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Scholar Program



Global Hidden Gems 2027-28

Opportunities for Faculty, Researchers, Professionals, and Institutions

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Today's Webinar

- Fulbright Scholar Overview
- Eligibility
- Global Hidden Gems
 - Special Award Features
 - Awards by Region
- Next Steps
- Question & Answer





The Fulbright Scholar Program

Background

- Created in 1946 by U.S. Congress
- Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), as its flagship program
- Implemented by bi-national Commissions and U.S. Embassies abroad.
- Supports research, teaching, and professional projects abroad in 130 countries and locations.
- Awards are merit-based and selected through a multi-step review process, including peer review, host country review, and final approval by the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB).





2026: A Year of Milestones



**Highlighting Fulbrighters
exemplifying American
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**Celebrating 80 years of
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Qualifications for U.S. Scholar

- **U.S. citizenship**
- **Degree and experience**, as required by award:
 - Ph.D. or other terminal degree
 - Master's or professional or artistic experience
 - Teaching experience as required
- **Fulbright U.S. Scholar alumni are eligible:**
Recipients of a Fulbright Scholar grant are eligible to apply for another Fulbright Scholar grant two years after the date of completion of the previous grant
- **ONE Award per cycle / competition year**



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Program Award Types

2027-28 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

380+

AWARDS

130+

COUNTRIES & LOCATIONS

2-12

MONTHS

AWARD ACTIVITIES

- 1) Research or Teaching
- 2) Research & Teaching
- 3) Professional Projects
- 4) Seminars (two weeks)

TYPES OF AWARDS

- 1) Scholar Awards
- 2) Postdoctoral Awards
- 3) Distinguished Scholar Awards
- 4) International Education Administrator (IEA) Awards



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What is a Global Hidden Gem?

Of the more than 380 awards available through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program in 2027–28, some simply do not receive as much attention as others.

Awards featured today are considered by Program Staff to be the "hidden gems" of the competition!

Many do not require letters of invitation or are partner awards, taking the guesswork out of finding a host.

Looking for a country or award that we don't mention? Remember that this is just a fraction of what's available!



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Award Features – Hidden Gems

- **Don't Skip these Sections: *Areas of Interest & Special Features***
 - On many awards, located under “Award Details”
 - Further details on what they are looking for
 - Regional Travel Grants
- **Do you know about partnership awards?**
 - Many awards are jointly-sponsored by institutions wishing to have a Fulbrighter on their campus
- **Flex Awards**
 - 66 awards allow scholars to segment award into 2-3 non-consecutive month(s)-long visits over 1-2 years
- **Dependents Allowance**
 - Around 60% of awards include funding for dependents.



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East Asia and the Pacific

25 countries and locations offering 45 awards

East Asia

- **Japan:** [Journalism](#)
- **Vietnam:** [All Disciplines Award](#)
- **Philippines:**
 - [Philippine Space Agency Program in Space Science and Technology](#)
 - [U.S.-Philippine Relations Award](#)
- **Mongolia:** [All Disciplines](#)

Pacific

- **Timor-Leste:** [All Disciplines Award](#)
- **South Pacific Islands Award:** [Multi-country](#)
- **Australia:** [Fulbright Scholar Award \(funded by Curtin University\)](#)



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South and Central Asia

12 countries and locations offering 13 awards

South Asia

- **Pakistan:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Nepal:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Sri Lanka:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Maldives:** [Multiple Disciplines](#)

Central Asia

- **Kazakhstan:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Tajikistan:** [Multiple Disciplines](#)
- **Turkmenistan:** [All Disciplines](#)



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Europe and Eurasia

44 countries and locations offering 211 awards with new opportunities in STEM, Humanities, & Social Sciences

- **Austria:**
 - [Fulbright-NAWI Graz Visiting Professor](#)
 - [Fulbright-Graz University of Technology Visiting Professor](#)
- **Finland:**
 - [Fulbright-Saastamoinen Foundation Distinguished Chair in Health Sciences](#)
 - [Fulbright-Turku UAS Scholar Award \(Business Administration\)](#)
- **France:** [Fulbright Award for Research in Normandy](#)
- **Georgia:** [Opportunities in STEM](#)
- **Hungary:**
 - [Fulbright-Budapest Semesters / Rényi Institute \(Mathematics\)](#)
 - [All Disciplines](#)



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44 countries and locations offering 211 awards with new opportunities in STEM, Humanities, & Social Sciences

- **Ireland:** [Investigating Impact through Innovative Research Dissemination](#)
- **Italy:** [Early Career Research Lectureship \(Civil, Environmental & Mechanical Engineering\)](#)
- **Kosovo:** [Fulbright Scholar in Energy](#)
- **Norway:**
 - [Digital Culture](#)
 - [Advanced International Studies \(Nobel Institute\)](#)
- **Poland:** [Distinguished Scholar \(Humanities, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University\)](#)



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Europe and Eurasia

44 countries and locations offering 211 awards, new opportunities in STEM, Humanities, & Social Sciences

