

FULBRIGHT Scholar Program

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Opportunities in Sub-Saharan Africa in 2024-25

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Today's Presentation

- Program Overview
- Why Fulbright?
- Eligibility
- Types of Awards
- Regional Highlights
- Application Cycle and Tips
- Questions







MISSION

- In partnership with 160 countries worldwide, Fulbright offers passionate and accomplished faculty, administrators, artists, journalists, lawyers, and other professionals from all backgrounds an unparalleled opportunity to study, teach, or conduct research.
- Our mission is to foster mutual understanding between nations, advance knowledge across communities, and improve lives around the world.

A BRIEF HISTORY

- Established in 1946 by Congress, Fulbright is the United States government's flagship international educational and cultural exchange program.
- Fulbright is sponsored by the U.S.
 Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and administered by the Institute of International Education.





Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Accessibility

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the United States Department of State strives to embed diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) in all aspects of its work.

Public diplomacy is most effective when people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives participate in people-to-people exchanges and programs to promote mutual understanding. The Bureau incorporates DEIA best practices throughout its exchanges and programs, grants, community partnerships, and in its workforce and workplace.

ECA is committed to addressing barriers based on race, ethnicity, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, geographic location, education, income, socio-economic status, and other diversity dimensions, that may hinder inclusion in the organization. The Bureau's commitment to DEIA strengthens U.S. foreign policy and is vital to building trust and partnerships here at home and around the world.









Fulbright by the Numbers

The Fulbright Program funds over **8,000 awards** annually:

900
U.S. scholars and administrators

900

Visiting scholars

2,200

U.S. students

4,000

foreign students 400

language teaching assistants







Why Fulbright?

Fulbright is transformational.

- Foster relationships that are real and lasting
- Expand your **publishing network**
- Become more multicultural in the classroom
- Serve as an ambassador for international exchange
- Gain the **professional recognition** as being identified as a "Fulbright Scholar"
- Join a vibrant alumni network









Why Fulbright?

Fulbright is family-friendly.

- Approximately 60% of our awards provide dependent support
- Many Fulbright dependents go on to have international careers









Why Fulbright?

Fulbright is supportive.

- 70% of applicants engage with IIE staff
- Continued support while in country from IIE and host country staff
- Access to Fulbright alumni as a resource







Eligibility for U.S. Scholar Program

- 🔾 U.S. citizenship
- Degree and experience, as required by award:
 - Ph.D. or other terminal degree
 - MA and higher education teaching or professional experience
 - Professional and/or artistic experience with substantial accomplishments
 - Teaching experience as required
- Compliance with <u>policies</u> on previous Fulbright Scholar awards: two year waiting period between Fulbright U.S. Scholar award and next application





Which Award is for you?

Award Types:

- 1 Scholar Awards
- 2 Postdoctoral Awards
- **3** Distinguished Scholar Awards
- 4 International Education
 Administrator Awards









Which Award is for you?

Flex Option

- Available in 63 countries and all world areas
- Allows multiple visits over two years

Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship

Global & Regional Awards





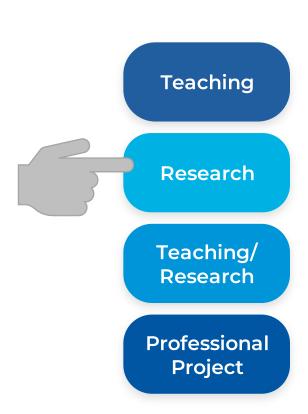




Selecting the Right Award

- Match country interest, expertise, career profile, and proposal to the award description
- Language ability (if applicable)
- Discipline preferences, when specified
- Project relevance to the host country and/or institution
- Benefits to you and your community

Remember: you can only apply for **ONE AWARD** per application cycle





Sub-Saharan Africa: Opportunities for 2024-25







Regional Highlights

- 35 unique awards offered across 27 countries, from Cabo Verde to Guinea and Sudan to Eswatini!
- 12 awards do **not** require a Ph.D. or Terminal Degree
- Interest in **Teaching or Teaching/Research** activities
- French and Portuguese language skills useful
- Multi-country research through the Africa Regional Research Project





