

Global Hidden Gems #2

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>For a US Scholar applicant, would a Hidden Gem experience count against them when calculating “last Fulbright experience?”</p>	<p>Hello! We do count previous Scholar Award experience. You need to wait two years between your last day on your last award and one of our September due dates. We are happy to help you figure out when you can apply again!</p>
<p>I asked this previous to the zoom today. I am interested to go to Japan. I am a PhD and author. My biggest concern is how to get invited to Hiroshima. My intention is research of hibakusha from Hiroshima and nagasaki and possibly Fukushima</p>	<p>Hello! We would advise you to first see if the award you are applying to has a list of resources to find a host institution for a letter of invitation. You can also use our Scholar Directory to find Fulbright alums to Japan, they are often happy to help other scholars and connect them to host institutions. You can also find more information on the Japanese embassy's Fulbright website. https://fulbrightscholars.org/fulbright-scholar-directory. https://www.fulbright.jp/eng/scholarship/index.html</p>
<p>Is there an age limit for applicants?</p>	<p>Hello! There is no age limit.</p>
<p>Hi! I'm a Costa Rican-American artist. I am interested in getting to know more about the Fullbright program as an artist, also researcher.</p>	<p>Hello! Thank you for contacting us. You can see here all the awards that are open to artists: 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>Are there opportunities for TESOL educators to collaborate with educators and universities abroad? Any specific Fulbright programs?</p>	<p>Hello! All of Fulbright Scholar awards are individual applications. You can find awards open for TEFL here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&discipline[]=8112&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</p>
<p>I have a question regarding the Fulbright Scholars program and the current Federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program. I know that there are other programs (e.g. Peace Corps) that qualifies for PSLF, up to a certain number of payments. Are Fulbright Scholars eligible for PSLF during their service?</p>	<p>Thanks for your patience - I needed to check with colleagues about this! Unfortunately, Fulbright U.S. Scholar participants are not eligible</p>
<p>I have a Thai university that is enthusiastic about hosting me. Their semesters are not in synch with US semesters. For example, their “second semester” runs</p>	<p>The application cycles run in a way to allow for this. We are currently in the 2025-26 cycle, meaning that this grant would be possible within this period as your period would run from Fall 25 to Spring 26. Be sure to read all</p>

from approx. November - March. Would I, for example, apply for 2025 or 2026?	award requirements closely, as countries may have their own limitations.
Can we access a recording of this session?	Since you are registered, you will get a link to the recording after the webinar!
Are there opportunities to do a combined research and teaching Fulbright in Italy?	Hello! Yes! Please see: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?country[]=4522&field_award_multi_country=All&field_award_activity[8221]=8221&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All
I will be finishing my PhD from Scotland in April 2025. I plan to apply for the Taiwan postdoc position for Fall 2025. I am not assigned to a US school as I got my MA 15 years ago. But I am a US citizen	Hello! Please note that the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program has eligibility requirements based on residency, which you can find here in our eligibility guidelines. Applicants who have resided abroad for five or more consecutive years in the six-year period preceding the application deadline are ineligible.
Which opportunity is best suited to a community college researcher?	Hello! This is dependent on your discipline as well as what country or region you are interested in.
I completed a B.S. degree and have a startup for which I am interested in conducting research abroad. Am I still eligible for the scholarship?	While many awards do require terminal degrees, not all do. You can use the filters on the left side of the awards search to find the awards that do not require a terminal degree: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&field_award_degree_reqs=phd_no&field_invitation_req=All&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All
I'm interested in study/research program in South Korea, does every university accept Fulbright students?	Please check the Fulbright U.S. Student Program website as we are only discussing opportunities for faculty and staff in this webinar.
It is wonderful that these awards are family/child friendly. Do you help with placement in childcare/school options for children?	Hello! We do not help with placement, but some commissions or universities can help/give suggestions. We also suggest reaching out to alums as well!
Is there a link for the flex programs?	Hello, you can use the filters on the left side of the awards search on our website to search for awards with flex options: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&field_award_grant_length[flex]=flex&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All
With a previous Fulbright award that completed in July 2023, when can I apply again? I have been invited again.	After July 2025.
How far in advance is the list of awards updated and considered final for the next application cycle?	The list of awards for each application cycle is updated when the application opens for that cycle, in February. Due to the nature of our partnerships with the many countries that offer awards, awards may be updated throughout the competition.
Hello, this fall I am completing my Bachelor's degree and beginning my Masters at the same time. Do I have to have graduated from my bachelor's program by the time I apply to the Fulbright program or just by the time the grant would take place?	Hello! I think you are a better fit for the Fulbright Student program given the stage of your education. Please visit this URL to find your Fulbright Program Advisor: https://us.fulbrightonline.org/applicants/search-for-a-fulbright-program-adviser

