

# Title The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Opportunities for 2024-25

## Webinar Q&A Box Questions and Answers

*These questions have been anonymized. Any question too specific to any one applicant has been removed.*

Is there an age limit to apply?	No, there is no age limit.
Will you be discussing the specialist program?	We will not - this session will focus on Fulbright Scholar Awards. Please visit our colleagues at World Learning for more information about the Specialist Program.
I'd like to know why someone might chose to apply for the Distinguished Fulbright scholar program rather than the "regular" program, presuming one had the qualifications for the "distinguished" award.	The Distinguished awards are for mid- and senior-level career profiles. They typically offer more support, so if you think you are qualified, please do consider a Distinguished Scholar Award!
Would love to learn more about how the funding works. Is salary support shared by home institution and fellowship award dollars? If the home institution supports 100% salary via sabbatical procedures, how is fellowship funding able to be used?	Fulbright funding is provided directly to the scholar, but you're welcome to time it to fit your sabbatical year if that's applicable. We do not get involved in those discussions!
Do we know the acceptance rate for each program , or an estimate from the previous year? thank you!	Hello! We are unable to share information on the competitiveness of the awards or programs.
Hello! Is there a good way to determine which opportunities require (non-English) language proficiency? It isn't often listed in opportunity descriptions that I've seen. It would be great if this could be a searchable field as well. Thank you!	Hello Kate! I suggest searching for the language you are interested in in the Catalog of Awards Award 'search by keyword' to see which opportunities are related to that language. You can find our award catalog here: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search</a>
I was a Fulbright Scholar in Croatia in 2018 and I was hoping to reapply. I was trying to get some advice as to if we can reapply and can we reapply to the same country or should we aim for a different location? I am also thinking about Bulgaria.	Great! On the Eligibility slide, I will clarify the "two-year rule." You need to wait two years between the end of your last grant and applying for a new one.
Can awardees of a student program grant be eligible to apply for a scholar grant in the next cycle?	Awardees of the student program can apply to the scholar program, if they are eligible. If you need help determining which program to apply to, feel free to email us at <a href="mailto:scholars@iie.org">scholars@iie.org</a>
Hi - will we receive the slides after the webinar?	The recording and slides will be shared!
So graduate students aren't eligible?	Current graduate students are eligible for Fulbright Student awards! But when you graduate, please consider Scholar opportunities.
Do areas have different capacity to accommodate Fulbright scholar?	Yes, each Fulbright award is negotiated between the US and the host country, so funding and capacity to

	support Fulbrighters will vary from region to region, and country to country.
Is the Master of Public Health considered a terminal degree for this program?	Here is a list of terminal degrees: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/sites/default/files/documents/Terminal%20Degrees%202022-2023.pdf">https://fulbrightscholars.org/sites/default/files/documents/Terminal%20Degrees%202022-2023.pdf</a>
Hi, I'm an author interested in research/teaching openings mentioned and am curious about the balance of research/media project and teaching for some of the listings. Should I reach out to the program officer for the particular award to ask about that balance?	Yes! Most awards will suggest a ratio (40/60, or 20/80), but if that isn't stated, I suggest working with your potential host to determine what would suit their needs best. If you don't require a letter of invitation, then it is truly up to you to determine what you feel would best fit what you'd like to accomplish.
I am wondering if one can apply for two different Fulbright awards for one academic year.	Hello! You can apply to only one award per cycle, so choose wherever you think your expertise fits best.
Also can one apply to Distinguished Scholar and regular scholar award in the same year? or can you apply to two different countries potentially?	Hello! You may only apply to one award per cycle.
Can you clarify "mid- and senior- level career profiles"?	In academic careers, this can be associated with Associate and Full professor roles. For other professionals, it would depend on the duration of your career. We tend to say 7+ years for Distinguished.
Will the recording and slides be sent to our email and/or when can we expect them?	Yes, we will send a follow up email with the archived webinar.
I am a recent PhD graduate and published scholar, I already have a postdoctoral fellowship, which starts in March 2023 in Mexico City, given by the National Autonomous University of Mexico... Can I still apply?	Thank you for your inquiry! Some awards require that applicants must not reside in the country at or after the time of the application -- September 15, 2023. I would recommend consulting the Award Requirements tab of the award/s in which you are interested to determine if that affects your eligibility. If you still have concerns, you're welcome to email the IIE staff member listed in the Program Contact information section on the award.
If there is multiple suitable awards for a given specialty but in different countries, must one apply for each award separately?	Hello! You can only apply for one award per cycle, so please choose wherever your expertise fits best.
Does a Scholar grant support time for awardees to offer mentorship to students or younger researchers?	Yes, if you select teaching as an activity then you will have the opportunity to teach or mentor undergrad or grad students.
Will these slides and recording be available after the meeting for the attendees?	Yes, all of our webinars are in our Webinar Archive on <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org">fulbrightscholars.org</a> .
Hello, thanks for your help. I'm interested in scholarships for pursuing a PhD. Probably this is for students. I was wondering if there are webinars for these type of awards, and if you know the dates.	If you are looking for information for the student program, please refer to <a href="https://fulbrightonline.org">fulbrightonline.org</a>
I think I heard Ms. Assarian say that these questions and their responses will be shared with attendees - is this correct?	The live answered questions will be recorded in the recording, that is correct.
Would you be able to provide help in locating potential institutions within countries - help locate people or departments contact info.? Also: if you are reapplying to the same country you applied more than	Yes! The Catalog of Awards lists institutions and contact information for potential host institutions. If the specific award or country you're interested in doesn't, you can always access our scholar directories to speak with Fulbrighters who have returned home,

