Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Opportunities in the Middle East and North Africa in 2023-24

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<td>• 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.</td>
<td>• Established in 1946 by Congress, Fulbright is the United States government’s flagship international educational and cultural exchange program.</td>
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<td>• Our mission is to foster mutual understanding between nations, advance knowledge across communities, and improve lives around the world.</td>
<td>• 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.</td>
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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.
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

- 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
Fulbright Scholar Awards – Which is for you?

4 Award Types:
• Scholar Awards
• Postdoctoral Awards
• Distinguished Scholar Awards
• International Education Administrator Awards

Flex Option
• Available in 63 countries and all world areas
• Allows multiple visits over two years

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
Opportunities the Middle East and North Africa in 2023-24
Regional Highlights

• 32 awards spread across 13 countries at all academic levels

• All Disciplines or Multiple Disciplines offered in all countries

• Opportunities available at all levels, from post doctoral applicants to senior academics

• Many allow for Flex option, for multiple visits over a two-year period

• Fulbright U.S. Scholars in the Middle East and North Africa region may apply for a short-term regional travel grant (five to 14 days) to attend a conference, give a lecture or participate in similar activities

• **Middle East/North Africa Regional Research Program** facilitates research projects in two or more countries throughout the entire region
Country Highlights

**Algeria:** Multiple Disciplines and TEFL/Applied Linguistics

**Morocco:** All disciplines + Morocco-Spain Joint Teaching/Research Award

**Tunisia:** All disciplines

**Egypt:** All Disciplines, Business Administration, Visual and Performing Arts; new Distinguished Scholar Award

**Israel:** Focus on Postdoctoral fellowships, Distinguished Scholar Award

**Jordan:** All Disciplines, TEFL/Applied Linguistics

**Palestinian Territories (West Bank):** All Disciplines, Journalism/Media
Country Highlights

**Bahrain**: All Disciplines, Business and Economics, Educational Administration/Teacher Administration

**Kuwait**: Multiple Disciplines

**Oman**: Multiple Disciplines

**Qatar**: All Disciplines, Water Security Research

**Saudi Arabia**: All Disciplines

**United Arab Emirates**: Multiple Disciplines, separate awards for Teaching and Teaching/Research vs. Research activities
Understanding the Awards

Distinguished Scholar Award in Law at the University of Trento

AWARD ACTIVITY
The Fulbright Scholar is expected to teach:
- 1 undergraduate course, for approximately 42 hours (6 hours a week), to classes of 10-30 students
- 2/3 seminars to doctoral students for a total of 6/8 hours to classes of 5-10 students.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Thursday, September 15, 2022
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

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<td>Program staff conducts technical reviews for completeness</td>
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<td>Applicants notified of status. Recommended applications are sent to host countries and to the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.</td>
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<td>Participants prepare for departure</td>
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2023-24 Competition Now Open
Connect with a Fulbright Alumni Ambassador

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Alumni Ambassadors are official representatives of the program and can share with your faculty and administrators about the impact their Fulbright had on them personally and professionally, as well as on their institution.

More information on inviting an Ambassador can be found on: cies.org/alumni-ambassadors

72 Emeriti Ambassadors
26 New Ambassadors
80 + Events Annually
## Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence (S-I-R) Program

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

**NEW DEADLINE:**
June 1

Website: [cies.org/sir](http://cies.org/sir)
Email: SIR@iie.org

## Fulbright Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF)

Host current Fulbright Visiting Scholars for short-term lectureships of 2 – 6 days on discipline or cultural topics to internationalize the campus

Website: [cies.org/olf](http://cies.org/olf)
Email: OLF@iie.org

## Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program

Host native speaking language teaching assistants to enhance students’ understanding different languages and cultures

Website: [foreign.fulbrightonline.org](http://foreign.fulbrightonline.org)
Email: Dcook@iie.org
Additional Fulbright U.S. Programs

**Scholars**
- Arctic Initiative
  Arctic@iie.org
- Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program
  GPA@ed.gov
- Specialist Program
  FulbrightSpecialist@worldlearning.org

**Students**
- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program
  DDRA@ed.gov
- English Teaching Assistant (ETA) Program
  FBstudent@iie.org
- Student Program
  FBstudent@iie.org

**Teachers**
- Distinguished Award in Teaching Research Program
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  GPA@ed.gov
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