

Ask Us Anything: Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program 2025-26 Open Forum

Webinar Q&A Box Questions and Answers

These questions have been anonymized. Any question too specific to any one applicant has been removed. Questions answered live will appear only in the video recording.

Question	Answer
<p>Could you expand on the criteria for the Distinguished Scholar program?</p>	<p>Hello! Distinguished Scholar Awards are viewed as the most prestigious appointments in the Fulbright Scholar Program. Awards are open to scholars who have more than seven years of experience in their discipline or area of expertise, though some awards may further restrict eligibility. All awards are open to academics and a limited number are also open to artists and professionals. Distinguished Scholars are expected to actively engage host institutions in the spirit of promoting mutual understanding and sharing knowledge. Awards may involve limited teaching, not to exceed more than one course per term, or three-hours of teaching per week. Check award descriptions for institutional affiliation requirements.</p>
<p>Is there a difference between research vs independent study?</p>	<p>Those are categories for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. Please check their website for more information.</p>
<p>How long can scholar program overseas?</p>	<p>Check your award! The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program's awards vary in length depending on the specific opportunity. Please see the award descriptions at https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search</p>
<p>Hello! I have recently retired from my institution and I am wondering what the opportunities might be for emeritus faculty.</p>	<p>Hello! Look for the awards that welcome senior academics.</p>
<p>I may be in the incorrect webinar. I am interested in finding out more on how to apply to be on the Specialist roster for Colombia. A university there is very interested in hosting me. Thank you.</p>	<p>Hello! The Specialist Program is administered by World Learning. Please contact them.</p>
<p>I was unsuccessful in applying last year—which is fine—I learned a lot. My first question is that I have a CLINICAL DOCTORATE (DNP) and not a research doctore (no PhD). I was wondering if I should consider applying for FT teaching as opposed to research given that my doctoral degree is not a research degree?</p>	<p>Hello! Your degree is considered a terminal degree, and as long as you have research or teaching experience, you are competitive for those activities.</p>
<p>Are there any opportunities for American scholars who are currently living outside the U.S.?</p>	<p>Have you been abroad for more than 5 years? I ask because if you've lived outside the U.S. for more than 5</p>

	<p>years, that renders your ineligible based on residency. You can see that in our eligibility section here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#eligibility</p>
<p>Are there programs that are senior friendly? After a 30-year career creating educational media for museums and telling peoples' stories and connecting people to science, I'd like to apply my experience in new ways. I feel like many programs are geared to youth or mid-career. Thanks</p>	<p>Hello! There are no age limits in the Fulbright Scholar Program. For awards open to senior professionals/academics, please see our website: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All&field_career_profile[8322]=8322&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</p>
<p>Can i apply for fulbrigh scholar with the same inivation letters and same universities I GOT INVITATION LETTER FROM TWO UNIVERSITIES because this time i was unable to win scholar program.</p>	<p>Yes you can, but make sure you update the letters and they are from this year.</p>
<p>Second question—I did NOT apply to a Spanish spekaing country, although I am fully bilingual and do teach in Sapanish. I assume my application would be stronger to teach in a Spanish spaeking country, i.e. to leveage that skill?</p>	<p>Yes, I encourage you to consider Spain or another Spanish speaking country where you can utilize your language skills and serve as a cultural ambassador.</p>
<p>I'm a journalist and want to apply to the southeast program. Can I apply for research or does teaching need to be part of it?</p>	<p>Hello! We recommend you check the award details of the award you're interested in. It will tell you which activity types you can do.</p>
<p>Are there hidden gem countries that are particularly keen on awarding a Fulbright to visual artists - painters? And what kind of projects do they look for?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! We recently hosted a Fulbright Hidden Gems Webinar which highlighted many awards that may be of interest. (https://fulbrightscholars.org/document/global-hidden-gems-fulbright-us-scholar-competition-2025-26). Specifically, you might find the All-Disciplines awards in the Baltics and Eastern Europe of interest. Latvia and Estonia specifically list institutions that may be of interest. I also recommend taking a look at the Scholar Directory to see projects that have been completed by other visual artists as they can speak about their own experience.</p>
<p>I am accepted for study in the US university, but not fuded. How can I get the funding opportunity for this study?</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Fulbright Scholar Program. This webinar is to assist U.S.-based academics and professionals to teach and research abroad. As you are a student based outside of the U.S., please visit our Fulbright Foreign Student Program website for more information on opportunities to study and research in the United States. You can find your country's contact on the how to apply section of the site.</p>
<p>If you have more than 7 years experience, do you recommend applying for the Distinguished Scholar Award over the US Scholar Award?</p>	<p>Note that there are different types of awards; if you're an accomplished scholar, both some scholar awards AND distinguished scholar awards might be open to you. Note that both are *types* of U.S. Scholar awards - the application process and required materials are the same! I would actually encourage you to review the</p>

