

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Opportunities in South and Central Asia

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
I have a courtesy professor appt in a US university. Am I allowed to place an application?	Thank you for your question! We welcome applications from all career profiles.
I am a full professor with 17 years of academic experience, Should i apply for the ditinguished scholar award or just scholar award? I have a publication record of more than 130 peer reviewed publications and has been continuously funded by federal government for 15 years. I am planning to work in Bangladesh	Thank you for your question! Please email southcentralasia@iie.org with this question.
i was a FB scholar about 15 yrs ago. can I put another application for the coming year?	Thank you for your question! Fulbright does not have a lifetime limit of awards. As long as you let two complete years since the finish of your last Fulbright Scholar grant and meet other eligibility factors, you can apply.
Heloo. Is a PhD degree available in this program, and how can we find a supervisor for the PhD program?	Thank you for your question! We do not have PhD programs here. Please see the Fulbright Foreign Student Program or the Fulbright Student Program.
Can one spread the leave over two separate periods of 2-3 months each, totaling about 6 months? Is that allowed in India?	Thank you for your question! The flex option is available for the Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Awards (All Disciplines) and Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellowship in India.
does age is considered as a factor for determination	Thank you for your question! Age is not a considered factor when reviewing applying and there's no age restriction.
aplicant age is ...between ...?	Thank you for your question! There is no age restriction.
If I receive an award in a year, and I am not able to go, Can I keep it for the following year?	Thank you for your question! Unfortunately, grantees are not able to defer their awards.
What are some general reasons a US scholar application is not selected or successful?	Thank you for you question! We are not allowed to provide feedback as to why an application was not recommended, but we encourage you to review your application alongside the review criteria and application requirements.

can you apply for more than one award (knowing you will only accept one?)	Thank you for your question! You can only apply to one award per competition cycle.
Is Flex award allowed in India?	Thank you for your question! The flex option is available for the Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Awards (All Disciplines) and Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellowship in India.
If a applicant has retired but still involved actively in research. Is she/he will be considered an applicant?	Thank you for your question! Yes, retired and emeritus faculty are welcomed to apply.
Can a selected applicant defer their visit to the host country? if so for how long can they delay their arrival at the host institute?	Thank you for your question! Unfortunately, grantees are not able to defer their awards.
Is it mandatory for students to return to their home country after completing the Fulbright program?	Please check with the Foreign Fulbright Student Program. This is the Fulbright U.S Scholar Program.
Thank you, Jaclyn. When are the IEA Awards open?	Thank you for your question! IEA Awards are currently open and came be found on our website: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search
What do you mean by institution? Only academic or can they be NGOs, community programs?	Thank you for your question! This depends on the award. It could be any of those so please read the award details carefully.
Is there a protocol to explore a host countries interest in you as a scholar before you commit to apply?	Thank you for your question! There is no protocol but for more information on reaching out, please see our website: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps
When is the earliest date we could start the abroad project with the current application period? i.e., when is the earliest date a scholar could be abroad developing the project. Thank you.	Thank you for your question! This would depend on the award and it differs. We suggest you look at the timeframe that is given in the award details.
Is there any way to know which awards are more applied for/competitive than others? (if we can only apply for one just curious if that was something we could consider if we had better chances of being selected)	Thank you for your question! We unfortunately are not able to provide this information.
if I was already a FB scholar 15 yrs ago. Would/should I be applying or considered for a senior or distinguished fellowship FB award	Thank you for your question! This is depedent on the number of years of experience you have had, not whether you have received an award before.
If application is on climate change? can a non-environmental expert with degree in physics apply for an application that is being considered in environmental science?	Thank you for your question! We suggest that you look at disciplines that are able to apply to that award.
Can I apply for teaching in a medical school at India? I have a Ph.D. in Medical Field.	Thank you for your question! Please see the award details in the award you're interested in, which will give you additional information on which organizations you can work with.
your slide does not include Taiwan? is Taiwan part of your portfolio?	Thank you for your question! This presentation is for countries South and Central Asia.
If I received a grant in 2025 and serve in that year, when next can I apply for a grant? Thank you.	You can apply for another Fulbright Scholar Award 2 years after the finished date of your last grant.
What region are Thailand and Cambodia included in? I thought it would be South and Central Asia.	They are in the East Asia and Pacific Region. That webinar will be tomorrow.

Regarding the earliest date to start the project abroad, I understand that it depends on the award. However, in applying this year, if the award allows, could it start already in 2024 or the earliest would be 2025? Thank you.	These awards are for the 2025-2026 year. Therefore, they will start in 2025.
Are there any awards available for Korea?	This is webinar for countries in South and Central Asia. We do have awards in Korea, which we will go over tomorrow in our webinar tomorrow for awards in East Asia and the Pacific.
Where can we access slides from this presentation? Thank you.	They will be available on our website in the Webinar Archive, by Friday.
when would you have webinar that will focus in region that includes Taiwan?	The East Asia and the Pacific webinar is tomorrow at 2PM EST.
Should the letter of recommendation be sent directly to fulbright?	Your recommender will receive a link and that's where they will be able to submit their recommendation.
If we have been living abroad for a few years (but still eligible to apply), should our letters of recommendation come from US references, more recent references abroad, both, or does it not matter?	For more about letters of rec, please see our website: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps
Where can we find the link for the East Asia and Pacific webinar?	https://apply.iie.org/portal/scholar_webinars?id=81233090-8d61-4df0-8016-a8a019ad6449
when would you have webinar that will include Taiwan?	https://apply.iie.org/portal/scholar_webinars?id=81233090-8d61-4df0-8016-a8a019ad6449
Where can we get started [application] and how can we find the countries and associated academic institution ?	You can get started on the application here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps and as to find the countries and associated academic institutions, we would start by searching the awards and reading the award details.
When are the office hours?	Office hours will start in March! Please register here: https://apply.iie.org/portal/office_hours
Where can we find the office hour information ? when and what time, etc.	Office hours will start in March! Please register here: https://apply.iie.org/portal/office_hours
Do you give grants to a professor emerita?	Retired and emeritus faculty are welcomed to apply!
does recommendation letter to be from a host country?	For more about letters of rec, please see our website: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps
Where is the link to apply for FB for artistic disciplines?	Here is the link: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&field_award_multi_country=All&discipline%5B%5D=8053&discipline%5B%5D=8054&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All
Are there eligibility requirements for host institutions?	This is dependent on the award! We suggest you read the award details of the award you're interested in carefully.
What are the criteria for selection?	You can find the review criteria here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#review-process
Does this mean that I should get a letter?	It will be in the award details if a letter of recommendation is required or not. If it's required, then you will need to get a letter. However, if it's



	preferred, it won't render you ineligible if you do not get one.
Is it better to have letters of rec from our home institution or from other institutions or one of each?	For letters of rec, please see our website: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps