

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Opportunities in Spain

Webinar Q&A Box Questions and Answers

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Question	Answer
<p>I have a colleague at UCM in Madrid who is keen to host me, but I don't see any Fulbright awards this year that target UCM specifically, nor do I see any general awards that allow one to choose the university they want to visit. Am I missing something? Is there some way to arrange it so I can visit him at UCM?</p>	<p>Hello! Fulbright awards in Spain are available at the institutions named in their awards, which are available here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?country[]=4540&field_award_multi_country=All&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</p>
<p>I have been in contact with a Spanish university for a teaching - research Fulbright. I have no Spanish language skills and I don't know the best way to foresee how easily I would be able to conduct research in Spain about Spanish politics.</p>	<p>Hello! This is going to come down to framing. One of the primary things our reviewers look for is "feasibility." You can find ways to persuade a review panel that you are able to complete your project without the host country language if you can frame it in a way that makes it apparent how it is feasible.</p>
<p>I completed a Fulbright to another country at the end of January 2024. My research project requires me to go to Spain. May I apply this September for a Spring 2026 departure date...a February 1st departure date?</p>	<p>Hello! You would need to wait until September 2026 to apply, which would be for awards that would send you abroad in 2027-2028. This is because we use the last day on grant and the *application deadline* as the markers for the "two-year rule."</p>
<p>Will there be a language immersion opportunity for researcher wanting to do research and/or work/teach in Education (Urban Early childhood)?</p>	<p>Hello! These awards are not specifically geared towards language immersion. It's more about being there being your immersion. So you can propose a project in your discipline and be immersed by being there.</p>
<p>Considering a research-only award, is it worth discussing the possibility of lecturing, giving talks, and conducting workshops, or is it better to focus on making a research-focused proposal with outreach elements that engage stakeholders without emphasizing the teaching component?</p>	<p>Hello! I in fact highly recommend you mention this in detail and plan to do it. Because these awards are geared towards cultural ambassadorship, this is how you can explain how your research benefits a greater community through outreach.</p>
<p>Can the research component of a combined teaching/research grant include programmatic support and development (such as first-year experiences or study abroad)? These activities relate primarily to student mentorship, so maybe more related to teaching? Of course if the host institution wants this.</p>	<p>Hello! Programmatic support we typically consider "teaching" because "faculty development" and mentorship of students can be teaching. However, if your field is education, you can include this as part of your research practice.</p>
<p>It is very difficult to navigate the CSIC to find the right research center. Is there any easy way to find out which (if any) centers are located at UCM in Madrid (or in Madrid generally)?</p>	<p>Hello! Feel free to reach out to me at europ Eurasia@iie.org for help with this.</p>

<p>Even if we might qualify for two awards, we can only apply to one?</p>	<p>Hello! Yes. You can only apply to one award per competition cycle.</p>
<p>To clarify further, could such programmatic support complement teaching a class to comprise a full teaching award (rather than T/R)? Or could program support be all of the teaching component, or do you have to teach a course as part of a teaching award? (I am not in education but pedagogy is my focus as a non-TT professor).</p>	<p>Hello! None of Spain's awards can be teaching-only; they are all teaching/research (except the joint awards with other countries). So my recommendation is that you focus on your teaching and make a research project centered on teaching in your discipline. We often see, for example, linguists propose a pedagogical linguistics project for their time abroad.</p>