

# Fulbright U.S. Scholar Opportunities in East Asia and the Pacific

## 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   |
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| <p>Hello! I have someone from a private university in Seoul who will write my letter of invitation. He works on similar things to me (sci-fi, zombies) and we will meet up this summer. As well as spending time at the host university, what ideally should I be looking to do? Guest lectures? Community outreach events? I am a little unclear of what I should think about offering in addition to working on my research project</p>  | <p>Hi! We recommend that you contact the host institution and ask them what other activities they will be interested in you helping with or doing. They will be the ones that could provide you that information.</p>  |
| <p>my application host country (japan) offers scholars awards in both the teaching and research' and 'research' category. those awards seems to differ quite a bit with regard to if a flex option is allowed or not, what support is available for family members, and how much financial support is available to begin with. i am aware that fulbright does not comment on (past) success rates for scholar awards, but i wonder if the success rate, whatever it is, does (or can) differ between applying for research or teaching plus research? what do most applicants go for? is a set number of awards offered in each subcategory per host country? thank you.</p> | <p>Hi! This all depends on the award and changes throughout the years. We can't provide this information. If you like to know how many awards are offered by activity for 25-26, you can see that on our website by filtering: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/">https://fulbrightscholars.org/</a></p>   |
| <p>will you share the slide show after the presentation?</p>   | <p>Hi! Yes. They will be available on the Webinar Archive on our website by tomorrow end of day.</p>   |
| <p>Is there any postdoctoral award in east asia?</p>   | <p>Hi! The following post doc awards are available in the EAP region:<br/> <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;field_world_area%5B4456%5D=4456&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_type_list%5B8303%5D=8303&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;field_world_area%5B4456%5D=4456&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_type_list%5B8303%5D=8303&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</a></p> |
| <p>I'm a young professional in my early career in international relations with a bachelor's degree and a graduate certificate. I'm interested in participating in research programs in Japan. Do I have to have a</p>  | <p>Hi! We suggest you check out the Fulbright Student Program.</p>   |

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| Master degree (or above) to be eligible to apply for the Fulbright programs? If I attend a Master program in the near future, will I be able to apply for Fulbright programs as a master student or I have to have the degree?   |  |
| Are the presentation slides available later? thank you..   | Hi! Yes. They will be available on the Webinar Archive on our website by tomorrow end of day.  |
| Is there any general phone number that I can call if I need additional assistance (e.g., customer service phone number that can direct my call to appropriate team)?   | If you have general questions, you can call us at 202.686.4000 or email scholars@iie.org. But please note that we are faster through email and there's a 48 hour turnaround for calls.   |
| What is the acceptance rate for the East Asia and Pacific Awards?  | Hi! We are unable to provide that information.   |
| Do you have to get a letter from the institution you want to apply for?  | Hi! This is dependent on the award. We suggest you check the award details of the award.   |
| Does Taiwan offer flex option?   | Hi! Taiwan awards do not offer the flex option:<br><a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;country%5B%5D=4499&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;country%5B%5D=4499&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</a> |
| How can I find the information about obtaining a letter of invitation? How can I find a person who can be the person who writes the letter?  | Hi! You can find that information on our website:<br><a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</a>   |
| When reaching out to potential host institutions, what is advised to send in the initial email? I am applying as an artist in the Research type award. Should I think about sending my project proposal and portfolio, and/or anything else? Should I be specific about what I might be able to offer to them, even if I don't know what they might want?  | Hi! We go over this on our website, which you can find here: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</a>   |
| I'm curious if the "teaching" component of awards is restricted to formal teaching like mentoring students, teaching in the classroom, or developing academic materials. I am interested in informal teaching of industry professionals and developing education and training opportunities for professionals who are not formal students (i.e., Cooperative Extension in the US). Would this be an option for fulfilling "teaching" expectations? Thank you | Hi! This is something that you can speak with the host institution about. For more information on reaching out to them, please see our website:<br><a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</a>   |
| Can we have access to this recording? How would we access it.  | Hi! This recording will be available in our Webinar Archive by end of tomorrow.  |
| Could you repeat the office hours time again?  | To see our office hours, please our website:<br><a href="https://apply.iie.org/portal/office_hours">https://apply.iie.org/portal/office_hours</a>  |
| Public Policy Fellowship is for mid-career. Is there an age limit?   | Hi! There are no age restrictions.   |
| I am an alum and now emeriti librarian. Am I eligible?   | Hi! We welcome retired and emeritus faculty to apply.  |
| Does South Korea offer flex option?  | Hi! Please see our website for that information:<br><a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;country%5B%5D=4593&amp;field_award_multi_country=A">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;country%5B%5D=4593&amp;field_award_multi_country=A</a>  |