two years ago would that hurt your potential of getting another grant?	or US scholars who have returned from awards to those countries: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/fulbright-scholar-directory">https://fulbrightscholars.org/fulbright-scholar-directory</a>
will this be recorded?	Yes, all of our webinars are in our Webinar Archive on <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org">fulbrightscholars.org</a> !
If one has familial and/or cultural ties to a particular country, does the evaluation process see that as a pro, con, or a non-factor in one's application?	"Cultural preparation" is something our reviewers consider, so a connection to the country can be advantageous. But please do note on the Award Requirements page if things like residency or dual citizenship are not allowed for the award.
Can you propose to apply to a host organization that is not a current Fulbright host, but they are willing to host?	This will depend on the award that interests you. Many of our awards allow scholars to propose institutions, but others have hosts specified.
Is there a similar webinar for the Distinguished Scholar program?	Distinguished Scholar Awards are part of the US Scholar program so you are in the right place!
1. would like to know whether you fund to collaborate with colleagues in national research institutes. 2. can someone apply now for the following cycle of 25-26 or do we have to wait until 24-25 application closes	The 25-26 cycle will open next Feb, so feel free to apply when it opens in 2024!
Thank you! That works decently well, but I'd love to see that be elevated to the level of a searchable filter, like length of stay, degree requirements, etc. are. Maybe someday! 😊	Hello! We do have career profile, discipline, and length of stay filters! They will be on the lefthand side of the search page. I hope this helps.
Hello, is it possible to do a professional project and/or conduct research concurrently with existing professional work (and either separate from career work or in conjunction with it)?	Thank you for your inquiry! The focus of a Fulbright grant should be the project at hand. However, applicants have used their research or experience to further their career goals or publish their research after the Fulbright grant concludes. You're welcome to reach out to the IIE Program Contact listed in the award in which you are interested for further clarification about your project proposal.
Can someone get a 3rd Fulbright Scholar Award?	Yes! As long as it has been two years since completion of your previous awards.
What career areas are well-suited to Fulbright scholarships outside of academia?	Journalism, the Arts, Law, and Business immediately come to mind, but we are open to all professionals!
Are awards that do not require a letter of invitation from the host institution generally more competitive? Without the letter, do applicants work with the Fulbright Office to identify a fitting host site? Thank you your insight.	It depends. However, they are not more competitive applications are reviewed holistically so you want to look at the review criteria and the country requirements.
Are there awards that allow dual applicants (i.e., a husband and wife applying together)?	For the US Scholar program, you must apply as individuals. However, some awards have dependent allowances.
Can an adjunct with years of University teaching experience but without a PHD still apply	Yes! Please look at the career profiles/degree requirements on each award. If the award is a teaching-focused award, your teaching record is a great credit.

<p>I didn't see any opportunities in my field - will there be someone available to help me parlay my degrees/experience into one of the available opportunities?</p>	<p>Yes! There are also all discipline awards to look at. Feel free to email us at <a href="mailto:scholars@iie.org">scholars@iie.org</a> if you need more assistance</p>
<p>Do two-scholar couples (same discipline) ever apply to be a part of the same program/project (assuming there are one or more openings), and if so how are those applications viewed? What about two-scholar couples sharing a single award? (So, two-for-the-price-of-one for Fulbright.) I am asking as someone who is interested in having his entire family engage in being cultural ambassadors.</p>	<p>That absolutely happens. Just remember that your applications will be considered individually. You cannot, though, share a single award.</p>
<p>I have dual-citizenship and currently working abroad. I plan to apply to another country, will that impact my chances since according to a previous presenter, there's a preference for those without abroad experience?</p>	<p>Hello! We just ask that you have not been abroad for 5 consecutive years before application.</p>
<p>what does "dependent support" mean? Can you be more specific what the support is?</p>	<p>This support depends on the award you apply for, but feel free to check out the "benefits" tab for the award you are interested in.</p>
<p>What's the limit on dependent support? Is this just for spouses/partners, or does it include kids coming along as well?</p>	<p>It includes kids as well!</p>
<p>Does dependent support include help with visas, housing and more?</p>	<p>It will depend on the country, but yes, generally if bringing dependents, stipend and benefits will apply to them.</p>
<p>My discipline is tourism but I do not see opportunities for my discipline</p>	<p>Try looking at our all discipline awards!</p>
<p>If my spouse is also a professor, would she qualify for dependent support? I recall that married teams cannot apply together, but it would be great if we could be together on all or part of the program.</p>	<p>Married couples count as dependents!</p>
<p>If apps are due in September, when are awardees announced?</p>	<p>Awardees are announced according to this timeline: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#eligibility">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#eligibility</a></p>
<p>If a spouse joined you, would they be eligible to work as well in the country?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>I am a Fulbright Alumni (Spain ETA 2018) and i am interested in applying to a Research Award. Do I need to first contact a research institution before applying to an award?</p>	<p>I would always encourage applicants to reach out to potential host institutions before starting an application.</p>
<p>are you going to discuss opportunities for non-academics? I am a mental health practitioner/researcher/author, interested in opportunities for those of us who are not in academia</p>	<p>Yes, we do have great opportunities for non-academics or what we call professionals. Those awards are marked as professional projects.</p>
<p>Can we download this Q&amp;A at the end?</p>	<p>This webinar in its entirety will be available on our Webinar Archive on <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org">fulbrightscholars.org</a>!</p>
<p>do you fund to collaborate with a higher education national research center in the host country. I have been partnering with the National Mathematical Centre in Abuja Nigeria on a project that was funded</p>	<p>Fulbright will give preference to applicants who have not had extensive experience in the host country. I suggest you consider another country it the project makes sense there.</p>

by Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program but have exhausted the number of times I can be funded. I would like to know whether I would be eligible for Fulbright to continue my collaboration with the National Mathematical Centre	
Will the dependent support need to be legalized (as in, someone must be married to their life partner)?	Yes, dependent support is confirmed via their tax status in relation to the award recipient.
Thanks! Just to double-check, which type of award do you think would be adequate for applying to a PhD?	If you are referring to support for undertaking your PhD studies, that would be a Fulbright Student award.
would reapplying to the same country negatively affect your ability to get the grant? Should one try to apply to another country?	Every application is reviewed separately, so your application from previous years will not affect your current application. However, if you were a grantee in the past, you must clarify why it is important for you to return to that country for your research in your application.
what happens if we apply and receive award, then separate from our university? AND can we apply separate from our university?	Yes! You can apply as an independent scholar - your institution does not affect your application.
Are admissions on a rolling basis? Is there any benefit in applying before the deadline?	Admissions are not on a rolling basis.
Are awards that do not require a letter of invitation from the host institution generally more competitive? Without the letter, do applicants work with the Fulbright Office to identify a fitting host site? Thank you your insight.	Not really. You can work with the host institutions in the country or the Fulbright Commission in the country. Most of the awards will have a list of proposed institutions or a website where to find them.
Are there ever Awards that allow or encourage 2 different 6-month stays, to, for example, conduct comparative research?	Try looking at our Flex options!
I did not see specific contact information for the host institution provided for awards. Whom should I reach out in those cases? Thank you.	On our FAQ page, we have a very thorough guide on how to reach out, including a video!
How do we search for flex options?	You can search based on the sidebar under "award length", or look at the list here: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_grant_length%5Bflex%5D=flex&amp;field_award_grant_length%5Bflex_summer%5D=flex_summer&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_grant_length%5Bflex%5D=flex&amp;field_award_grant_length%5Bflex_summer%5D=flex_summer&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</a>
Is it allowable to work as a Fulbright Scholar during a sabbatical from the scholar's institution?	Yes! You will want to clarify this with your home institution (probably your provost's office), but we encourage people to use sabbaticals for Fulbright.
I have a family member who is in the process of becoming my dependent but not yet a citizen. Would that be an issue if I plan on bringing them?	Not a problem. As long as you are a U.S. citizen, it's fine.
Ed.D. is eligible?	Yes, in cases where a terminal degree is requested, that is a terminal degree. For teaching awards, this will be much appreciated.
How would a full professor determine the type of award to apply -research scholar or distinguished scholar?	Please choose the award that best suits you. Concerning standard Scholar awards versus Distinguished awards, consider the duration of your



	career and the stature of your accomplishments. We give examples on each award page when you hover over the career profiles.
Following up on the funding question posed here previously. If the funding goes directly to the scholar, does this mean that the award monies do not flow through their home or host institutions to reach the scholar, but are sent to the scholar individually?	Yes, these are stipends. You will want to work with your home institution to see if they offer additional support and also for how they regard Fulbright's monies.
what advice for those of us applying more than once? was a "runner up" first time. Improved my package second time incl strong letter of invitation from the university in Bangkok, then I was dropped early/by January, for 2023/24 year.	Every competition is considered as a new competition. I suggest connecting with us to schedule an advising session and we can try to help. email us <a href="mailto:Scholars@iie.org">Scholars@iie.org</a>
When is the deadline for the application for this cycle?	9/15/2023
Will selection criteria be shared?	We won't have time to go into this today, but it is on our website: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#review-process">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#review-process</a>
If a program offers one or two semester terms but states that they prefer those applicants who can complete two semesters, is it unlikely for the one semester applicants to be selected?	This will depend on who else is in the competition pool that year. I wouldn't say it's unlikely, but someone intending to go for the full year will have a leg up.
Can someone who just completed their Bachelor's but not Master's yet apply to this award?	There are certainly cases where scholars with Bachelor's degrees and teaching/professional/artistic experience will qualify. Each award has a career and degree profile listed.
can you please clarify the difference between a "scholar" award and a "distinguished scholar" award?	Typically, these are questions of duration of your career. We give examples of what Fulbright considers to be mid- and senior- career levels on the career profiles if you hover over them on each award description.
What is the language proficiency evidence that is needed upon application?	We ask for a language evaluation by a qualified evaluator. We often suggest university language professors as evaluators.
Could someone refer me to the webinar sign up for Fulbright students please?	Opportunities for Fulbright U.S. Students can be found on their website: <a href="https://us.fulbrightonline.org/">https://us.fulbrightonline.org/</a>
Can one apply to multiple scholar awards at the same time (for example, Country A in Fall and Country B in Spring)? Or do this is as a single global scholar award?	You would have to do this as apart of the Global Scholar award, or another multiple country award. This is because you may only apply to one award per cycle.
I would like to create my own program. Is this possible? If so, how do I create an application?	Hello! In all cases, Scholars propose their own projects. Is that what you mean? If you mean going to a country not listed, that is unfortunately not possible. I hope this helps.
I am a Veteran with disabilities from that service so I work in a Writing Team (as part of my reasonable accommodations) would I and my writing partner file separately?	Yes - these awards are for individuals, so you'd both need to apply separately. Good luck!
Are the odds better for awards in specific listed fields or all fields?	We are not able to speak to the competitiveness of the awards due to FFSB policy.