<p>1) Is a spouse included in "dependent support" program, 2) Is Eritrea one of the countries in Africa? 3) Professor Emeritus eligible?</p>	<p>1) Yes, a spouse can be considered as a dependent, this is mostly decided by tax filing and information, and many Fulbrighters take their spouse with them. 2) Unfortunately, there are no awards being offered in Eritrea this cycle. 3) Yes, professors emeritus are eligible.</p>
<p>Are Federal employees eligible for Fulbright postings, or only citizens at academic institutions?</p>	<p>Hello! Everyone is welcomed to apply for a Fulbright Scholar Award. However, employees and their immediate families (i.e. spouses and dependent children) of the U.S. Department of State or the U.S. Agency for International Development (paid or unpaid, including part-time or temporary employees, consultants, externs, fellows and contract employees; does not include interns), and of public or private agencies (excluding educational institutions) under contract to the U.S. Department of State to perform administrative or screening services on behalf of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs' exchange programs are ineligible to apply for a Fulbright award until one year after termination of such employment.</p>
<p>I am interested in the Lund University award. Does it require a research project, or only teaching?</p>	<p>Hello! It does require some teaching. Here is that award: https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/fulbright-lund-university-distinguished-scholar-award-public-international-law-2</p>
<p>I am interested in applying to Ireland, and the award qualifications seem quite vague. Can you advise us on how to create a project that would be competitive?</p>	<p>Thank you for your inquiry! I encourage applicants to speak with the institution about their needs. The Ireland: All Disciplines award allows applicants flexibility to work with their host institution in creating an impactful project.</p>
<p>It sounds like the opportunities may be more focused on research. What about professional projects?</p>	<p>We have many great opportunities for professional projects. You can use the filters on the left side of the award search to find awards that accept professional projects.</p> <p>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>Is it possible to connect with a university that might host a Fulbright Scholar that is not on your list?</p>	<p>Hello! If the award requires you to propose your own host, you can. Please read the award details of the award to see what type of host you can propose.</p>
<p>Is there someone at Fulbright I could reach out to ask them which award would make most sense for me to apply to? (I'm a journalist, previously lived in Egypt 12 years ago as a student, interested in returning to conduct interviews/research and write children's books for displaced/refugee children in the region)</p>	<p>Yes! Please email the person whose contact is on the lefthand side of the award(s) that most interest you.</p>
<p>Yes, I am already working with my advisor, I just want to make sure I will not be denied because I have not completed my bachelor's program by the time I submit my application.</p>	<p>You must have the BA degree before the start of the grant for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.</p>

<p>The teaching must be with a community college and University only? My research idea has to do with K-12</p>	<p>It depends, we have an award in Norway that allows you to teach to K-12 schools. The Roving Scholar Award.</p>
<p>I am a doctor MD, author , Registered Nurse and Certified Teacher. Applying to Sri Lanka. What would be the best area I should apply?</p>	<p>We advise you to apply for the award that you have the strongest case for and the most compelling project idea. All our awards have a contact (as mentioned) on the left side of the page who can speak to you and help guide you toward an award that would work best for you.</p>
<p>Will this webinar cover areas in the Caribbean?</p>	<p>Yes! We'll cover all regions throughout the hour-long presentation today. Stay tuned!</p>
<p>I am interested in teaching and research but specific to strategy and international business. How can I find about the specific area?</p>	<p>Hello! Here are all the awards open in Business. For more detailed information, please read the award details of every award you are interested in: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&discipline[]=8058&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</p>
<p>How can I find out more about the cultural award in Austria?</p>	<p>Email me! Ask for Julia at EuropeEurasia@iie.org</p>
<p>What are the requirements to call oneself a "Distinguished Scholar"? and apply for those types of awards? I have a Ph.D, served as faculty but not tenure track.</p>	<p>Some countries are looking for tenured faculty, but also others are open to non-tenured and faculty with a list of publications and experience in teaching and research.</p>
<p>Are there opportunities in Croatia?</p>	<p>Hello! Yes, you can find them here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?country[]=4509&field_award_multi_country=All&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</p>
<p>Is Post Doc only open to PHD holders? I have a DNP.</p>	<p>It is open to anyone with any doctorate. So yes, you are eligible! Check them out here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&field_award_type_list[8303]=8303&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</p>
<p>Are any of these Europe "Hidden Gems" interested in an Africanist project/ or African arts teaching?</p>	<p>Thank you for your inquiry! It is possible. There may be African Studies departments in institutions throughout the region. Some of the Baltic nations specifically mention arts institutions which may be of interest. I recommend looking at the Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania awards and reaching out to potential contacts. I also recommend looking through the Scholar Directory to see potential project related to African art: https://fulbrightscholars.org/fulbright-scholar-directory</p>
<p>Thank you I will check the Norway but my research has to do with TaiChi , can you help me with some information in regard to what country , college or school system may be interested in this topic, How Taichi can influence academic performance? Please</p>	<p>Since this topic is very specific, I would encourage you to look for all disciplines award, which accepts projects in all fields.</p>
<p>Are there Hidden Gems with a focus on Teacher Education, that is, teaching people to be teachers?</p>	<p>Almost every teaching position expects you to support curriculum development.</p>

