

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Opportunities in Western Hemisphere

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 heard people call Fulbright a closed or cult society - how do you feel about that?	Hello! The Fulbright Scholar Program accepts applications from applicants from all walks of life; college and university faculty, administrators, and researchers, as well as artists and professionals.
I am finishing up my PhD this year, but also served 20 years in the military prior to going back to school. Do you recommend I apply as a professional versus an early academic?	Hello! We actually have several post doc awards open. You can see them here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&field_award_multi_country=All&field_award_type_list%5B8303%5D=8303&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All
Can someone please talk about the process of connecting with a foreign university and getting them on board with working with a teaching scholar. Also, if we do make a connecting/agreement with a university, how do we go about letting Fulbright know about the connection?	Hello! You do not need to let us know directly, but you would note it in your application. For more information on how to connect with a host, please see our website: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps
Thank you for mentioning which interests Trinidad has. Where do I look to find this information for other countries? I have tried to look but not clear to me yet.	Hello! All of our awards are on our website: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search
I apologize for missing this. Did Julia say that there will be a separate webinar for opportunities in Canada?Thanks!	Hello! Yes, there will be. It'll be up on our website by the end of Friday.
I've always understood Fulbright Scholars as connected to a local university. Is that not the case? If we do have that connection, how much work is the process for the host and do they participate in deciding awards, or are those decisions with Fulbright staff in the U.S. and host country?	Hello! Applications are accepted and have been granted to independent scholars as well. As for our review process, please see our website: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#timeline
Do you still need a Language Proficiency Report if you are a native speaker of the target language (i.e. Spanish)	Hello! If you're a native speaker, this is waived.
Can you please talk about the letter of invitation for an independent research project - what are the expectations of the host institution, as in what will they need to commit to?	Hello! For more information about the letter of invitation, please see our website: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps
Are grants available for South Asia for the coming cycle?	Hello! Yes. Please see our website for them. This webinar focuses on the Western Hemisphere.
1) Can we meet with program staff to help select the best program?	Hello! Yes - you can email any regional email so they can help you see your options.
Thank you. How do I sign up for alerts on any S. Asia-related webinars?	Hello! Please see our website. The South and Central Asia webinar has already happened and the recording is on our website.

2) Can we get feedback, advice, tips on our application, and in particular the personal statement?	Hello! We do not provide feedback nor look at personal statements.
Sorry, 3rd question: If there is a contact person listed at the host university, can we reach out to them?	Hello! Yes, we recommend applicants to reach out to host institutions.
How do you get an invitation from a university or institution?	Hello! For more information about the letter of invitation, please see our website: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps
I've submitted an application for a Fulbright scholarship and secured a letter of support from the host country, propelling my application to the second stage. What proportion of applications in this stage face rejection, and what are some potential factors contributing to this outcome?	Hello! We are unfortunately unable to provide this information.
I will be on the job market at this same time of the award. If I receive the award, can I defer the Fulbright for a year?	Hello! Unfortunately, you cannot defer the award.
To apply to the scholars program do you need to have more than 7 year experience in teaching?	Hello! No, you don't.
If you were a finalist for the award you applied for but aren't selected, can you ever get considered for other awards that had no applicants or no qualified applicants?	Hello! Unfortunately, you can't.
Can you share the Q&A as well as the video with us? Thanks!	Hello! It will be on our website by end of day Friday.
Does an applicant receive any feedback related to why their application was never selected?	Hello! We do not provide feedback on applications.
Is there a way to know how many applicants an award usually gets, that is, which are harder to get due to more applicants?	Hello! We are unable to provide those stats.
Can you repeat the part about applying under "student"? I am a recent grad, how is this possible?	Hello! Once you have your PhD, you're no longer eligible for the student program.
For clarification, the number next to the award is not how many people get the award?	Hello! It is under number of recipients.
Many of the cards list the disciplines they desire and also list multiple colleges to work with but not necessarily what each college wants/needs. How do we find that information.	Hello! You are welcome to reach out to the host institution and connect with them for that information.
If you have just retired (honorably) from a US academic institution, can you still apply for a Fulbright for research or teaching?	Hello! Yes, you can!
Where on the website is the link to find the Fulbright adviser at my institution - that was a quick click I missed	Hello! Here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/liaisons
Can you submit more than two letters?	Hello! No, you can't. Only two letters are allowed.
If you have a position that is teaching and administrative, can you apply for a teaching and an administrative award	Hello! You can only apply to one award per cycle.