how do you search for partnership awards?	They're not searchable by "partnership," but anytime you see it listed as a "Fulbright-XXX institution," that will be a partnership opportunity.
Do non political science and tourism related awardees often get granted the Fulbright-Shuman EU Affairs Program Awards? It says it is open to other disciplines but I wondered what the past has dictated.	You can take a look at past awardees by looking in our scholar directory for details on past grantees.
For the distinguished scholar, are you looking for someone that is recognized as a leader in their discipline with respect to research or teaching, or is it more based on their overall record? Are you looking for "superstars" in their disciplines? How would I decide between the distinguished scholar and the "regular" scholar award?	Hello! It typically refers to the length of a career. But reputational distinction could also be considered.
Thanks, but I am not interested in one of the opportunities listed on the website. I would like to create a program with scholars from a university in England.	Thanks for your inquiry! All the awards to the United Kingdom are with specific partner universities and institutions. As there is not a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award to the United Kingdom which allows applicants to select their own host, I recommend looking at opportunities elsewhere. Our staff would be happy to suggest an award that would align with your project. You're welcome to email <a href="mailto:EuropeEurasia@iie.org">EuropeEurasia@iie.org</a> to hear about an award outside of the UK that may be of interest.
Do we have any opportunity in Bosnia or Croatia?	Yes! Both countries have Fulbright awards.
Does Afghanistan fall under this category?	There is no Fulbright Program with Afghanistan at the moment.
Are Ph.D level scientists employed with U.S. government agencies eligible?	Yes, the terminal degree is going to be the most important here. If you pick an award whose activity includes teaching, however, then you will need to have that experience as well.
you have not addressed my key concern which is whether Fulbright funds to collaborate with a host that is a higher education research or national research center	Yes - Fulbright awards are to individuals, so your use of that stipend is up to you.
Perhaps you will cover this later in the webinar. What are the steps of review after an application has been submitted?	Hi! You may find this timeline helpful, as it speaks to the review process: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#timeline">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#timeline</a>
Can I do my own research as part of the scholars program	Hello! All of our awards allow scholars to propose their own projects.
Apologies -I could not find via the link previously provided, can you please share more information about when selection decisions happen?	Here is the timeline! <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#timeline">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#timeline</a>
Do the award descriptions specify whether fluency in the native language is required? Or if this is not specified, can it be assumed that English is sufficient?	Yes, every award's "Award Requirements" page will let you know what is expected.
Of course, I'd like to maximize my chances of getting the award and I am a full professor with 22 years of university experience. You probably can't really answer this, but is the distinguished scholar award more or less competitive than the scholar award?	It will depend on where the award will be. Sorry, there is no easy answer, but if you are a distinguished scholar, I recommend applying for those because there are fewer of you.

<p>I know the Fulbright scholar also applies to professionals (not academics). However, in parsing through the awards, most of them (90%+) only refer to teaching and academic research, even when I search/filter by professional projects specifically. Do you have any advice on how to find applicable projects, particularly in the legal field?</p>	<p>You can also look for All Discipline awards that offer the activity as professional project.</p>
<p>in addition does the distinguished scholar award give preference to applicants who have not had a relationship with the host</p>	<p>This will depend on the country, but overall, yes, I'd say that if you've had a long standing and robust relationship with the host, this will be a disadvantage. The program is meant to build understanding and capacity, so while you should have some level of engagement with them, anything long standing that would take place with or without the Fulbright program can be a detriment.</p>
<p>The Global Scholar Award link does not work.</p>	<p>Here you go!  <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/fulbright-global-scholar-award-5">https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/fulbright-global-scholar-award-5</a></p>
<p>Is Sudan considered part of North Africa or Sub-Saharan Africa region?</p>	<p>Hello Yasir! Thank you for your inquiry! Sudan is considered part of the Sub-Saharan Africa region in our catalog of awards. You can find the Fulbright U.S. Scholar opportunities to Sudan here:  <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;country%5B%5D=4634&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;country%5B%5D=4634&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</a></p>
<p>are there any resources for prospective candidates who want to apply to a research award but they are not currently in university?</p>	<p>Hello! We encourage independent scholars to apply. While we do not have specific resources, you can propose a project in the same manner as any other researcher.</p>
<p>My area of expertise is the scholarship of teaching and learning, or "discipline-based educational research". However I am a mathematician by training (Ph.D.) and don't have any degrees in education. What's the best way to pinpoint awards that fit my area? An award that's part teaching of math and part research in math doesn't fit, for example.</p>	<p>I suggest that you look for awards that do not required PhD or terminal degree.</p>
<p>Regarding the eligibility requirement of only living abroad for up to five years beforehand—is this calculated as of the award date or the application date?</p>	<p>This will refer to the application date.</p>
<p>Thank you, Michelle. This is very helpful. I have a follow up question, I created a login to apply for the award I have identified, but when I click on Start New Application, it says that there are not awards available right now. What does this mean? Should I check back later, say next month?</p>	<p>You are welcome! I would try using this link to apply:  <a href="https://apply.iie.org/fusc2024">https://apply.iie.org/fusc2024</a></p>
<p>Can you please provide more information about the "letter of invitation" component? Do most awards require this? Is this something that an applicant can work with IIE to identify an institution and form those</p>	<p>Hello! Every award will specify on its "Award Requirements" page whether this document is required. We have on our FAQ page a really thorough guide and video on how to obtain one. You absolutely</p>