	awards available for the country/countries you're considering to see what your options are
Is there someone in your shop with whom I may speak "live" (offline) --after this program-- regarding the Distinguished Scholar program?	There is! Every award listed on our website will have a staff member listed on the left side of the page. Please feel free to send them an email following the presentation.
Does Fulbright support research in conflict zones? eg. Kashmir?	Safety and security of applicants and grantees are the top priority of the Fulbright Program. If there is a Fulbright award offered, we will offer it. Check our listings.
Hi. I am interested in the Fulbright Administrator's Seminar.	Hello! To see IEA awards, please see here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&field_award_type_list[8302]=8302&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All
The asylyee situation considered as the sources for US scholar, or what ?	To apply for a U.S. Scholar award, you do need to be a U.S. citizen. For other opportunities, I encourage you to visit iie.org to see what you might be able to pursue outside of the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program
I am US/German dual citizen (German originally, then I got the US citizenship in 2018), my kids are dual citizens born in the US, and my wife is US citizen. We are planning to go to Germany from 2026-2027. How slim are the chances for me to win a scholarship to go to Germany? I am not looking to go anywhere else. I just want to make sure that it won't be a waste of time and then being told that going back to my country of origin is not considered appropriate or competitive.	Per the award description, dual us/German citizens are unfortunately not eligible for that specific opportunity. In the event your project might be flexible enough to go elsewhere in Europe (or another region!) I encourage you to consider it. For your reference, the award description: https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/all-disciplines-847#award-requirements
Does the scholar program have a time stipulation in terms of how long you have to be at the hosting institution?	Hello! This depends on the award. Our awards range from 2-12 months, but every award has its own timeline.
I am struggling with determining to which discipline my background and research interests align. Is it possible to have a one-on-one consult? I'm signed up for the office hours this afternoon. Is that a good time/place to ask?	Hello! Yes, office hours are the perfect place to ask those types of questions.
Is it still possible to apply for a fullbright if I'm about to retire in 2-3 years? Is there a special award that fits that particular model?	Hello! Yes, retired/emeritus faculty can apply.
Thank you for the information, does the website included the contact for Ethiopia?	Hello! Yes, there is a starter contact on the Award Requirements page of any given award.
Can i apply for fulbrigh scholar with the same inviatio letters and same universities I GOT INVITATION LETTER FROM TWO UNIVERSITIES because this time i was unable to win scholar program.	Hello! Yes, you may, but please have them update the dates on that letter to make sure we know they are welcoming to you in 25-26 as well.
If a university provides housing, am I correct in reading the teaching award decreases? If so, is a rough budget example available?	Hello, I would encourage you to visit the benefits section of the award you are interested in (found on the left of the award listing). This will break down the benefits more clearly and specifically for each award.

<p>i am a freelancer artist, who is not belong to institute. am can i still apply for East Asia region project? however i've reject two times for my past applications.</p>	<p>I suggest you apply to a country where they accept applications from independent artists.</p>
<p>Some of the descriptions say an candidate can teach, lead a project of their choice, or do research. Does that mean the applicant can choose the activity they want to do?</p>	<p>Yes! As long as it says "choose," then it is your choice and not a requirement.</p>
<p>I have a question but first may I ask - Can I pose a question individually to one of you, over the phone or by email?</p>	<p>Hello! If you have specific questions, please email scholars@iie.org.</p>
<p>i received invitation letter with so much hard work but did not get funds.</p>	<p>Sorry to hear that. But people often reapply with success.</p>
<p>Should we get in touch with you and/or the staff in the host country?</p>	<p>Hello! You do not have to as a requirement, but you can contact us and the country with any questions you may have.</p>
<p>Are Fulbright options available for non-academics? I am director of a research center based in a non-profit.</p>	<p>Hello! Yes, we have opportunities for artists and professionals.</p>
<p>Are applicants responsible for finding/securing their housing?</p>	<p>Yes, you are responsible for identifying and selecting a host institution abroad.</p>
<p>Hi, I'm completing my MFA in Screenwriting this May (2024). I have a PhD in Psychology from 15 years ago. I want to do a Fulbright in South Africa to research content for a film script. Which program might be the best fit. I'm not clear on what's available.</p>	<p>I suggest you apply for the award that best fits your interest and also showcases your expertise and experience.</p>
<p>thanks for this. is it possible to apply for a program in a country of which one is a Permanent Resident? (not citizen.)</p>	<p>Hello! This depends on the award. I have requested a question be answered live that is a lot like this one, so stay tuned!</p>
<p>I've heard that to be competitive an applicant has to have existing ties to the host country (e.g., be a native of the country, have previously collaborated with researchers in the country, etc.). Is this true?</p>	<p>That is not true! Of course, having experience working with partners in the country you wish to pursue is not a problem, but you don't need to have connections in the country in order to be competitive. If anything, it can help you make a strong case for the potential impact of you receiving this award!</p>
<p>I have a law degree from a US institution. Is this considered a terminal degree? And what is the most effective way to search for programs that are available for a working professional.</p>	<p>Hello! Yes, a J.D is a terminal degree. And here are all the awards open to professionals: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All&field_career_profile[8321]=8321&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</p>
<p>hi Thank you for this opportunity. I was awarded FB twice. I did a survey research and now I have to do second step (phase) of collecting data from a different population. Can I apply for a Flex grant for conduct that study in Summer 24 ?</p>	<p>We are currently in the application cycle for 2025-26, unfortunately the deadline for a grant in the summer of 2024 was last September.</p>
<p>My work is interdisciplinary and engages with multiple disciplines in the targeted host institution. I tried to get in touch with several departments to support my application. Should each write a letter of institutional support or the primary host? Could/should they mention that others are also supportive?</p>	<p>I suggest that you have no more than two host institutions and then if you can get the letter of invitation, get it from both institutions if the letter if required that is.</p>

