

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Opportunities in East Asia and the Pacific 2027-2028

Webinar Q&A Box Questions and Answers

These questions have been anonymized. Any question too specific to any one applicant has been removed.

Question	Answer
I have retired with emerita status. Am I still eligible to apply?	Thank you for your question! Yes, emerita faculty are open to apply! Just make sure you read the award requirements for further eligibility requirements.
Can community college faculty with PhD's apply to all the award categories?	Thank you for your question! If you have a terminal degree, you can qualify for most of the awards. However, I would read the award requirements for further requirements the award may ask for.
I will be working as a TEFL Fulbright Advisor in Taiwan starting August 2026; is this going to be a problem for my application in September 2026?	Thank you for your question! This can depend on the specific award you're interested in. I would recommend reviewing the "Award Requirements" tab of the award description to confirm. The overall U.S. Scholar Program states that applicants who have resided abroad for five or more years in the six-year period preceding the application deadline are ineligible. A period of nine months or more during a calendar year constitutes a full year.
Project Statement has 12-point font requirement. Can the illustrations (Figures and Tables) be presented in smaller fonts?	Thank you for your question! They can. But they must still be clear and visible.
Second Question: I am planning to apply for Research Only. Can this category be divided in 2 phases/segments?	Thank you for your question! This is dependent on the award and whether flex can happen. I would check the award details and see if flex is available, and if so, read how the segments can be broken up (every award and flex is different, so it depends)
I am a community college faculty with a terminal degree (PhD). I have been teaching 11 years, and before joining the college, I worked in the field for 11 years as a postdoc and research scientist. Am I eligible for the distinguished scholar at Yonsei? I am a US citizen.	Thank you for your question! The Distinguished Scholar at Yonsei University Award is open to Senior Academics, or those who have been working in the capacity of a teacher or scholar for more than 13 years. Applicants must also be full professors with tenure at the time of application.

<p>Will the Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities award be offered in South Korea this year?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! Yes, this award is currently available in the Catalog of Awards.</p>
<p>Yes, to clarify, can the professional project include elements of research and teaching?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! So in a professional project, there's no research or teaching: Professional Projects may include, but are not limited to: Professional consultations or exchange of expertise with other professionals, Artist residencies, Visits to organizations in the applicant's field, Practical experience in day-to-day operations, Public lectures, Mentoring, Arranging and planning exhibitions, Performances or musical compilations, Participation in public events, Preparation of print materials (books, articles, or reviews).</p>
<p>If a letter of invitation is optional for a particular award, is it an advantage to have one?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! If the letter of invitation is optional, you are able to submit your application without one, however we do encourage you to solicit a letter of invitation as it can help speak to the feasibility aspect of what you propose to do in your application.</p>
<p>What kind of teaching experience is required?</p>	<p>Thank you for contacting us! It depends on the award you are applying for, and the activity type you propose. Be sure to read the Award Details/Requirements section of the award description closely to understand the type/length of experience required.</p>
<p>Or, put differently, if a project includes both research, professional development, and teaching, what category should be used?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! Then it should be research/teaching, if there's going to be research and teaching involved.</p>
<p>How does one go about getting an invitation letter, is it facilitated through the process, or do we establish the connection on our own?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! It could be either of these options. We provide more information in our website. However, for some awards, in the award requirements tab, there may be information on who you can contact for hosts: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</p>
<p>I've been in contact with the Department Chair of LIS at the National Taiwan University. What steps can I take on my end to support them and strengthen the application?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! You can review the information on our Application Steps page here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps. The "Invitation Letter" dropdown contains some guidance on developing contacts abroad and requesting a letter of invitation</p>
<p>Would you be able to provide some examples of the "distinguished" at category in terms of academic productivity? I am particularly in interested in Yonsei.</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! The Distinguished Scholar at Yonsei University Award is open to Senior Academics, or those who have been working in the capacity of a teacher or scholar for more than 13 years. Applicants</p>

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I suppose that for these "multi-country" and "all disciplines" types of awards I'm still confused about how to approach thinking of those - should I, as a scholar, propose a particular project and a particular collaborator for those types of awards?	Thank you for your question multi-country awards means that the award has more than one country that is happening in. All Disciplines means that the award is open to all fields. Your project should be tailored to the specific award, country or countries, and discipline that you are applying to because you will be applying to one specific award.
Following up on the question about Yonsei: it seems like the South Korean ones have lots of rules about people of Korean descent, who “may have dual U.S.-ROK nationality unbeknownst to them or their family.” So, if you originally from South Korea, could that be an issue?	Thank you for your question! Korean citizenship could be an issue if you are applying to awards to South Korea. Please read the "Visa Requirements" section of the award description carefully, as it contains steps to follow if applicants have Korean heritage.
An applicant must be eligible at the time of application or at the time of actual scholar ship period?	Thank you for your question! At the time of the application.
Additional question-- Should we obtain an invitation letter from a colleague at Yonsei?	Thank you for your question! An invitation letter is preferred.
Can I only apply to one specific award?	Thank you for your question! Yes, applicants can only apply to one specific award per competition cycle.
If the activity is to finish a book manuscript (which includes research and writing), which award is appropriate to apply to — research or professional activities?	Thank you for your question! This is dependent on what you will do to finish the book. Preparation of print materials (books, articles, or reviews) does fall into a professional project. But if you will be doing research for your book, to write it, then it would be research.
Is any award does not require full professors with tenure, for instance, senior research faculty with >13 years’ experience, but not in the tenured club, thanks	Thank you for your question Yes, there are many that do not require full professorship! You can do a search and filter for awards that have an applicable Career Profile (early career, professional, mid-career, artist etc). You can search for a Fulbright award here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search
What are the selection criteria?	Thank you for your question! You can find it here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#review-process
Can you show how to filter awards by some of these criteria? For example, can I generate a list on the website of those awards that offer dependent support?	Thank you for your question! Unfortunately, there is no filter for dependent support. That is something you will have to manually do by checking the award benefits.