networks? If someone doesn't have these pre-existing relationships, does that exclude them from that opportunity?	would not be penalized for not already having a relationship; many use Fulbrights to build relationships.
is distinguish scholar a different Fulbright program than the scholars program per the above questions from others? If so what are differences	Distinguished Scholar awards are viewed as the most prestigious appointments in the Fulbright Scholar Program. Awards are open to scholars who have more than seven years of experience in their discipline or area of expertise, though some awards may further restrict eligibility. Distinguished Scholars are expected to actively engage host institutions in a spirit of promoting mutual understanding and sharing knowledge.
For the Awards available where a "letter of invitation" is required, when do applicants begin the process of communicating with the institution in order to secure the letter?	We would advise you to reach out as soon as you know you would like to apply. This can be important because many universities take breaks during May, June, and July!
Is there a benefit to applying sooner than later or are applications reviewed at the same time on 9/15?	Applications are reviewed at the same time.
In which European countries can I select my own host institution?	You can search in our awards by region, so if you tick the box for Europe, you will see all of our countries in Europe and Eurasia.
How do people determine when in the 24-25 year they would be traveling? As in, how much control do Fulbright scholars have one when within the year window they complete their 4 month stay? (asking for "non-flex" awards where the 4 month stay is done at one time)	This is outlined in each award, some will say "starting September 2024 or February 2025," others will say "no later than January 2025"
I will be graduating with a PhD in spring of 2024 and I'm wondering if you need to be affiliated with a university to be eligible for a scholar award. Does this just depend on the award?	Hello! You do not need to be affiliated, you may apply as an independent scholar!
Regarding healthcare for dependents, is it recommended to take out a private travel insurance policy or is there assistance available for navigating healthcare systems in the host country?	I always recommend that, if selected, you check regarding health care with your host country staff. They can typically provide advice on what is best for their system.
How many global scholar awards are given out?	As it says on the award description, approximately 20
How are regional security concerns addressed? If the country one was in was to be invaded?	The commission or post in the country will always be in contact with you as soon as information is available. IIE has also been involved in areas of conflict to assure safety and preserve scholarship.
Thank you for responding. I have searched the awards and see very little flex options for France, Italy and the Caribbean that do not require the PHD or an association with an institution. I have a PHD but it is in law not dance. I would be applying under a dance focus. I haven't been able to find a match which is frustrating.	This sounds correct, these country and region are being very intentional and clear in their use of the Fulbright program with more of a academic focus.
Does Kenya have awards	Yes! Here you go: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;country%5B%5D=4470&amp;field_award_multi_country=A">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;country%5B%5D=4470&amp;field_award_multi_country=A</a>

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Do research projects and other award specific projects need to be completed before we leave the award country? For example, written manuscripts. Or are the projects completed over the award year?	Your project should be completed during the Fulbright grant so yes before your leave the country in many cases, but sometimes these projects continue afterwards.
Is the global scholar award more competitive?	Hi! We cannot speak to the competitiveness of any of the awards due to FFSB policy
Can you apply as a retired full professor?	Yes! You will have an added need to discuss the impact of your experience upon your return, as you won't be returning to an institution, but we definitely have emeriti and independent scholars participating every year.
if one is accepted for a particular cycle & an emergency crops up, can they postpone to the following cycle	Unfortunately, it is not common to be allowed to defer a grant into the next cycle.
I've seen some previous questions about spousal couples; what about joint/ separate applications from professional research partners: is there any scope for a two-person team to apply, either individually at the same time, or jointly? Many thanks	Applications should be individual and the idea of the Fulbright is to work with colleagues abroad and not with U.S. colleagues.
How does one get connected with an institution in a particular area? Say I wanted to do a project in Australia but don't know anyone there. Do I first need to find someone in Australia on my own? Or, is that something the Fulbright Program does?	I'd check the Catalog of Awards to see if Australia lists contacts. If they don't, then I'd visit the scholar directory to see who has hosted Fulbrighters in the past.
Is it possible to have the slides sent to attendees? I'd love to incorporate this into the information I share with faculty.	The slides and recording will be sent to all registrants!
Are there awards in Australia?	Yes, many awards are offered in Australia <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=Australia&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=Australia&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</a>
Are Associate Deans eligible for the Administrator Awards?	Yes! The emphasis of the France IEA is senior level administrators, but the others are open to all levels of administrators.
What is the link for information on dependent support. Having a hard time finding it.	Hello! Each award will specify if there is dependent support on its "Award Benefits" tab.
understood. I'm interested in Colombia primarily but have community support in Mexico and Peru as well.	As the Western Hemisphere officer, I can recommend the awards in all three of those countries!
If we talk with you individually, can we tell you are skill-set and what we want to teach and then you can tell us what opportunities match us? I'm quite open to where I go but can articulate what I have to offer	Please email us in our regional emails or <a href="mailto:Scholars@iie.org">Scholars@iie.org</a> with your resume and we would be happy to advise you.
I am interested in fellowship programs that are not abroad. I noticed the public policy fellowship. Is this the only fellowship program? for post doc.	Hello! Fulbright awards all take place abroad. For postdocs, we do have international opportunities available there as well.
What costs does the Fulbright cover?	Fulbrights are disbursed as stipends directly to the grantee every month. Travel costs are covered to get to the location and back. Sometimes there is