Can you explain that i made syopsis on Chrsitian Muslims ties and inter faith harmony i am afraid why my application was rejected this year.	We do not share the specific feedback, but I suggest that you revie with the application and review criteria on our website.
So there is no age limit then?	Correct, there is no age limit.
I to have a trnal degree as an Doctoral Canidate in business, are there oppurtunities for me? What area or reward shold I be considering?	Hello! Here are the awards taking projects in the discipline of business: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&discipline[]=8058&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All&field_do_you_officer_additional_de=All
Can i reapply with the same research project which i shared in previous year.	Hello! Yes, you can. However, how much you change your application is up to you.
Can I apply when I'm expecting to become a citizen by the time the award starts? or do I need to wait until I'm a citizen at the time of application?	You must be a U.S. citizen by the time you submit your application.
AWARD CODE 25076-ET ACTIVITY TYPE Teaching/Research? DEGREE REQUIREMENTS Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) required	This means that the award is for both teaching and researching. There will be an option on the application to indicate what percentage of your time you intend to dedicate to each. For more information, you can read the Award Activity description under the basic award information.
My U.S. based university is interested in hosting a Fulbright faculty scholar/researcher. We would like to know what is involved and what roles are options for the visiting faculty. Do they only participate in research or do they teach or both? Our university has DO and allied health programs, but the occupational therapy program specifically is interested in hosting Fulbright faculty. Is this a profession Fulbright supports?	Hello! Please contact the Scholar In Residence team at SIR@iie.org .
Thank you for the earlier answer. Is "award or project" the same as teaching?	Award refers to the opportunity. Activity refers to teaching or research or professional project.
How do I know which award to apply for?	Hello! Consider the most specific award that meets your needs, whether that be a country, a discipline, or just your personal affinity.
I am very interested in the Global scholar opportunity and would like to know how can I meet the requirements of conducting research in at least two continents over the period of the award. How can I contact host organizations in two to three continents?	Hello! For questions about the Global Scholar Award please contact GlobalAward@iie.org .
I've been an Alternate once and a Semi-Finalist twice. Is there a way to determine if there is a specific issue; try again for the same country; or try another country and/or new project? Thanks!	We are not involved in the country-level reviews, nor do we receive notes or feedback to share, plus we are actually not allowed to share specific feedback for one individual's application. If you've been indicated as an alternate, that does mean what you put forward was strong! If you've applied multiple times to one country, you can always try again or pursue an award in another country - this is up to you!
what about housing?	Hello! We do not help with finding applicants housing, but we encourage you to contact past alumni or alumni ambassadors to see what was their process.

<p>I don't know if I am in attendance of the correct webinar, I am from Nigeria and I teach in Nigeria University, I need the application links where I can apply for, and am I eligible to apply in other countries than the United States</p>	<p>Hello! Please contact the U.S Embassy in Nigeria.</p>
<p>My institution does not currently have relationships with the listed institutions in the host country. What do you recommend as first steps for requesting a letter of invitation?</p>	<p>Identify a potential colleague abroad and then email them directly - you don't need to have a prior connection to ask for the letter of invitation.</p>
<p>Is there a process for getting an institution to give you a letter? If so, where can I find it?</p>	<p>Hello! For more information on the letter of invitation, please see our website: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</p>
<p>For the language proficiency, the four skills must be evaluated? For a Spanish speaking country, could one be evaluated by an Institute such as the Cervantes?</p>	<p>As you can see in the application instructions' language proficiency section, an evaluator needs to be an instructor of that language... just be clear when you enter their information and when they fill out the form that their role meets this requirement: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</p>
<p>Can we make project statements more than on more than 5 pages.</p>	<p>Hello! No, this document is limited to 5 pages.</p>
<p>Do you have contact with the institution abroad that you want to work with to have their support for your proposal application?</p>	<p>Hello! Yes, successful applicants do initiate contact, and we cannot do this for you.</p>
<p>Would missing references disqualify our application?</p>	<p>Hello! Yes. All required components must be uploaded.</p>
<p>Do previous publications matter or not.</p>	<p>Hello! Not necessarily. You are the expert in your field, so you know if your CV lines up with the discipline of your project.</p>
<p>I work at a United Kingdom university and we have interest from a US-based academic in coming to us. Are there steps we need to take as a potential host before an application is submitted?</p>	<p>Hello! The UK program only works with specific universities. I recommend contacting the Fulbright US-UK Commission if you are interested in becoming one of those hosts.</p>
<p>Where can I see the grantee lists of 2/14/2015?</p>	<p>You can search our Scholar Directory by academic year here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/fulbright-scholar-directory</p>
<p>Who decides? US or Foreign Fulbright Committees?</p>	<p>There are multiple stages of review. I will share that momentarily!</p>
<p>Can portfolio submissions be submitted as a website URL? (for designers)</p>	<p>Thank you for your inquiry! Unfortunately, applicants cannot link to external sites from the application. I encourage you to look at the portfolio section of our application steps page for more information on the portfolio parameters. https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</p>
<p>I have been in the US for 40+ years. Does it help or hurt to seek an award for the country of my birth?</p>	<p>Hello! No, so long as the country/award allows for dual citizens, you can apply. We see many people go back to their country of origin and have a different experience going back "as a Fulbrighter."</p>
<p>Actually I have the same question - could the applicant apply once more with the same project? So the answer is - yes to my question.</p>	<p>Hello! You can reapply with the same project, however, how much the project changes is up to you.</p>

How far in advance can the award be applied for?	As soon as the competition opens in February, you can start your application.
Is an MBA considered a terminal degree? I have seen it referenced as such on some Fulbright pages but I don't see it on the list of terminal degrees.	Hello! No, we consider the DBA (Doctor of Business Administration) the terminal degree on that track. However, about half of our awards do not require the terminal degree.
I am an art historian and curator, under the optional resources section can I submit a portfolio showing the exhibit that I curated which is connected to what I'm proposing to do in Ireland through the Fulbright? For the Fulbright Scholar Award All Disciplines to Ireland, can the letter of invitation come from a museum like the National Gallery of Ireland? Or does it need to come from a university?	Hello! Only if the discipline you select prompts a profile may you upload one. Please check the Iceland award that interests you and see "Locations Detail" on the first page to make sure that this kind of institution works.
I am applying as an independent scholar/professional, but I am wondering if it is better to have an institutional affiliation as a US Scholar.	Hello! You can apply as an independent scholar unless the award asks that you be attached to an institution. Please read the award details for that information.
Is there anyone who can speak with me to talk through my unique situation? Thanks.	Hello, there is a Fulbright team member assigned to each award, you can find their contact information on the left side of the award page.
Is it possible to apply for both a scholar award and the english teaching assistant program in the same cycle? Also is it a rolling acceptance or does review start after applications close?	Hello! No, you can only apply to one program. And the review starts after applications close.
Hi! if my research is about neighboring countries, can I apply for the Fullbright Global? or, do I need to work in different regions of the world?	Hello! For neighboring countries, consider regional options. You can check off "Multi-Country" on our award search to find these opportunities.
If I win a grant, does Fulbright conduct a background search?	There is a disclosure of certain items that constitute a background check.
Doesn't the specific award description more or less define the project?	Hello! The award descriptions describes what types of projects and eligibilities are being seeked. However, you need to come up with the project on your own.
Where can we find the list of country-specific webinars?	You can find the list of all scheduled webinars here: https://apply.iie.org/portal/scholar_webinars
if my project is completely different from my phd project. can it effect my application.	Hello! You just need to make abundantly clear why you are making the transition you are making; don't leave people guessing why you are transitioning your field.
Is it possible to speak to a specific alumni ambassador for Ghana/West Africa?	Yes, all alumni ambassadors are listed on our website with their contact information, and they are happy to speak about their experiences. https://fulbrightscholars.org/alumni-ambassadors If you cannot find an alumni ambassador who visited the region you are interested in, I encourage you to search our Scholar Directory by country. https://fulbrightscholars.org/fulbright-scholar-directory
What are other countries besides Finland that will feature sessions?	https://apply.iie.org/portal/scholar_webinars
What are other countries besides Finland that will feature sessions?	Thank you for your inquiry! You can see our country specific webinars at the link above.
I'm also interested in researching in Nigeria	Great! We have an award there and you can email subsaharanafrica@iie.org

<p>Where exactly is the application located?</p>	<p>https://apply.iie.org/apply/?sr=9655916e-d40e-4429-91e9-9c3f65301399</p>
<p>I have experience in journalism, literary studies and religious studies. I would like to be able to talk to someone at Fulbright about which would be most relevant or most likely to succeed?</p>	<p>Thank you for your inquiry! I recommend first using the discipline filter for our catalog of awards to peruse opportunities that might be for you. We have many opportunities specifically in Journalism (North Macedonia, Japan). You're welcome to email the region-specific inbox (in the award) for more information, and my colleagues and I would be happy to help identify some awards.</p> <p>https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search</p>
<p>Do we need to have a U.S.-based IRB? I am not currently at an institution. Or does Fulbright manage this?</p>	<p>Fulbright does not require IRB, but only if you are affiliated with an institution, then you would need to inform your home institution and get their IRB approval.</p>
<p>I have class at the top of the hour, but will be attending the Finland session tomorrow morning, so if necessary, I can wait until then to get an answer to my question. thanks and sorry to have this conflict...</p>	<p>Hello! This webinar is being recorded and will be shared in 2 business days.</p>
<p>What is your advice if you made it past the US peer review but was rejected after the host countries review? How do we go about reapplying if we do not get any feedback?</p>	<p>Hello! If you intend to reapply, contact the person on our team listed on the award that most interests you.</p>
<p>I had a FB award that completed in July 2023. My first phase completed, and the next phase has begun. When can I apply again for the FB on-site? Another person asked about a flex award. What is that? Thank you</p>	<p>Hello, you are eligible to apply again 2 years following the end of your previous Fulbright award. A flex award allows the grantee to space out their award over a series of trips rather than one longer term trip. Not all awards allow this so please read all award descriptions carefully.</p>
<p>Can you mention any common missteps that proposals for multi-country research might make? There is obviously a cost of less time in any one country.</p>	<p>I suggest to focus on building a qualitative application that will make an impact in the host institution abroad. Check the review criteria: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#review-process</p>
<p>Is there a way to make an application stronger after making it through the peer review stage? I applied before, made it through peer review, but it didnt' make it all the way</p>	<p>Hello! After your application is submitted, nothing else can be changed.</p>
<p>Can you expand on research grants what types of references are needed?</p>	<p>Hello! For more information on the reference list needed for research projects, please see our website: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</p>
<p>Hi, I am a retired military and government employee with over 40 years of organizational leadership, executive, and cyber security skills. I applied for a full-time scholarship but was not selected because my application did not have teaching experience. However, over 25 percent of my application stated that I have over 30 years of classroom instruction, curriculum development, and mentoring. Does the Fulbright recognize military instructors as teachers? Also, I have a</p>	<p>Thank you for your inquiry! Feedback is not provided to past applicants. Indeed, teaching experience at military institutions is considered relevant teaching experience. I recommend looking at the review criteria and the application steps to determine how to best strengthen your application as well as speaking with your potential host institution about how you can address their institutional needs.</p>