<p>When we reach out to the IIE team, do you want us to reach based on your specific regional expertise? Would you please share your email address? Thank you!</p>	<p>The easiest option is to reach out to Scholars@iie.org, and our staff can then direct your questions to the person who can best answer it.</p>
<p>Could you answer a quick question about the Fulbright Student Program on this webinar? I am wondering about how contacts and projects materialize in study/research grants for more rural countries with smaller or no universities, like The Gambia and Congo, two countries I'm interested in for their Malinke percussion and primate ecology. Could you briefly describe what a smooth process of forming a project and finding project/living contacts in these countries would look like?</p>	<p>Hello! Please note the Fulbright Scholar Program and Student Program are different programs. You will need to contact the student program for this inquiry.</p>
<p>Because STEM work, unlike humanities, generally requires expensive equipment and consumables, how does one cover these sorts of costs?</p>	<p>Unfortunately, Fulbright Program does not fund equipment for your research and you will need to get the support from the host institution abroad.</p>
<p>Do we have to come up with the curriculum for teaching?</p>	<p>For teaching position you are required to provide a syllabi - a sample syllabi or one that you adjust to the needs of the host institution.</p>
<p>Any countries really desiring musical artists/teachers?</p>	<p>Hello! Yes. Here is a search for music, but I would take a special look at that new award in Brazil: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&discipline[]=8094&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</p>
<p>Jaclyn im assuming Japan is considered East Asia and Pacific but there are no gems for now there?</p>	<p>That is correct!</p>
<p>For the research awards in Northwestern and Southwestern France, would one work on research of one's own design or participate in an ongoing project of the university?</p>	<p>We actually want you to show us a unique research project. You are welcome to collaborate with a group, but we want to see your specific contribution to that research!</p>
<p>How competitive is Rwanda?</p>	<p>Unfortunately, we are not able to disclose this information.</p>
<p>Can Ph.D. students apply for teaching awards?</p>	<p>Hello! Graduate and doctoral students seeking funding to complete their degrees should consult the website of the Fulbright Student Program.</p>
<p>Hi I asked about teacher education or teacher preparation, yet I'm not that interested in teaching a whole course for a semester in that field (guest lecturer would be better) I could be a distinguished scholar as a full professor with lots of published research. So, are there hidden gems for someone with this expertise? thanks,</p>	<p>We do not have teaching positions to teach the teachers only - all the teaching positions expect you to teach to students and help with curriculum development.</p>
<p>Hello! Thank you for sharing these unique hidden gems... there are so many options it can be a bit overwhelming. Could you direct me towards opportunities for professional projects (for someone with a PhD) centering on educational leadership w/out additional language requirements (my work has centered on minority/gender identities in ed leadership)?</p>	<p>Hello! I encourage you to use the filters on the left side of the awards search page on our website. You can select for professional projects as well as for the field(s) you are interested in. https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search</p>

