Panama:** [Science, Technology and Education](#)
- **Peru:** [Multiple Disciplines](#)
- **Uruguay:** [Agriculture](#)



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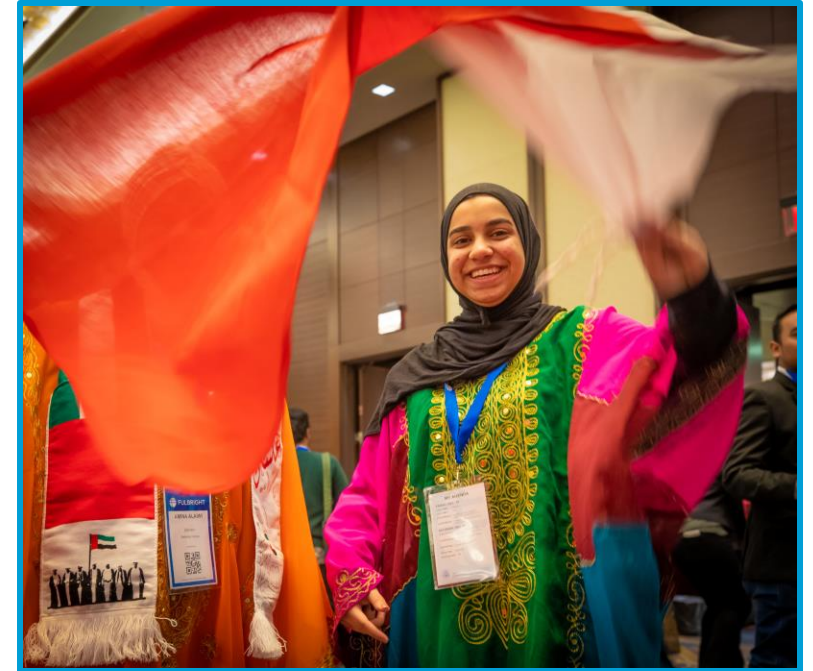
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Middle East and North Africa

14 countries and locations offering 38 awards

- **Egypt:** [Egypt Distinguished Scholar Award](#)
- **Jordan:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Morocco:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Israel:** [Postdoctoral Fellowship \(Steinhardt Museum\)](#)
- **Palestinian Territories (West Bank):** [Journalism/Media](#)



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International Education Administrator (IEA) Awards

- Funded two-week seminars for administrators (staff and leadership) with international education responsibilities
- Check the award requirements tab of the description for country specific requirements
- Faculty can participate, but only if they serve as an administrator with international responsibilities, such as a president, director, dean or chair
 - IEA awards do not support research or teaching.

<https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards/IEA>



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Fulbright IEA Seminar Offerings for 2027-28

Location	Applicant Profile	Seminar Dates	Application Deadline
<u>Taiwan</u>	Senior Leadership & Student-facing Roles	March 2027	September 15, 2026
<u>France-Senegal</u>	Senior Leadership	March-April 2027	September 15, 2026
<u>Israel</u>	Senior Leadership	June 2027	November 2, 2026
<u>Japan</u>	Senior Leadership & Student-facing Roles	June 2027	November 2, 2026
<u>France</u>	Senior Leadership	October 2027	February 1, 2027
<u>South Korea</u>	Senior Leadership & Student-facing Roles	October-November 2027	February 1, 2027
<u>Germany</u>	Senior Leadership & Student-facing Roles	October-November 2027	February 1, 2027
<u>India</u>	Senior Leadership & Student-facing Roles	October-November 2027	February 1, 2027

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Next Steps



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Application Components

Requirements:

- ✓ Application Form
- ✓ Project Statement
- ✓ Essays
- ✓ Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- ✓ 2 Recommendations
- ✓ Language Proficiency Report *(if required)*
- ✓ Invitation Letters *(if required)*

Supplemental Materials:

- ✓ Syllabi or Course Outlines *(for teaching)*
- ✓ Reference List *(for research)*
- ✓ Portfolio *(for disciplines like Arts, Architecture, and Journalism)*





Application Cycle

FEBRUARY	Competition Opens
MARCH - AUGUST	Attend Webinars & Office Hours, Request Invitation Letter
SEPTEMBER	September 15 - Deadline followed by Preliminary Review
OCTOBER – NOVEMBER	U.S. Peer Review
DECEMBER	Applicants notified of Peer Review result
DECEMBER – JUNE	Selection process takes place and final notifications sent
JUNE – ONWARD	Selected participants prepare for departure



More Fulbright Scholar Events

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WEBINARS

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OFFICE HOURS

apply.iie.org/portal/office_hours



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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!

- **Attend webinars and Office Hours** and read guides on our website

Start an online application

- Start an online application **as soon as possible**

Connect with potential hosts & recommenders early

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



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Question & Answer



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Fulbright Opportunities on Campus

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE (S-I-R) PROGRAM

Host scholars from other countries to teach for a semester or an academic year

Deadline: Proposals due in June to host in the following academic year

Website:
fulbrightscholars.org/sir

Email: SIR@iie.org

FULBRIGHT OUTREACH LECTURING FUND (OLF)

Host current Fulbright Visiting Scholars for short-term lectureships of 2-6 days

Deadline: Proposals due 30 days before visit

Website:
fulbrightscholars.org/OLF

Email: OLF@iie.org

FULBRIGHT LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSISTANT (FLTA) PROGRAM

Host native-speaking language teaching assistants to enhance students' skillsets

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foreign.fulbrightonline.org

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