<p>doctorate in executive leadership and leadership experience with the government.</p>	
<p>Do you have to do research for a Lecturer Fulbright requiring teaching 2 classes?</p>	<p>Please check your award! Typically if an award is open to teaching only (vs. teaching/research), then you can focus on your teaching responsibilities during your award</p>
<p>Contact them to say that I intend on reapplying? This is for an IEA award</p>	<p>Yes, they will be able to advise you and your particular application from there.</p>
<p>Is award taxed?</p>	<p>https://www.irs.gov/individuals/international-taxpayers/fulbright-grants</p>
<p>If we don't have an institutional affiliation (and thus, a liaison), is there another liaison we could speak with?</p>	<p>Hello, Scholar Liaisons' main role is to raise awareness of the program on their campuses and assist applicants with navigating their campus's leave policy. If you do not have an institutional affiliation this is not as much of an issue. If you have questions, I would encourage you to reach out to the staff member listed on the left side of the award page.</p>
<p>If my FB award ended successfully in July 2023, when can I apply again?</p>	<p>You can apply again after July 2025, which would be for the 2026-27 competition.</p>
<p>I will be applying as a part of a non profit that I work for. Will I have to still go through my alma mater to apply?</p> <p>Also I am interested in applying to the public policy fellowship and the open research award. May I apply to both programs?</p>	<p>Note that you don't need to apply through your institution for U.S. Scholar awards - which is different from the U.S. Student Program, where you do apply through your institution (either as a current student or as an alum). You can only pursue one Fulbright award per application cycle, so I encourage you to identify the award for which you're eligible and competitive. Your FPA might be a good first person to discuss this with!</p> <p>https://us.fulbrightonline.org/fulbright-program-advisers/search-for-a-fulbright-program-adviser</p>
<p>Sorry for the confusion. My question is - When putting together the application, are there any tips to make it stronger not only for peer review, but also for when it is sent to the host country for review?</p>	<p>Please look at the review criteria: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#review-process</p>
<p>Fulbright gave my application a green light but the India bureau stopped it. Should I mention this "partial success" in my next application? (it's for another project)</p>	<p>Hello! Applications are reviewed individually, on their own merit each year, so your status from (the) prior competition(s) will not be taken into account by the peer reviewers.</p>
<p>Is it too early for me to apply for a 25-26 grant ? eventhough my last day was in March 23.</p>	<p>In this case, you would be eligible to apply for the 25-26 cycle.</p>
<p>What if you are a visual artist and are not associated with an institution, can you still apply for a Fulbright to do a project in a host country?</p>	<p>Hello! Yes, you can.</p>
<p>i visited Arizona State University on PhD fellowshiip in 2017. But later on i received short sholarships from international conference organization. can it effect my application negatively.</p>	<p>To clarify, are you interested in applying to come to the United States?</p>
<p>How do I find a country/insituion where my abilities will have the most value/impact?</p>	<p>I would encourage you to use the search filters on the award search page. You can filter by discipline, activity, degree requirements, career profile, and more</p>

