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Webinar Q&A Box Questions and Answers

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Question	Answer
Are emeritus faculty eligible?	Thank you for your question! Yes, they are. Be sure to check the description's award requirements section for additional qualifications necessary to apply.
Are corporate finance professionals eligible for research/teaching activities or just professional projects?	Thank you for your question! We do accept independent scholars and professionals. We just recommend that you double check the award requirements, to make sure your career and credentials (such as your degree) are eligible for that specific award.
I would appreciate some clarification regarding the Nepal award. The description notes "All Disciplines (Research)," and I wanted to confirm whether this designation limits the opportunity to research-only proposals, or if teaching components are also eligible.	Thank you for your question! The Nepal All Disciplines Award is open to research/teaching: https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/all-disciplines-1041
I earned my PhD after 30+ years in industry and have taught for 6 years (7 by the time of potential appointment). Do I qualify for distinguished scholar?	Thank you for your question! 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.
I would also appreciate any information you can share about the number of awards typically available for Nepal in next cycle.	Thank you for your question! Currently, we only have information for the current cycle. For the next cycle, please circle back in February 2027.
Can you please direct me to the webpage with the list of suitable collaborating organizations for India? Many thanks	Thank you for your question! We do not have a list of institutions but for suggested host institutions in India, please contact Priyanjana Ghosh, Senior Program Officer: Priyanjana@usief.org.in.
How does one get an invitation letter?	Thank you for your question! We have information on letters of invitation on our website: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps
Are you going to cover any information about IEA int'l ed admin awards?	Thank you for your question! There are not any IEA awards in the South and Central Asian region for the

	2027-28 competition. You may send questions to iea@iie.org
I understand that the application requires three essays. I would be grateful if you could provide some Guidance regarding what is typically expected in these essays, particularly in terms of thematic emphasis, level of detail, and evaluation criteria.	Thank you for your question! You can find additional information on the essays and what they require on our website: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps
Are you going to share these slides? Thank you.	Thank you for your question! The webinar recording and slides will be available on our website by the end of the week.
What is actually needed for the language proficiency report?	Thank you for your question! You can find more information about this on our website: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#stepshttps://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps
Can NGOs serve as host institutions?	Thank you for your question! Yes, they can. However, it depends on the award. The award details in the award will let you know if they can.
Are the Distinguished Scholar Awards more competitive than the U.S. Scholar Awards? Or, to put it another way, I have more than seven years of experience—can I still apply for the U.S. Scholar Awards?	Thank you for your question! Yes, you may apply for the U.S. Scholar award that does not have "distinguished" in the title.
Which countries in this region are open for community college faculty?	Thank you for your question! You can find them here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_world_area[4459]=4459&field_award_multi_country=All&field_career_profile[9024]=9024&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All
Can / Should we consider applying for more than one option	Thank you for your question! You can only apply to one award per competition cycle.
Please let us know how many scholars will be selected this year for the US Scholar awards for this region. And typically, how many scholars apply for these 13 awards? Thank you.	Thank you for your question! For the Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Awards (All Disciplines) up to 50 recipients may be picked. As for the second question, we do not provide that information.
Award Search function seems to require an institution to identify possible opportunities. I'm not currently affiliated with an institution, so included a former employer as the institution to be able to complete the search. Is it safe to assume the results I received are likely valid?	Thank you for your question! This is the current award search: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search. It should not ask for an institution.
For Flex option, is travel covered for multiple visits?	Thank you for your question! For flex, this option enables applicants to propose multiple short-term stays in the host country over two years if required by their proposed project. Refer to Flex Description of the specific award for specific parameters and requirements.
It is mentioned in the Award Section-Public Health/ Medical Research: Applicants pursuing health or medical related research may require additional approvals. USIEF will guide candidates through the	Thank you for your question! In which case, please contact the commission directly. Please contact Priyanjana Ghosh, Senior Program Officer: Priyanjana@usief.org.in about this.

process. https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/fulbright-nehru-academic-and-professional-excellence-awards-all-disciplines-8	
What are the criteria for the host institutions? Do these have to be higher education or can it be a) K-12 or b) informal education institutions or c) others?	Thank you for your question! It could be any of these, or NGOs. It depends on the award, since every award is different. We recommend you read the award details since they let you know there.
Where do I find office hours? I would appreciate.	Thank you for your question! You can find them here: https://apply.iie.org/portal/office_hours