West Africa

• Benin: All Disciplines

Cabo Verde: All Disciplines

Cote D'Ivoire: All Disciplines

• **Guinea:** All Disciplines









Southern Africa



• Botswana: Public Health

• **Eswatini:** All Disciplines

• Namibia: All Disciplines

• **Zambia:** Journalism and Broadcasting







North and East Africa

- **Malawi:** All Disciplines
- Mauritius: All Disciplines
- Sudan: All Disciplines
- **Uganda:** All Disciplines









Africa Regional Research Program



- Opportunity to do **Research** in one, two, or three countries in the region
- Does **not** include South Africa
- Flex Option





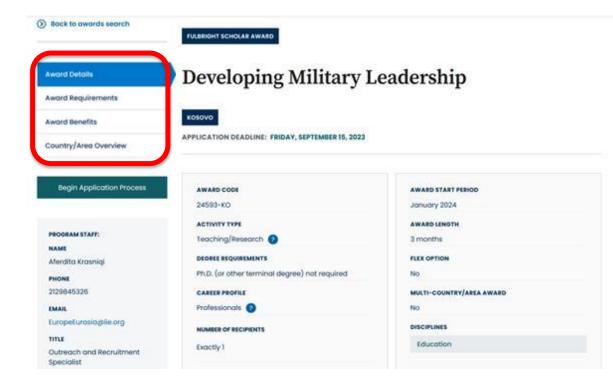


Understanding the Awards

Visit <u>fulbrightscholars.org</u> to search awards

Review important details in:

- award details
- award requirements
- award benefits
- country/area overview









Application Components

Requirements:

- Application Form
- Project Statement
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Language Proficiency Report (if required)
- Letter of Invitation (if required)

Supplemental Materials:

- Course outlines or syllabi (for teaching)
- Reference list (for research)
- Portfolio submissions (for artists, architects, and journalists)







Tips for a strong application:



Before you start, **read your** award's description carefully to ensure you meet all requirements and your proposed project is possible.



Start application and enter referees' information as soon as possible.



Take advantage of IIE resources, including webinars, office hours and application guidance on our website.





Application Cycle

FEBRUARY	Competition Opens
SEPTEMBER 15	Application Deadline
SEPTEMBER	Program staff conducts technical reviews for completeness
OCTOBER – NOVEMBER	U.S. peer review
NOVEMBER – JANUARY	Applicants notified of status. Recommended applications are sent to host countries and to the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.
JANUARY – JUNE	Final decisions are made
JUNE - ONWARD	Participants prepare for departure







Bring Foreign Fulbrighters to your Campus

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE (S-I-R) PROGRAM

Host scholars from other countries to teach for a semester or an academic year

Deadline: June 1

Website:

fulbrightscholars.org/sir

Email: SIR@iie.org

FULBRIGHT OUTREACH LECTURING FUND (OLF)

Host current Fulbright
Visiting Scholars for shortterm lectureships of 2-6 days
on discipline or cultural
topics to internationalize the
campus

Website:

fulbrightscholars.org/OLF

Email: OLF@iie.org

FULBRIGHT LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSISTANT (FLTA) PROGRAM

Host native speaking language teaching assistants to enhance students' understanding different languages and cultures

Website:

foreign.fulbrightonline.org

Email: dcook@iie.org







Additional Fulbright U.S. Programs

SCHOLARS

- Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship FPPF@iie.org
- Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program <u>GPA@ed.gov</u>
- Specialist Program
 <u>FulbrightSpecialist@worldlearning.org</u>

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- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program DDRA@ed.gov
- English Teaching Assistant (ETA) Program
 FBstudent@iie.org
- Student Program
 <u>FBstudent@iie.org</u>

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- Distinguished Award in Teaching Research Program FulbrightDA@irex.org
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