<p>Nepal has a Teaching/Research option only. What if there is no university program in my feild (Allied Health/Disabilty)? There are many NGOs that work with the disability population. Can an NGO act as a host institution?</p>	<p>Yes, an NGO might serve as a host but please do check the award description if they allow NGOs to be hosts.</p>
<p>Exactly who are candidates for the US Scholar awards? Do you have to be teaching in a college or university? I have a PhD</p>	<p>Hello! You do not need to be tied to an institution. You can apply as an independent.</p>
<p>I have over thirty years of exoerinece, half in the classroom and half as senior administrator, what is my best option to apply for a Fulbright. This semester I returned to teaching from serving as VC Academic Affairs. Thank you.</p>	<p>Hello! You might wish to consider the International Education Administrator program since your role is primarily administrative. However, some countries, like El Salvador, are looking for administrators to work on more administrative-centric projects.</p>
<p>Can you defer an award? if you get it but have to push it back a year?</p>	<p>Hello! No, you cannot.</p>
<p>I'm hoping to gain more insight to the artist opportunities for graduate students currently enrolled in a grad program during fall 2024-spring 2025 (MFA graduation year). Is there an application link specific to visual artists?</p>	<p>Hello! Current graduate students should look into the Fulbright Student Program.</p>
<p>Are we able to know which awards are the most competitive?</p>	<p>Hello! We unfortunately are unable to share does those numbers.</p>
<p>Do you equally strongly encourage people to reapply if they made through the US peer reviews but was rejected after the host country review?</p>	<p>Hello! Yes, we do!</p>
<p>When is your Finland Webinar (that you mentioned)?</p>	<p>All webinars can be found here: https://apply.iie.org/portal/scholar_webinars</p>
<p>If the host doesn't have Pprofessional Project as their award, then this is not an option. Correct?</p>	<p>Hello! Correct. All awards open to professional projects are here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&field_award_activity[8217]=8217&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</p>
<p>Yes i am saying can it effect my post doc scholar program. If i frequently visit USA to attend conferences.</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in Fulbright. This webinar is to assist U.S.-based academics and professionals to teach and research abroad. As you are a scholar based outside of the U.S., please visit contact the listed staff for your country for more information on opportunities to teach and research in the United States.</p>
<p>When putting together the application, are there any tips to make it stronger not only for peer review, but also for when it is sent to the host country for review?</p>	<p>Please check the review criteria: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#review-process</p>
<p>I am a Canadian citizen, but a permanent resident in the US and an Associate Professor at a US university. I'm hoping to conduct research in Europe, but am having trouble finding an award/program for my specific situation. Where can I get help with this?</p>	<p>Note that unfortunately, U.S. Citizenship is required for all Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards. If you're looking for other awards for which you might be eligible, I encourage you to be in touch with your collaborators in Europe, as they may have advice regarding European options (like Erasmus+). I hope that helps!</p>

<p>I am a senior educator for a small federal government agency...with university and international academy experience. May I be eligible for consideration in the Distinguished Scholar program?</p>	<p>Hello! Distinguished Scholar Awards are viewed as the most prestigious appointments in the Fulbright Scholar Program. Awards are open to scholars who have more than seven years of experience in their discipline or area of expertise, though some awards may further restrict eligibility. All awards are open to academics and a limited number are also open to artists and professionals. Distinguished Scholars are expected to actively engage host institutions in the spirit of promoting mutual understanding and sharing knowledge. Awards may involve limited teaching, not to exceed more than one course per term, or three hours of teaching per week. Check award descriptions for institutional affiliation requirements.</p>
<p>if im a phd student but not a phd candidate, do i apply as a bachelors?</p>	<p>Hello! I recommend you apply for the Fulbright Student Program fulbrightonline.org.</p>
<p>is the professional project inside of the Us SCHOLARS award?</p>	<p>Yes, this is considered a U.S. Scholar award.</p>
<p>i am interested in applying for Baku, Azerbaijan. I contact there as i was at their last year at their National Oncology Center with my professional organization for a nursing/interdisceplanary conference we planned for nurses and physicans. Now i would like to go back becuse they have just started a nursing program at their medical univeristy. I would like to contribute to their curriculum. Should i ask for an invitation letter from Azerbaijan?</p>	<p>Yes, if you can get the letter of invitation and when it is required you must have one.</p>
<p>I am currently online and in the application and although I selected the Public Policy Fellowshop, the Application Management web page shows Fulbright US Scholar Program. Please advise. Thank you.</p>	<p>Hello! The Public Policy Fellowship is part of the Fulbright U.S Scholar Program.</p>
<p>How do you recommend finding a host institution in the country you want to go to?</p>	<p>Hello! For instructions on finding a host institution, please see our website: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</p>
<p>I'm interested in a Fulbright Scholar Award that says 3, 5 or 10 month options. I would like to stay for 4 months. Is this possible?</p>	<p>Hello! The month options that are given, are the only ones you can choose from.</p>
<p>Does urrent employment by the U.S. federal government disqualify one for a Distinguished Scholar award?</p>	<p>Thank you for your inquiry! Please read the overarching eligibility requirements as we do have parameters around applicants who are Department of State and USAID employees: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#eligibility If you not a Department of State employee (or affiliate), you would be eligible to apply for all Fulbright U.S. Scholar awards -- including the Distinguished Scholar awards.</p>
<p>You mentioned an award proram more aligned with artist residency and professional consultancy. Would you please send that award program information to me at frazier.lmerchie@gmail.com.</p>	<p>https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All&field_career_profile[8317]=8317&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</p>
<p>Will there be another webinar of the same kind ?</p>	<p>Hello! Yes, in later months.</p>