<p>Could you let us know, if possible, on the number of applicants versus awardees for both the 'hidden gems' and the other grants?</p>	<p>Hello! We are unfortunately unable to give out that information due to FFSB policy.</p>
<p>Can you talk about Japan?</p>	<p>Hello! We did not feature awards from Japan today, but feel free to see them here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?country[]=4492&field_award_multi_country=All&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</p>
<p>Fulbright Nehru scholarship...are they teaching, research, admin etc?</p>	<p>Hello! The Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Awards (All Disciplines) is open to all of those activity types.</p>
<p>What are the language requirements for the Ukraine award?</p>	<p>Thank you for your inquiry! The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award to Ukraine: All Disciplines does not require a language other than English. However, feasibility of conducting the project must be demonstrated in the project statement. Please reach out to EuropeEurasia@iie.org for any additional questions about Ukraine.</p>
<p>Are Ph.D candidates eligible for the Fulbright Award for Research in Southwestern France (Nouvelle-Aquitaine) and in Northern France (Hauts-de-France)?</p>	<p>Hello! Yes, so long as you will have your PhD in hand by grant start date. So you can see if your defense date can make sense in that time frame.</p>
<p>Does your research have to involve the host country? What if your research is accessible online, therefore not requiring you to be in the country of research?</p>	<p>We tend to discourage these kind of project proposals, the review committees and the countries themselves would like to know why you would require a Fulbright to complete your proposed work.</p>
<p>How many are selected to Sri Lanka?</p>	<p>Hello! Unfortunately, we are unable to provide this information due to FFSB policy.</p>
<p>So, these "hidden gems" are ones that do not receive as many applicants as other grants - is that true? Would that make them less competitive than grants to other countries?</p>	<p>All we can say is they are "overlooked." But there's a reason we selected what we selected today...</p>
<p>Please clarify the us residence requirement or please include the link where this information can be found. Thank you</p>	<p>Hello! You can see our eligibility requirements here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#eligibility</p>
<p>Thank you very much! I am graduating with a master's degree, can I apply if I don't have a PhD?</p>	<p>There are some awards that do not require a terminal degree (ie PHD). They can be found here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&field_award_degree_reqs=phd_no&field_invitation_req=All&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All. If you are still a student, you may want to check out the opportunities provided by the Fulbright Student Program.</p>
<p>How many apply to Sri Lanka and how many are selected? Thank you</p>	<p>Hello! We are unable to provide this information due to FFSB policy.</p>
<p>I see no opportunities in Switzerland. Are there any flexible opportunities that would allow you to propose a partnership in a place without an existing award (like Switzerland!).</p>	<p>Hello! We unfortunately do not work with Switzerland in the Scholar Program. I recommend that you consider neighboring nations and take no more than a "long weekend" in Switzerland. France's Grand Est award is right across the border:</p>

	https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/fulbright-award-research-eastern-france-grand-est-2
What positions are available for Ph.D candidates who would like to teach to students and to help with curriculum development?	The awards we featured today are U.S. Scholar awards. If you are seeking funding for work to use towards your PhD, you should apply for the U.S. Student program https://us.fulbrightonline.org/
How many spots are available for Nepal?	Hello! You can find that information in the award details of the award, under number of recipients.
Does the language requirement need to be met at the time of application or is it possible to work on language proficiency up to the time of travel to the country?	When it is required, you must meet the requirement by the time of the application.
Are Ph. D candidates at all eligible for the Fulbright Award for Research?	Hello, if you have not yet received your terminal degree, I would encourage you to look at opportunities with the Fulbright Student program.
Are there oppotunities in New Zealand?	Yes! Here is the NZ award: https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/all-disciplines-840
I am speaking with people at multiple universities/locations. Is there any way for me to begin an application and then go back and change the location if I need to?	You can do your Fulbright project in more that 1 institution and your whole application should be centered around those institutions - so once you submit your application, you cannot change your information about the hosts.
I am graduating on July 30th 2024	I didn't see your original question, but if you are graduating from a terminal degree, just make sure you have your application in-hand by the grant start date you propose.
I am a retired US Fulbright Scholar Alumni. Am I eligible to apply?	Hello! Yes, we welcomed retired and emeritus professors to apply.
Does the letter of invitation have to be very specific to my program? For ex. For a Family medicine program can I get a letter of invite from a Ob/ Gyn?	The letter of invitation should come from the institution that you are proposing as your host institution.
Do you have any tips specifically for Personal Statements and Statements of Grant Purpose? Online it says they should each be only one page but expect much more information than is possible to fit on one page seamlessly. Any advice?	Please go the Fulbright U.S. Student Program page as we are not covering that program today.
I would like to receive more information for Fullbright programs for music, my email is gabrielaesquivelart@gmail.com	Hello! Please email the person on the lefthand side of the award(s) that most interest you.
is there a chance to share the project ideas before applying?	You are welcome to reach out to the advisor for the region you will be applying to and discuss your project ideas.
are there interviews of applicants at any stage? if so, by whom?	Yes, some countries do these and they will be noted on the award. In my caseload, Mexico and the UK do interviews with the Fulbright Commission staff in those countries.
Do the universities pay you together with the Fulbright stipend? Or do you have to take a leave without pay.	The universities are not responsible for your stipend, this is distributed by the Fulbright Scholar Program. To learn more about your university's leave policies, a great resource is your campus Scholar Liaison if one is appointed. Otherwise, you may work with your dean or