<p>Sorry, I missed the slide that included the timeline, including the peer review process. Is there a place where we can access this information?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! The competition timeline can be found here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#timeline</p>
<p>Do you have a specific link to the community college faculty specific awards?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! Awards open to Community College Faculty can be found here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&field_career_profile[9024]=9024&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</p>
<p>Is it possible to put the webinar link in the chat please?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! You can register for webinars here: https://apply.iie.org/portal/scholar_webinars</p>
<p>Is past years' acceptance rates per country available?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! We do not provide that information.</p>
<p>I am non-Tenure track but have been teaching for 13 years - would I qualify for Distinguished?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! This may be possible, but you will want to review the "Award Requirements" tab of the specific award you are considering applying to. For Candidate Profile, we define Senior Academics as Awards are open to those who have been working in the capacity of a teacher or scholar for more than 13 years.</p>
<p>I remember the Fulbright used to offer webinars on "hidden gem" countries to encourage applications. Will that happen again?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! Yes. It will be up on our website once the dates are verified: https://apply.iie.org/portal/scholar_webinars</p>
<p>For Vietnam, can I apply with an invitation letter from any university in Vietnam or can I only work with VNU in Hanoi?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! For the All Disciplines award to Vietnam, you are welcome to apply with an invitation letter from any education institution, research institution or government ministry that works well for your proposed project.</p>
<p>Can you please describe again what the "flex option" is?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! Flex enables applicants to propose multiple short-term stays in the host country over two years if required by their proposed project.</p>
<p>In regards to the letter of recommendation that must come from my home institution, how to handle this if I'm a self-employed consultant and an independent scholar?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! We provide recommendations on who should serve as a recommender for your application. If a colleague or supervisor isn't possible from your current employment, that's okay, it's just a recommendation: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards</p>
<p>I have specific interest in establishing contacts in Taiwan, specifically in Tainan at National Museum of Taiwanese Literature and National Cheng Kung University for a teaching and collaborative research relationship. Who should I talk with at Fulbright about</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! You can start by checking the award description, as it may list host institutions and/or specific people to contact. It is the applicant's</p>

<p>finding the appropriate contacts at those two institutions to begin discussion and seek invitation letters? I've contacted Fulbright Taiwan but haven't received a response.</p>	<p>responsibility to contact potential hosts, so Fulbright Taiwan may not be able to offer assistance.</p>
<p>Can you clarify the residency requirement for Americans. Must they have resided in the US during the five years prior to the award start? How is the timing of US residence counted? Thank you.</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! Applicants who have resided abroad for five or more years in the six-year period preceding the application deadline are ineligible. A period of nine months or more during a calendar year constitutes a full year.</p>
<p>DO you consider an age?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! We do have age restrictions.</p>
<p>To confirm eligibility for Thailand's scholar program, people with dual citizenship in Thailand are NOT eligible?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! For Thailand, dual citizens of the award country are not eligible to apply for their All Disciplines award.</p>
<p>What is the application process for Vietnam for senior researchers?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! The All Disciplines award for Vietnam is open to applicants proposing combined Teaching/Research or Teaching only grant activities, so Research only is not possible for that specific award.</p>
<p>I'm still intrigued on more about the "multi-country" awards, especially for the "South Pacific Islands Award" - how should one go about thinking about applying across such a diverse geography? Generally, are successful applicants identifying a particular collaborator in one of those locations? Or can an award actually be across multiple islands with multiple collaborators?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! For the South Pacific Islands Award, applicants are required to include a letter of invitation from their intended host institution(s). You may propose a project in one or two of the available countries and include a letter from each proposed host.</p>
<p>Could you talk about how ties that a candidate has with a country are evaluated? For example, research connections / personal ties / previous living experience. What if a candidate is originally from country X but is now a US citizen but has not lived or worked in X for many years?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! You can find our review criteria here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#review-process</p>
<p>Following up on the dual citizenship question, are dual citizens able to apply for the ASEAN grant, while also proposing Thailand as one of the countries?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! For the ASEAN award, all U.S. citizens are eligible to apply, regardless of dual citizenship or residency.</p>
<p>What are the age restrictions, please?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! There are no age restrictions.</p>
<p>How to get invitation letters? I'm going to apply teaching & research scholar and has over 23yrs IB teaching experience in international school for Chinese language. I tried last year with Taiwan but can't get</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! We provide guidance on letter of invitation here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</p>

<p>invitation letters from TW institute. I have 2 master's degree and interesting to do research to enrich/upgrade my methodology of comedy performing arts, music / dance in Chinese language as the 2nd language. What is the scholars I should apply? in any country beside Taiwan?</p>	
<p>Can my spouse join me if we secure a visa for him even though the award does not provide financial dependent support?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! This may be possible - I would recommend reaching out to EastAsiaPacific@iie.org with more details on the award you're considering so we can further assist.</p>
<p>Thank you. I may need some help on the page you've linked to and how to develop those contacts.</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! We do not help in developing contacts; however, we provide resources on how you can.</p>
<p>Is there a link to a page that talks about the Senior Leadership and Student Facing Roles opportunity available in Taiwan?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! All the available awards to Taiwan are posted here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?country[]=4499&field_award_multi_country=All&field_do_you_officer_additional_de=All</p>
<p>Who should write the letter of invitation? Should it come from a professor, the department chair, the dean, or the president of the hosting institution?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! More information about who should write the Letter of Invitation and what it should detail can be found within the "Invitation Letter" section on our website here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards</p>