Fulbright scholar program is for scholar outside USA.	Hello, the Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program is for scholars outside of the USA. The Fulbright Scholar Program is only available to US citizens based in the US.
Is it 5 pages single spaced or double spaced, and what are the requirements for font?	Hello! It is 3-5 pages single spaced, and the font is up to you.
I want to apply for Fulbright visiting scholar program.	As you are a scholar based outside of the U.S., please visit contact the listed staff for your country for more information on opportunities to teach and research in the United States.
can you expand how IIE is connected to you? and what does IIE stand for?	IIE stands for Institute of International Education - we administer the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program that is funded by the U.S. Department of State.
Are there any awards for visual artists holding a terminal degree, not currently affiliated with an institution (just independent organizations)	Hello! Awards available to artists can be found here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All&field_career_profile[8317]=8317&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All
dependent support include pet?	Hello! No, dependent support is for those declared on your taxes. However, people do bring their animals. I recommend asking the country, whose contact is on the Award Requirements tab of any award, what requirements would be for bringing your pet with you.
This recording will be available to us later to watch ?	Yes, this recording will be posted to our website by the end of the week. https://fulbrightscholars.org/events/webinars
for visiting scholar program letter of invitation is required or not.	Hello! Please contact the U.S Embassy in your country. We are unable to answer that question.
Can someone please briefly explain the Fulbright Specialist program? Thank you!	The Fulbright Specialist Program is independent of the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program that we're addressing today. Specialist offers short-term, consultation-like projects around the world and is currently administered separately by our colleagues World Learning. Please contact them directly with questions about the process. Note that they offer regular information sessions and one-on-one advising, which I strongly encourage you to attend if this is of interest. https://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org/
If we are reapplying, is it advised to seek new people to write new letters of recommendation or is it ok to use the same people in the previous application?	Hello! This is up to you -- we ask that you ask people who know you and your work well.
Maybe I missed your answer. When reapplying, can I ask the Fulbright in my chosen country to share the reviewers' comments?	Hello! No, we cannot share feedback, and neither can they. This is because the Fulbright Scholar Program has a diplomatic nature, so selection is more delicate than for other grants.
For the Fulbright scholar program, do you have to be a full time professor? Can you be an adjunct?	Hello! You do not need to be a full-time professor; we welcome adjuncts!
Where do I look for these awards?	Hello! Please see all our awards here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search
If you were not a successful application after you passed the initial peer review stage, and considering	I would contact the person on the left-hand side of the award to which you would like to apply this year. We

<p>that you are given no feedback, what do you suggest in altering your application, if at all?</p>	<p>cannot give you specific feedback, but we have the feedback trends of the year that may help you.</p>
<p>for IEA is it recommended that you get two recommendors from two different universities?</p>	<p>refer to the letter of recommendation section in our application guidance (https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards/IEA#steps) You'll see the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One letter must be from your current supervisor or someone you report to at your institution; they should be familiar with your administrative skills and leadership success • One letter can be from any colleague who can speak to your personal attributes and interest in international education; they can be from your own or another institution <p>Who you ask for your recommendations is truly up to you, as long as they meet these requirements (and all others outlined in that section). Beyond those requirements, I encourage you to think critically about who can write a more compelling recommendation that speaks to your abilities and characteristics that equip you to be a Fulbright IEA participant. Hope this helps!</p>
<p>What if the letter writer at your home institution has since retired (and/or is on emeritus status)? Is that okay, or should I seek another letter from my home institution?</p>	<p>That is ok! You and your recommender should simply be clear, both in the application form and their letter, about their previous role to *clearly* demonstrate that they meet what's required to be an eligible recommender. e.g. if that person is now emeritus but used to be a chair, they should make that clear.</p>
<p>Do the length of programs vary (1-semester, 2-semester)?</p>	<p>Hello! Yes, they range from 2-12 months. Please look on each award for the date range specified.</p>
<p>While I have worked and have a master's degree, I am new to this discipline. Does that make me an Early career academic or mid-career academic?</p>	<p>Hello! This would depend on the number of years. Early academics are those who have been working in the capacity of a teacher or scholar for no more than seven years. While mid level is 7-13 years.</p>
<p>With apologies, I missed her response, with a brief telephone call. In brief, what did she say?</p>	<p>Hello! We would need to know which question you asked. Can you restate your question as a new question?</p>
<p>Can a church be considered as a host agency</p>	<p>If you are doing teaching, research, teaching/research or a professional project and that institution is not-for-profit, then they may be a potential host. In the context of religious studies, a religious institution can certainly be a relevant host. Be sure to consult the award description for potential hosts. Keep in mind that proselytization is not possible through the Fulbright Program.</p>
<p>If I complete my terminal degree during my application can I still apply for U.S. student program or should the application be for the scholar program?</p>	<p>Hello! Once you have a PhD, you will no longer be eligible for the student program.</p>
<p>I have an AI-related idea for a project. but have an MA. Am I able to apply as a Fellowship?</p>	<p>Hello! Yes, please just search for awards that do not require a terminal degree. There is a "Degree Requirements" filter in the search.</p>
<p>Why is the same question being answered multiple times and others not being given a chance?!</p>	<p>Hello! We will get to every question we possibly can until 3:30, so please ask what you would like.</p>

<p>Thanks for the helpful response as to letters of reference. Given that the second letter should speak to the relevance of the project in the host country/institution, is it OK (and indeed preferred) if that second letter comes from someone at the host institution who knows me and my work. Or would that be too similar to a letter of invitation from that institution and thus not very helpful (not much value added)</p>	<p>Hello! We recommend that you not have someone at the host institution write this letter because it can be a conflict in the application. Please find a different disciplinary colleague but address your connection with this host in your Project Statement.</p>
<p>I sent an email to the Fulbright team member listed on the award but received no response. Who next should I be contacting?</p>	<p>Please allow 48 business hours for a response. If you still have not received a response, you can email scholars@iie.org to be directed to the correct contact.</p>
<p>In the Scholar Directory it indicates that there hasn't been an award in Theatre Arts since 1999-2000. Is this true? Why</p>	<p>I'm happy to say that's actually not the case! Here you can see all U.S. Scholar grantees in Theater: https://fulbrightscholars.org/fulbright-scholar-directory?f%5B0%5D=discipline%3ADrama/Theater%20Arts&f%5B1%5D=discipline%3ATheater%20Arts&f%5B2%5D=program%3AFulbright%20U.S.%20Scholar%20Program</p>
<p>I'm a retired high school English/Journalism teacher with an MFA in fiction writing. I also taught TV production and film appreciation. I have published short stories, magazine articles and poetry. Do I have a chance to get a Fulbright, and which category do I apply for? I would like to research a historical topic in Italy for a possible novel or film script. The process seems pretty daunting.</p>	<p>Hello! If you're interested in applying to Italy, please email EuropeEurasia@iie.org with this information.</p>
<p>I did not get a Fulbright completion certificate - I applied from an institution and I used the award in another institution and I can not access the old e mail. Who should I contact to get it rectified?</p>	<p>If you completed a U.S. Scholar award and need your certificate, I encourage you to be in touch with the IIE staff for grantees: https://fulbrightscholars.org/fulbright-us-scholar-program-advisors (find the contact for your country for which you participated)</p>
<p>I have a colleague who completed a Fulbright in Europe and we have talked about expanding the project to Latin America? Would building on an international project (climate change content for nursing schools) that already was completed to complement her project and expand the network into Latin America be feasible?</p>	<p>Thank you for your inquiry! Both new and expanding projects are possible. Simply, consult the award of interest to learn the award parameters.</p>
<p>Is the professional project the same as a Fulbright Specialist award?</p>	<p>Hello! The Professional Project activity type provides professionals and artists in various fields the opportunity to interact with relevant organizations abroad to explore a topic related to their field without answering a defined research question. Professional Projects may include: professional consultations; artist residencies; visits to organizations in the applicant's field; practical experience in day-to-day operations; public lectures; mentoring; arranging exhibitions, performances or musical compilations; preparation of print materials (books, articles, or reviews); exchange of expertise with other professionals; participation in</p>

	public events; or other appropriate professional activities.
I'm an author and expert on Henry David Thoreau, who is a great ambassador for American thought and philosophy. How do I go about coming up with a project to teach Thoreau? What kind of award description would I look for?	Hello, I would encourage you to search for history, American history, literature, and/or philosophy awards depending on the skew of your intended project.
I have more than 7 yrs experience in a field - not a discipline. Am I still eligible for the Distinguished Scholar Award?	Hello! You would be if you have done research or teaching in your role, as Distinguished Scholar Awards tend to be teaching and research focused. If you are not sure, email whichever one of us appears on the lefthand side of the award.
Please can you talk about Fulbright Specialist award ?	For more information about the Fulbright Specialist award, please reach out to World Learning, as they administer this award. https://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org/
Of course. I completed my FB in July 2023. I understand that I could apply again after July 2025, which would be for the 2026-27 competition. Could I apply for the same award in the same country, to complete the research? Could I instead apply for a professional project to consult on implementing the findings from the research? Thank you	Hello! You can, however, please make it clear how this Award would differ from the last one.
What exactly should we say in the email to the Fulbright team member associated with our award we are re-applying for? This was given as advice to reach out to them but I am unsure of how to open up this conversation especially since I am reapplying	Hello! You can just say "I am interested in reapplying. I applied to X and am now interested in Y and would love your advice on how to go about reapplication."
I was born in India, and India does not allow dual citizenship. Can I apply for an award in India? Your previous answer left me with the impression that dual citizenship was necessary.	I'm glad to say this is actually not the case. By award, whether dual citizens are eligible can vary. For India's awards, a dual US-Indian citizen IS eligible - see the award requirements section of the description: https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/fulbright-nehru-academic-and-professional-excellence-awards-all-disciplines-6#award-requirements
If I'm having issues finding the appropriate area of interest (mine is graphic design, or more specifically typographic design) is there a way to find awards with that kind of specificity?	Hello! You can try filtering by disciplines or all disciplines awards since they're open to all projects.
How can I access and view the video of the 2024 Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship program webinar? I have visited the video archive several times, and the one that appears is from 2023.	Please email FPPF@iie.org and we will send that to you.
Shouldn't the needs of a host country determine the nature of a project, rather than what we would like to explore or do?	Yes, so please read all award descriptions carefully for more information on what each country is looking for in a project.