	<p>the academic affairs office: https://fulbrightscholars.org/liaisons</p>
<p>any of the hidden gems allow for ABD's to do research abroad?</p>	<p>The awards we featured today are U.S. Scholar awards. If you are seeking funding for research to use towards your PhD, you should apply for the U.S. Student program https://us.fulbrightonline.org/</p>
<p>Any advice for LGBT applicants?</p>	<p>Hello! One place that surprised me was Uruguay. It has been rated one of the most LGBTQIA+-friendly places in the world. I can link you to the source on that if you email me at westhem@iie.org</p>
<p>Host Institution means from the dean? Or from a professor / Doctor working there?</p>	<p>A dean or someone with departmental sway if preferable.</p>
<p>I share Liz Stanhope's interest in information for LGBTQ applicants. I assume some country programs would not be welcoming.</p>	<p>Hello! One place that surprised me was Uruguay. It has been rated one of the most LGBTQIA+-friendly places in the world. I can link you to the source on that if you email me at westhem@iie.org.</p>
<p>when will we be able to receive the recording and slides? Thanks!</p>	<p>Hello! They will be on our website by end of day Friday.</p>
<p>What is a Partner Award? And what is a difference between a professional project and research in terms of the responsibilities or job we are going to performs?</p>	<p>A partner award is an opportunity specifically sponsored by an institution rather than a host government. Jaclyn is answering the research versus prof project question now.</p>
<p>For Taiwan or China is cross-strait research possible? i.e. that research is carried out both in China and tw as relevant to the topic? Thank you.</p>	<p>Unfortunately, there are currently no Fulbright opportunities in China and the award would have to be carried out solely in Taiwan.</p>
<p>Do National Board Certified Teachers hold any advantages as applicants in K-12 teaching Fulbright like The Roving Scholar in Sweden?</p>	<p>The Roving Scholar Award is in Norway, actually! But you can definitely talk about your previous experience. Here's the award: https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/roving-scholar-american-studies-6</p>
<p>For the recommendation letters, what is the recommendation? I.e. from the host and scholar institutions or both from host institution?</p>	<p>The letter of recommendation is separate from the letter of invitation and should come from your professional colleagues who know your work and can speak to its quality.</p>
<p>Hello Team, Thanks for these engagement activities, they t go a long way to demystifying this process. My question: You mentioned there is not a need for a host institution, thanks. What about tenured faculty who may be moving from one institution to another this summer? Should we note this somehow in the application (where), and provide recommendations from both supervisors (e.g., provosts or chairs), or something else? Many thanks, Steve</p>	<p>Yes, you may include this information as a note, but you may only have two letters of recommendation in your application, unless stated otherwise.</p>
<p>does tw require a PhD? thank you.</p>	<p>Hello! If you mean Taiwan, yes, their awards require a terminal degree.</p>
<p>Previously I was a US Fulbright scholar and had to end my 9 month fellowship after 3 months because of COVID related delays and stoppages in functioning of the country and the college I was assigned to. I have an</p>	<p>Reapplying is not necessarily a disadvantage. While first time Fulbrighters are prioritized, we have had many repeat Fulbrighters within the program's history. Please note that your next Fulbright must be two years after the end of your previous Fulbright.</p>



interest in reapplying, but not to that country. Will reapplying but for a new location, be a disadvantage?	
Can a recent scholar write a recommendation letter ?	Yes, they can! Just make sure they fit the description of a colleague at your home institution or a disciplinary peer.
who makes the funding decision? is it the host institution?	All award benefits, including the stipend, are listed in the award descriptions on our website. These are set by the host country.