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| Do we need a host univeristy included in the application?   | Hi! You will need to name the host institution in the application.   |
| is it possible to apply to more than one location or region?  | Yes. Through the Global Scholar Award. If you want more information about this award, please see our website and email <a href="mailto:globalaward@iie.org">globalaward@iie.org</a> :<br><a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/fulbright-global-scholar-award-6">https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/fulbright-global-scholar-award-6</a>   |
| As per the application, do we (applicants) determined the teaching/research percentage in consultation with the inviting institution? | Hi! Yes, you do. We suggest checking in with the host institution to see if they have any preferences.   |
| Are clinician scientists with an MD eligible for the research scholar award?  | Hi! This is dependent on the award and the award details. However, contact and treatment of patients is not allowed.   |
| how many applications do you usually recieve for the east asia and the pacific region. 44 award among how many applications?          | Hi! We are unable to provide this information.   |
| Does Taiwan offer distinguished scholar award?  | Hi! Please see Taiwan's awards on our website for this information:<br><a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;country%5B%5D=4499&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;country%5B%5D=4499&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</a> |
| How does getting a letter of invitation work if the location details (for Taiwan) says: "any appropriate institution"?                | Hi! You will need to your own research on institutions you will like to work with. For more advice on how to go on about this, please see our website:<br><a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</a>  |
| What are disciplines for Taiwan applications?   | Hi! Please see Taiwan awards on our website for this information:<br><a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;country%5B%5D=4499&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;country%5B%5D=4499&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</a>   |
| will a recording of the presentation be available online?   | Hi! Yes, it will be available on our Webinar Archive on our website, by tomorrow end of day.   |
| Did you grant 44 awards in total for this region, or is this just the specific named ones?  | Hi! There are currently 44 awards available in this region. We cannot provide the numbers of awards awarded.   |
| For Japan, study of the united state, is there language requirement? will the class be conducted in English?                          | Hi! This information will be available in the award requirements:<br><a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/study-united-states-teaching-social-sciences-and-humanities-6">https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/study-united-states-teaching-social-sciences-and-humanities-6</a>   |
| should a recommendation letter come from the proposed host institution?   | Hi! For more information about letters of rec, please see our website: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</a>   |
| Do you include writers as artists?  | Hi! I'm sorry, could you specify?  |
| Is there a page-limit on the statment?  | Hi! Yes, it has to be between 3-5 pages. For more information about application details, see our   |

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|  | website: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</a>   |
| What kind of recommendation letters would be desired for the award? Could you give us some specifics?  | Hi! For more information about the letters of rec, please see our website: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</a>   |
| can letters of invitation be written in the host country language?   | Hi! They can, but you would need to provide a translation. For more information, see our website: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</a>  |
| Fiction or poetry?   | Hi! The following awards are open in creative writing: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;discipline%5B%5D=8062&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;discipline%5B%5D=8062&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</a> |
| Optimistically, if one is awarded a Fulbright, but another obligation arises, is it possible to defer until the next cycle without going through the application process again?  | Hi! It's not possible to defer to another year.  |
| can we apply for both a Research Award and Research/Teaching Award for the same country?   | Hi! You can only apply to one award per competition cycle.   |
| What percentage of recommended applicants actually get an offer/award?   | Hi! We are unable to provide that information.   |
| What if the award most suited to you only has a couple awards, but you'd be willing to serve in another award that you didn't apply for that is in need of someone with your profile? Can you be considered for other awards?  | Hi! You will only be considered for the award in which you apply. Therefore, we recommend choosing the award you feels align best with your project.   |
| Are recently retired faculty eligible?   | Hi! Yes, retired faculty are welcome to apply.   |
| Would Q&A will be available for download after this seminar?   | Hi! Yes, it will be available in our website along with the presentation and recording.  |
| Will the questions asked be included in the recording?   | Hi! Yes, it will be available in our website along with the presentation and recording.  |
| I have been a full-time tenured professor for more than three decades. If I will be retired or semi-retired (in a phased retirement of working half year), will I be qualified?  | Hi! We welcome retired or semi-retired faculty to apply.   |
| Can an administrator qualify for Distinguished Scholar if they have been involved with research and are leaders in their field? Or is this award specifically for faculty?   | Hi! We suggest that your email <a href="mailto:eastasiapacific@iie.org">eastasiapacific@iie.org</a> for this question.   |
| I'm very interested in applying to Timor Leste to continue my sociology/anthropology research there with women's organizations. I see on the overview page on the Fulbright website that STEAM disciplines are preferred. I don't think I qualify as STEAM. Should I persevere in my application? Thank you. | Please email <a href="mailto:eastasiapacific@iie.org">eastasiapacific@iie.org</a>  |
| If I want to do a Flex award, do I apply for a regular scholar award and then break it into parts or do I apply for an official Flex Award?  | Hi! Flex is not offered in all awards. You can see all awards that offer flex here: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_grant_length%5Bflex%5D=flex&amp;field_award_grant_length%5Bfl">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_grant_length%5Bflex%5D=flex&amp;field_award_grant_length%5Bfl</a>  |

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| If you're most suited to an award but it only has one award, should you apply to the award you are second most suited to if it has multiple awards? To increase your chances?                                    | Hi! We always suggest applying to the award you qualify best for.  |
| what is a non-scholar?   | Hi! This could be a professional or artist.  |
| What is an example of explaining why a Fulbright is necessary or advantageous for the application or for the particular research?  | Hi! We do not provide examples of applications, but we do provide details on the application requirements on our website: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</a>  |
| I am interested in working in the central Vietnam. Is there any institution that I can make a connection with to offer my teaching experience with them.   | Hi! On our website, we have details on how to connect with a host institution: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</a>   |
| is environmental science fit in with STEM projects   | Hi! Yes, environmental science fits in with STEM.  |
| Hi, I've connected with a scholar in my host country, rather than the institution, and he will write my letter of invitation but should I contact the university itself, Deans, department chair, etc., as well? | Hi! For more information about letters of invitation, please see our website: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</a>  |
| you mentioned only policy and international relation area in Taiwan...How about STEM and art   | Hi! Please see the Taiwan awards on our website: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;country%5B%5D=4499&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;country%5B%5D=4499&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</a> |
| Is it two years before you can start the application (would be three years before you get it)?   | It will be two years from the date that you finished your last grant. Our deadline is always in September, so it depends.  |