	additional support specifically earmarked for housing, books, and research.
Are the scholar awards available to other western hemisphere countries besides the ones listed previously? I had seen Colombia as an eligible country in the past.	These are just highlights! Feel free to check our <a href="#">website for more details and opportunities</a>
I am applying for associate professorship in September this year, shall I apply to distinguished or scholar? thank you.	Distinguished Scholar awards are viewed as the most prestigious appointments in the Fulbright Scholar Program. Awards are open to scholars who have more than seven years of experience in their discipline or area of expertise, though some awards may further restrict eligibility. Distinguished Scholars are expected to actively engage host institutions in a spirit of promoting mutual understanding and sharing knowledge.
It states that the Global Scholar award can be between 3-6 months. Would one have a better chance of getting a three month award or a six month award, or does it matter at all how long the award is in terms of competing for the award.	This will really depend on the project and feasibility of what you're trying to accomplish. I don't think one would be especially "easier" to get than the other. I would strongly encourage everyone interested in the Global award to consider a single country award instead.
I am interested in International Education. I am a chair of department of education and want to open the doors for our students regarding schools abroad. Is this something to apply for that purpose?	Typically, yes! Just be sure to read the award description carefully to ensure you meet the criteria for that country's seminar. <a href="http://fulbrightscholars.org/iea">fulbrightscholars.org/iea</a>
Hello! Thank you so much for this event. 2 questions: 1) For a scholar/teaching award, should your host ideally be a college/university? and 2) Can you have more than 1 host institution?	Thank you for your question. I suggest looking at the award details some offer teaching, some others teaching in combination with research. Ideally you should have one host institution, but if you do a combination of teaching and research than 2 institutions are accepted.
Yes, I am still struggling to find a match for dance. I would really like some guidance. I keep searching and am not getting appropriate matches. I truly want to apply but may need some additional assistance since I cannot seem to find the proper matches (flex options, appropriate country and dance).	Please email me <a href="mailto:EuropeEurasia@iie.org">EuropeEurasia@iie.org</a> and we can review the opportunities together.
I was interested in projects in Spain, and specifically the south of Spain (Andalucía). I have seen postings of only two projects in Spain this year. So to be clear, only those two specific projects can be done in in Spain. No independent studies, for instance in collaboration with local or regional governments, will be supported this year. correct?	Spain only offers partnership awards so you want to review what institutions of higher education are listed on the awards and select one of them.
I thought there were other Sub-Saharan countries besides the ones listed in the webinar. Like Tanzania and Zimbabwe.	Yes, there are! These are just highlights, feel free to check our <a href="#">website for more details and opportunities</a> .
If the Fulbright app is due earlier than the home institution (grad school) acceptance, do you still encourage applicants to apply?	I believe this is a question for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. Please contact your local Fulbright Program Adviser for more information!

Who makes the final acceptance decision? Is it Fulbright, the host institution, or both?	There are two layers of approval: peer review (administered by us at IIE/Fulbright) and in-country approval.
I'm definitely interested in Western Hemisphere.	You can get in touch with me, westhem@iie.org. I look forward to it!
What is considered "early career" or "mid career"?	Early Career is defined as: Awards are open to those who have been working in the capacity of a teacher or scholar for no more than seven years. Mid Career is: Awards are open to those who have been working in the capacity of a teacher or scholar for more than seven, and less than 13, years.
What's the difference between a professional project and research?	Hi! This may help: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#activities">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#activities</a>
I was a Fulbright Scholar for 2020 but the COVID delayed my trip till 2022. So do I have to wait till 2025 to consider applying again to a different awards?	Did you complete your Fulbright in 2022? You need to wait two years from the time you completed your application until you will be eligible again to apply.
When will the application be open to "Start New Application" on the website?	You can start your application now at <a href="https://apply.iie.org/fusc2024">https://apply.iie.org/fusc2024</a>
It appears there is no Cabo Verde link on the Africa page. <a href="https://us.fulbrightonline.org/countries/sub-saharan-africa">https://us.fulbrightonline.org/countries/sub-saharan-africa</a>	Hi! Here you go: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;country%5B%5D=8324&amp;field_award_multi_country=A&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;country%5B%5D=8324&amp;field_award_multi_country=A&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</a>
If we are planning to bring our dependents (children), would IIE or the host institution assist with selecting a school for the dependents? Thank you!	It will depend on the country, but your host institution would likely be the best resource for you. There is in country Fulbright staff in 49 countries that may have additional resources.
If we need to submit syllabi, does it need to be for a specific course offered at the host site?	Hello! You may propose the course you would like to teach in the field, or you can submit sample syllabi for courses you have already taught. Your goal is to demonstrate your teaching excellence, so you can choose either option according to your host.
Given the current application cycle is for awards that will take place during 24-25 (which is when data collection would take place), do we need to have IRB approval (at least from your home institution) prior to submitting application in September?	I would confirm with the region you're interested in applying to, but IRB will usually need to be in place before departure.
Thanks for your clear answer! Yes, I did complete it. For a previous Fulbright scholar, is it a disadvantage or advantage to re-apply to a different program?	It depends, but usually we advise applicants to consider a new experience or a new country.
Do you have to work for a certain type of organization in the US such as a university? Can you be self-employed?	You can apply as an independent scholar.
Are there exceptions to the PhD/terminal degree requirements if you have a Masters Degree and extensive experience teaching in Higher Education/other professional experience?	Unfortunately, no. If it says a PhD/terminal degree is required, then it is required. There are a number of other opportunities where it is not required, I would encourage you explore those opportunities.
Any preference for who writes the letters of rec? Colleagues? Chairs? Students? Co-authors?	Please see the application steps portion on letters of rec: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</a>

<p>It sounds like it is harder to get the Global Scholar award than the one country award. Is that true?</p>	<p>100%.</p>
<p>Who can write a letter of rec?</p>	<p>Please see the application steps portion on who can write letters of rec: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</a></p>
<p>Thank you. Is there any ability to create my own program, in addition to the ones listed on the website?</p>	<p>Certain countries have All Disciplines awards which allow Scholars to select their institutions. Other awards -- like our Regional Research opportunities as well as the Global Scholar Award -- allow applicants to create a project across countries and even regions. However, the Global Scholar award is one of the most popular opportunities we offer.</p>
<p>For a research award (not teaching), does host have to be a university?</p>	<p>You should refer to the award you're considering. Some require that you are hosted by specific institutions, while others are much more flexible to include research organizations, libraries and other entities</p>
<p>How best can we reach out to you with questions or consultation? Email or phone call?</p>	<p>Feel free to email us! Each award has contact information on it!</p>
<p>The award I'm interested in hosts an award allowance amount, but then also says that the Commission requests the institutions make a contribution to maximize involvement and that the host institution has agreed to make a "generous financial contribution." Does this mean the host institution will contribute additional money beyond what the dollar amount that is listed?</p>	<p>This will depend on the country and stipulations of their partnership, but yes, this usually means they will be contributing as well/in addition. Most likely housing.</p>
<p>How do selection criteria or review panels for the general "all disciplines" posts differ from those that are discipline-specific? How do they compare apples and oranges, in other words? :)</p>	<p>If you apply for an all disciplines award, your application will be assigned to a discipline by our application and selection team, so it's still reviewed by discipline.</p>
<p>What percentage of countries require interviews?</p>	<p>Not many countries require interviews, but when they the information is listed under the award description.</p>
<p>Hi. Are there publicly available examples of strong proposals?</p>	<p>We do not have any on our site, but please feel free to look at our directory of past Scholars and reach out to ask how they succeeded. Many of our alumni do not mind cold calls and are happy to help!</p>
<p>I served three times on a Fulbright National Screening Committee (study proposals). How/where do I indicate this on my application? Thanks</p>	<p>I would include this in your CV.</p>
<p>I have trouble finding the application for Round 4 of the Fulbright Arctic Initiative. As Round 1 was 2015-16, Round 2 2018-19, Round 3 2021-22, that is, beginning every three years, my expectation was that Round 4 would be 2024-25, thus having open applications right about now Spring 2023 to September 2023 for a start of Round 4 in Spring 2024. Is it planned to open the Round 4 applications soon for the Fulbright Arctic Initiative?</p>	<p>We will be opening a new cohort for the Fulbright Arctic Initiative, but aren't certain as to when that will be. Thanks for your interest and please standby for more information!</p>



Does having previous Fulbrights (student, DDRA) to the country you want to apply for a scholar award for negatively impact your application?	It doesn't impact your application. You need to make a strong case to why you need another Fulbright.
and for those of us at career end? is that a barrier, a dead end?	It certainly is not! We encourage emeriti to apply, too.
Do some disciplines have higher rates of acceptance over others? For example, my field is Family and Consumer Sciences/Home Economics and is an under researched discipline.	Hello! We cannot speak to the competitiveness to the awards
If I completed my Ph.D. in December 2019, would I meet time requirements for postdoc scholar awards for this award session?	Hello! You would need to be 5 years out from earning your PhD at the time of application. So September 15, 2023 is the date to keep in mind.
is it acceptable to work with contacts in-country to develop a feasible research project?	Yes and it is recommended.
For the Global Scholar Award where one considers multiple countries what happen if the application is accepted by one country and rejected by another country	The award is not granted if the application is not unanimously selected. Which is why I suggest application for a single country opportunity whenever possible.
what is the scope of project that the Fulbright expect?	You propose the project, so the scope depends on what you would like to achieve abroad.
When is the language assessment done? When the application is submitted or shortly before the project begins? (In other words, do we have time to learn a new language?)	The language assessment is submitted with your application.
Can one apply for the Global Scholar award and also apply for a single country award?	No, you may only apply to one award per cycle.
I want our new President of USF to apply for an IEA award. Which one should I recommend to her?	We have IEA in Japan, Korea, France, and Germany. So it would depend on where she is interested in going!
Thanks so it is it a minimum of 5 years or a maximum of 5 years? That is what I am confused about.	It is a maximum!
If recommendation letters were used in applications in earlier years (though award was not received) can those letters be re-used? Or do they have to be current letters? What if one of the earlier letters was written by someone now retired? Is the letter still "usable"? Which is a stronger application - used or new letters? Even when new letters may be written by colleagues who know me less-well? Particularly, as an adjunct doesn't have same opportunities to develop strong relationships in a dept. Which is the best route?	I would recommend seeking new letters, as we want these to best testify to your current level of scholarship and teaching. The stature of the recommender does not matter as much as the quality of their testimony to your ability.
If you are applying as an independent scholar, would you still have support from a university in the host country for your research?	It will depend on the award you're applying too. If through a partnerships award, then yes, it will likely be in close contact with a department that has expressed interest in hosting your work. If not, then it will be between you and your host to determine this.
Is there an updated link to the Postdoc opportunities? The page <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/postdoctoral-and-early-career-awards">https://fulbrightscholars.org/postdoctoral-and-early-career-awards</a> yields an "access denied" message.	Hi! Try this link: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_type_list%5B8303%5D=8303&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;fi">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_type_list%5B8303%5D=8303&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;fi</a>

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how do we locate the family friendly programs?	I would recommend looking within your discipline, and then looking at the benefits tab to see if there is a dependent allowance
Thank you for the ASL	You're welcome! I hope it was helpful.
I am a full time tenured professor of Mathematics, could the award be limited for the Summer only (June thru July) only?	Hello! Most awards are going to want you to be there during the academic year. However, some Flex awards, in particular, will offer summer months.
If we are applying for a second Fulbright Scholar award, can we use the same reference letters, and are two still required?	You can use the same recommender, but you will need an updated letter of reference.
You informed us that the decision will be made between Jan. and June. That is a very wide timeframe. Do you make the decisions evenly throughout the six months? Or do you typically make most decisions in a certain month? Thanks	Unfortunately, we cannot be any more specific here! Every country has its own timeline, and it will vary per year.
The Global Scholar program page doesn't indicate whether or not it provides for dependents - can you please clarify?	It will depend on the country, but this isn't likely given the short term duration of these projects.
Is the "start date" listed negotiable? For example, if it says start date Aug 2024 or Jan 2025, is it ok to start in Nov 2024 for example?	The start dates are usually fixed depending on our Fulbright award period and on the academic year in the host institutions.
Yes, please send the link to the Zoom recording. Thank you!	It will be sent to all registrants shortly after the meeting
As for recommendation letters - I have only worked at one institution and thus both letters would be from folks at that institution. One is retired. Is that ok or do letters have to be from peers from outside the institution? Thank you for a great webinar and all these helpful responses.	You may have two recommenders from the same institution. The quality of their testimony to your work matters most!
Would it be appropriate to engage in professional training as a professional project? That is, if I was to engage in training while I was hosted by an institution, would this "count" as a professional project?	Thank you for your inquiry. If you, yourself, are training or mentoring individuals at your potential host institution, that would be considered a professional project. I recommend contacting the one of our staff members at the program contact listed to ultimately determine if your project is considered a professional project. Here is the link for our award Activity Types which defines a professional project: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#activities">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#activities</a>
It's the older letters that best testify to my ability levels, as newer people do not know as well. Is quality more important than "recentness" or any other factors? Just to clarify, quality is best overall?	I'd say always get references from those who can speak to your work in best detail, but the letters themselves should be current.
For universities that has multiple sites, does the awarding institution determine which location an awardee will work or the applicant?	You will need to make that decision on your project statement.

<p>Is there a way to know which awards might have the most applicants or which ones you might have better chance to receive based on number of applicants?</p>	<p>Hello! We do not share the competitiveness of awards.</p>
<p>I have a general question: Is it better to apply to a place that interest you but you don't have any specific ties to yet or a place that you've been a Fulbright at and want to return due to wanting to continue the relationship</p>	<p>It depends, if you have a strong reason on going back to the previous country or if you want a new experience it is up to you.</p>
<p>If it has to be for a full academic year. Would the monetary award be compatible of a full professor salary like (\$70,000.00-\$80,000.00) a year??</p>	<p>I wouldn't stay so. This will vary from country to country, view the Catalog of Awards for more information: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search</a></p>
<p>May the Fulbright provide list of the potential hosting institutions, for example in Australia?</p>	<p>Australia has many opportunities! I would encourage you to search on <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org">fulbrightscholars.org</a> and specify the country in the filters to the left.</p>
<p>Who is the proper person to contact at a given university/institute to get a letter of invitation. I am thinking especially of awards for those in countries were the award is open (not tied to any given university/institution). Thank you</p>	<p>It should be whoever you're planning to work with most closely at the institution.</p>
<p>I will be finishing my PhD next year. Can I apply this year a postdoctoral award?</p>	<p>Yes, so long as you have your PhD in hand by the grant start date.</p>
<p>Why isn't relative competitiveness of awards shared?</p>	<p>We do not share this data in the interest of fairness to applicants and to countries offering awards.</p>
<p>If it has to be for a full academic year. Would the monetary award be compatible of a full professor salary like (\$70,000.00-\$80,000.00) a year??</p>	<p>Each award's "award benefits" page specifies the stipend. However, many Fulbrighters start conversations with their home institutions to "top up" grants with additional support.</p>
<p>Did I miss the live answer to distinguishing Scholar from Distinguished Scholar award?</p>	<p>It is the same there is no difference: Distinguished Scholar awards are viewed as the most prestigious appointments in the Fulbright Scholar Program. Awards are open to scholars who have more than seven years of experience in their discipline or area of expertise, though some awards may further restrict eligibility. Distinguished Scholars are expected to actively engage host institutions in a spirit of promoting mutual understanding and sharing knowledge.</p>
<p>Do legal scholars who hold only a JD have success getting awards? Or are they at a disadvantage?</p>	<p>A JD is a terminal degree! So you will just want to make sure you have teaching experience if the award activity includes teaching.</p>
<p>Does a letter of recommendation have more weight if it comes from a past Fulbright Scholar?</p>	<p>Recommenders who can speak well to your experience, and skillset are the strongest recommenders -- regardless if they were Fulbright alumni themselves.</p>
<p>If the award for a teaching a STEM course like Calculus. Could it be done online??</p>	<p>Fulbright only supports in-person teaching and research.</p>
<p>I'm a classroom teacher but just finished my Ph.D. What is the best way to find out which award would suit me best?</p>	<p>I would encourage you to look at our post-doctoral and early career opportunities. Use the filters in our award search: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search</a></p>