- **Romania:** [Babeş-Bolyai University Award](#)
- **Spain:** [Mechanical Engineering \(Universidad de Vigo / CUD\)](#)
- **Sweden:** [Lund University Distinguished Scholar \(Public International Law\)](#)
- **Türkiye:** [Fulbright Senior Scholar Award](#)
- **United Kingdom:**
 - [Fulbright-Lancaster University Scholar Award in Science and Technology](#)
 - [Fulbright-British Virgin Islands Scholar Award at H. Lavity Stoutt Community College \(HLSCC\)](#)



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Sub-Saharan Africa

25 countries and locations offering 29 awards

- **Eswatini:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Cabo Verde:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Malawi:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Rwanda:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **The Gambia:** [All Disciplines](#)



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Western Hemisphere

24 countries and locations offering 48 awards with new opportunities in Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

North America

- **Canada:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Canada-Mexico:** [Fulbright-Carlos Rico Award for North American Studies](#)

Caribbean

- **Dominican Republic:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Suriname:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Trinidad and Tobago:** [All Disciplines](#)

Central and South America

- **Brazil:** [Fulbright-FAPESP Postdoctoral Awards](#)
- **Chile:** [Fulbright Chile Lithium Award](#)
- **Honduras:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Panama:** [Science, Technology and Education](#)
- **Uruguay:** [Agriculture](#)



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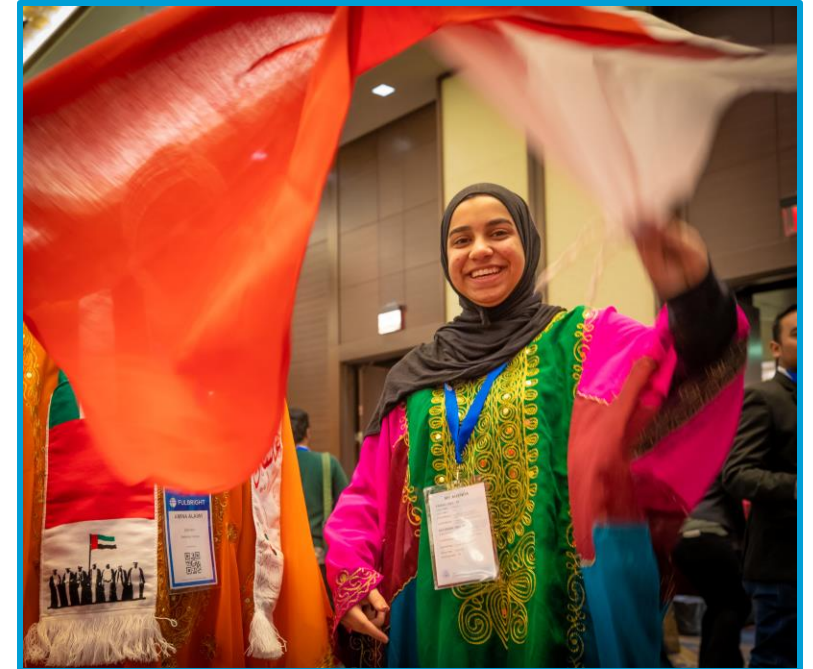




Middle East and North Africa

14 countries and locations offering 38 awards

- **Algeria:**
 - [TEFL / Applied Linguistics](#)
 - [All Disciplines](#)
- **Egypt:** [Community College Faculty Award](#)
- **Israel:** [Postdoctoral Fellowship \(Steinhardt Museum\)](#)
- **Tunisia:** [All Disciplines](#)



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Fulbright IEA Seminar Offerings for 2027-28

Location	Applicant Profile	Seminar Dates	Application Deadline
Taiwan	Senior Leadership & Student-facing Roles	March 2027	September 15, 2026
France-Senegal	HBCU Senior Leadership	March-April 2027	September 15, 2026
Israel	Senior Leadership	June 2027	November 2, 2026
Japan	Senior Leadership & Student-facing Roles	June 2027	November 2, 2026
France	Senior Leadership	October 2027	February 1, 2027
South Korea	Senior Leadership & Student-facing Roles	October-November 2027	February 1, 2027
Germany	Senior Leadership & Student-facing Roles	October-November 2027	February 1, 2027



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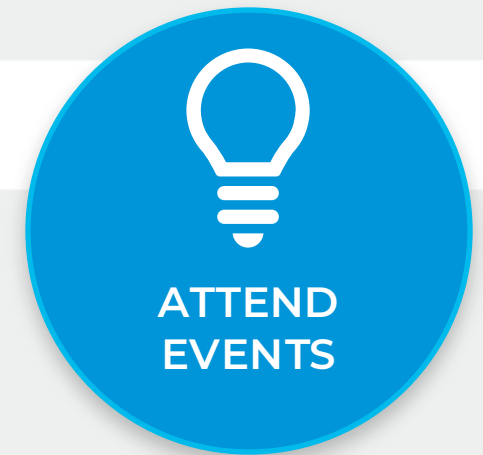
Tips for a strong application:



Read all four tabs of an award so you know which one best meets your needs



Start an online application **as soon as possible**



Attend webinars and Office Hours and read guides on our website





Next Steps

Review [Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award Opportunities](#) on our website



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