

# Launch of the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Competition 2027-2028

## Webinar Q&A Box Questions and Answers

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

Questions	Answers
Hi, is there ever a time when an award would be issued for a period less than 3 months? I've looked into the Specialist programs, but my intention of a project aligns more with the Scholars program.	Thank you for your question! You can find all of our awards for less than 3 months here: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_grant_length[under_3]=under_3&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_grant_length[under_3]=under_3&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</a>
Hello! Can I apply to the 2027/28 award if I'm still awaiting a decision on this year's award?	Thank you for your question! Yes, you can, and we highly encourage you to!
I plan to apply for the Teaching/Research category. How should I decide the percentage for teaching and research?	Thank you for your question! This is dependent on the award and the host institution. Sometimes the award details state how they prefer the split; however, we highly encourage you communicating with the host about this.
Hello, I am currently a naturalized citizen of the U.S. Am I eligible to apply for Fulbright as an American citizen and a faculty now?	Thank you for your question! Yes, the Fulbright is open to all U.S. citizens, as long as they meet all other eligibility factors.
If I am awarded a Fulbright but my institution doesn't support taking the time off, can I defer?	Thank you for your question! Due to the policies set forth for the Fulbright Program by the Board, deferments are not possible. However, we recommend you reaching out to us if your university is not supporting you.
Hello. There was a special program for community colleges. Is it still available? Thank you!	Thank you for your question! You can find the awards for community colleges here: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_career_profile[9024]=9024&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_career_profile[9024]=9024&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</a>
Are pets allowed?	Thank you for your question! Many selected scholars have brought their pets, but selectees must receive permission from the host country and research any requirements related to traveling and entering other countries with pets
Thanks for your time and support today. Will these slides be available after the presentation?	Thank you for your question! They will be available in our webinar archive by Friday.
Are there any specific resources for candidates pursuing a professional project who are not affiliated with a college or university?	Thank you for your question! We encourage you to read through our application guidance here: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-</a>

	<p><a href="#">awards#steps</a>. Within the project statement section, there is specific guidance for those pursuing professional projects.</p>
<p>My application was not recommended to move to the host country/institution review phase, and I never received any feedback on what I needed to improve for future re-application. I plan to apply for the 2027-28 using the same project, but I feel completely confused about what needs to be improved.</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! The policies set forth for the Fulbright Program by the Board do not allow for individual feedback on reasons for non-selection. Although we are not able to provide feedback on why your application was not selected, we encourage you to reach out to our team so that we can discuss a future application with you.</p>
<p>Does the requirement for the number of years for a Distinguished scholar award include industry experience or is there a specific number of academic teaching/research years of experience needed? Do I qualify for a distinguished scholar award?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! Distinguished Scholars 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. Mid-career, senior academics, and professionals may want to consider these awards. Distinguished Scholars are expected to actively engage host institutions in a spirit of promoting mutual understanding and sharing knowledge.</p>
<p>I applied for a scholar award to Sweden. Unfortunately, the review committee didn't select me. Please tell me how I can get my review so, I can make that correct and reapply.</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! The policies set forth for the Fulbright Program by the Board do not allow for individual feedback on reasons for non-selection. Although we are not able to provide feedback on why your application was not selected, we encourage you to reach out to our team so that we can discuss a future application with you.</p>
<p>Should I apply as a global scholar or to Germany if most of the historical sources and people I want to interview are in Germany and surrounding countries (Austria)?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! The German awards may offer a better fit. The Global Scholar award requires the project to take place in two or more world regions and is the most competitive award.</p>
<p>Are you at a competitive disadvantage for a US Scholar award if you previously received a US Student award (ETA) in recent years?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! There are no policies that prohibit this, but there is a preference for those who have not had substantial previous experience abroad in that country. You may look at a different country from where you pursued your student award or there may be a good reason to go back to the same country. When you are looking at awards that match your profile and have any additional questions, we would be happy to answer them.</p>
<p>Follow up: If I apply for a distinguished scholar (which are fewer in number) and not accepted, is my application automatically applied toward regular Fulbright scholar program?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! No, it is not. You're only applying to one specific award.</p>

<p>I am on sabbatical in the Fall semester 2027. Would one semester be approved? based on what I am hearing, seems like that time frame should work. Is that right?</p>	<p>Great question! Our awards vary in length, and many are for one semester. when you review the awards, you will see potential start dates and lengths, and many will be available for fall 2027 so this is a great time to consider Fulbright!</p>
<p>I previously served as Peace Corps Volunteer (over a decade ago!). I would like to return to my Peace Corps host country to conduct a professional project. How does prior experience in a country impact evaluation of candidate strength/fit?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! While the policies state that preference is given to candidates who have not had substantial recent experience abroad, especially in the country to which they are applying, since your experience was many years ago, we encourage you to apply. Many countries find that candidates with previous experience in the country can be an asset.</p>
<p>For awards that require teaching experience, how is instructional leadership in military or government settings evaluated compared to traditional university teaching?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! Some awards may stipulate that they are looking for applicants with university teaching experience while others may be more open to all types of teaching experience. We encourage you to read through the award descriptions of any award that interests you and reach out to us if you have follow up questions.</p>
<p>I last obtained a Fulbright award in 2024 (June-December), would I be eligible for a new award in this cycle, 2027-2028?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! You will be eligible two years after you finish your grant.</p>
<p>Would an artist residency that is hosting an independent researcher and artist be considered a host institution for the purposes of this application?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! It is dependent on the award, and what they deemed as qualifying host. Please read the award description.</p>
<p>If my last award ended on June 1st 2025, can I apply for this year's award to start in August 2027?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! You would be eligible to apply next year, in 2027, for the 2028-2029 year.</p>
<p>If you graduated in May 2024, do you still need to get your liaison at your school involve or doing it individual would not hinder you application?</p>	<p>If you graduated in May 2024, you may qualify more for the Student Program.</p>
<p>How competitive is the Global Scholar award? What are the typical odds - ratio of applicants to available spots?</p>	<p>The Global Scholar Program is our most competitive award. However, due to FFBSB policy, we are unable to share numbers.</p>
<p>I am a full professor; my partner is an adjunct. Are there awards that would work for both of us, i.e., are there awards in countries looking for more than one scholar, in at different career "levels"?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! Several awards do pick multiple applicants; however, people must apply for them separately. There are no combine/project awards for two people or more.</p>
<p>How do review committees evaluate applicants whose primary impact has been in professional or governmental leadership rather than traditional academia?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! We welcome applications from professionals and reviewers are instructed to review applications based on the review criteria regardless of whether</p>

	<p>applicants are in academia or a professional setting: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#review-process">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#review-process</a></p>
<p>I was accepted into a master's program this fall. Is there a list of schools that accept Fulbright?</p>	<p>Hello! This is webinar for the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program. We suggest you review the Student Program instead.</p>
<p>There are so many opportunities, and I want to find the best match for my application. Is there someone who can help match me?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! Yes, every award has a face. If you know the region you're interested in, we recommend contacting them directly. If you don't, please emails <a href="mailto:scholars@iee.org">scholars@iee.org</a>.</p>
<p>Will you send the slides to participants at some point?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! These will be in our webinar archive on Friday.</p>
<p>Can I apply to more than 1 award?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! No, you can only apply to one award per cycle.</p>
<p>is there a US residency requirement prior to assuming a Fulbright position? In other words, does an American citizen who lives overseas qualify to apply for a Fulbright scholarship?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! You can find our eligibility here: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#eligibility">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#eligibility</a></p>
<p>Hello! The award I am interested in does only includes mid-career and senior academics. It says that "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." I want to apply to be about to take this award in my 7th year at my current university. Before that I taught as a lecturer in a 9-month position at a different university and taught/conducted research while a doctoral student. In my 7th year will I eligible for a mid-career award? Can I apply earlier if the plan is to travel in my 7th year?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! Yes, you are eligible to apply as it looks like you will have 7 years as a teacher or scholar before you would depart for the award, should you be selected.</p>
<p>Based on past awards, which countries typically focus on hospitality and tourism management, teaching and research?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! You can find that here: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&amp;discipline[]=8113&amp;field_award_activity[8221]=8221&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&amp;discipline[]=8113&amp;field_award_activity[8221]=8221&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</a></p>
<p>I am a veterinarian, which is a bit of a niche field. How would I sort through which programs might be appropriate? I have administrative, teaching, and research experience</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! You can awards for veterinary medicine here: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&amp;discipline[]=8115&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&amp;discipline[]=8115&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</a></p>
<p>Hello! I'm also trying to look at awards issued for less than three months — but that link you posted is not working. Could you please post it again? thank you</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! You can find it here. In addition, you can go on our website and filter the awards for less than three months: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_gra">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_gra</a></p>

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<p>Similar question to the one above re. Distinguished vs Scholar apps. Is it better to apply for "Scholar," not "Distinguished Scholar" awards simply because there are more of the former? How do you decide which to apply for? (I've got over 20 years of university teaching experience)</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! There may not be a Distinguished Scholar award available in the country you want to apply to, so we encourage you to consider the country and award where your project fits best regardless of whether it's a Distinguished Award or Scholar Award. But if there is a distinguished scholar award offered in a country that aligns with your project, interests, we encourage you to consider it!</p>
<p>I was a recipient of the 2023-24 award. Am I eligible for the 2027-28 application?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! Recipients of a Fulbright Scholar award are eligible to apply for another award two years after the date of completion of the previous award.</p>
<p>Are there openings in South Korea? I didn't see it on the previous slide.</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! Yes, opportunities are available in Korea  <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?country[]=4593&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?country[]=4593&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</a></p>
<p>Thanks for hosting this webinar. If we are currently in a postdoctoral position at the time of application, is it recommended that we apply to the Postdoctoral awards, or are we eligible to apply to both Postdoctoral and Scholar awards?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! You can only apply to one award per the competition cycle. So, we recommend finding which ones fits your needs best.</p>
<p>I'm specifically interested in the Fulbright-National Geographic Award Program. Does this award follow the same application process as the general Fulbright one?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! Fulbright National Geographic is offered via the Fulbright Student Program.  <a href="https://us.fulbrightonline.org/fulbright-us-student-program">https://us.fulbrightonline.org/fulbright-us-student-program</a>. The next competition launches in March!</p>
<p>I have a sabbatical approved from Spring 2027 and Fall 2027. Can this competition be flexible to support Spring 2027?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! This competition cycle is for Fall 2027 and Spring 2028, so we don't have any current award offerings for Spring 2027.</p>
<p>Do you have opportunities for professionals (MD/MPA) in early career that are not currently affiliated with an institution?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! You can find some awards here based on this criteria:  <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&amp;discipline[]=8092&amp;field_career_profile[8318]=8318&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?field_award_multi_country=All&amp;discipline[]=8092&amp;field_career_profile[8318]=8318&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</a></p>
<p>Are those only new awards or all available awards?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! The awards being discussed are only a sampling of the full catalog of awards. There are over 380 awards across 130+ locations.</p>
<p>Thank you for your very detailed explanations! Since we can only apply for one award, who can we speak to for help with our application? I would like to make sure that I apply to the</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! I would recommend you contact the person that deals directly with the region you're interested in.</p>

<p>award that I have a high chance of receiving. I appreciate your time.</p>	
<p>This quote off the Fulbright-Nehru Distinguished Scholar (India) seems to imply that a DS applicant may be considered for the Academic and Professional Excellence Award. Please clarify.</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! Yes, in some countries, they may consider you for other awards within that country should you not be selected for example, for the Distinguished Scholar award.</p>
<p>(More than 5 years out, so I wouldn't qualify for a postdoc)</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! Applicants can apply to postdoctoral awards if they are within 5-7 years of their doctoral degree, but some awards may be more specific, so we encourage you to review the specific qualification text within each award.</p>
<p>Would Developing a department, in a host institution constitute a professional project?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! Professional Projects may include but are not limited to: Professional consultations or exchange of expertise with other professionals, Artist residencies, Visits to organizations in the applicant's field, Practical experience in day-to-day operations, public lectures, Mentoring, Arranging and planning exhibitions, Performances or musical compilations, Participation in public events, Preparation of print materials (books, articles, or reviews).</p>
<p>Which disciplines are eligible in Thailand and Japan?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! You can find the awards for Thailand and Japan here: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?country[]=4492&amp;country[]=4500&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?country[]=4492&amp;country[]=4500&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</a></p>
<p>Would a someone who is currently teaching as an adjunct, but with a PhD and former full-time teaching status, be eligible to apply for a Scholars award? Would they be competitive?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! Persons in all stages of their careers are open to apply to a Fulbright. However, we recommend you read the award details carefully for extra eligibility.</p>
<p>Should we seek invitation letters from multiple institutions? If so, how might that be addressed in the project plan?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! If your project requires you to affiliate with multiple institutions, then you may submit multiple letters of invitation. You would want to describe in your project statement why your project requires multiple hosts. If you are only looking for one host institution, but not sure which one, you can reach out to multiple institutions and then decide to only upload one as you get closer to submission.</p>
<p>Since I graduated May 2024, I will be eligible for the student program? That application did not open up yet, correct?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! For eligibility on the student program, we recommend checking their website directly.</p>
<p>Who are the reviewers for the applications? Are they scholars from the host country? Are they</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! You can find this information in our review criteria:</p>

<p>administrative personnel from the host country (e.g., the department of education)? Are they US scholars who are experts in the host country's culture? Are they field experts in my field and for the proposed project? Or should I think about the readers and judges as the general public</p>	<p><a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#review-process">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#review-process</a></p>
<p>Hi, I applied for a Global Scholarship Award last year and was turned down. Is there some way I can find out what were the reason(s) for the result?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! Due to the policies set forth for the Fulbright Program by the Board, deferments are not possible. However, we recommend you reaching out to us if your university is not supporting you.</p>
<p>For advising, are there only the group office hours now? Or can we meet 1:1 w/ our Outreach and Recruitment Specialist (Amy would be mine.)?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! You can set up a call with Amy or join one of our many office hours.</p>
<p>If I am eligible for as a senior scholar, can I still apply for the scholar program?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! Yes, we welcome people in all walks of their career.</p>
<p>How long does it usually take for the Fulbright to communicate the decisions made on the applications?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! You can find this information in timeline page: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#timeline">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#timeline</a></p>
<p>Will you cover IEA awards in East Asia? I know you covered EA but I did not see that award mentioned. Thanks, and sorry if I missed it.</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! We will have a specific webinar for IEA awards. Be on the lookout for that.</p>
<p>If an award says "exactly 1" does that mean they choose 1 awardee among all applicants?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! Correct.</p>
<p>Hello, if I apply for a sabbatical for Fall 2027 and Spring 2028, but the award is for Spring 2028 only, is it possible to receive assistance with finding housing etc. early before my award start date?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! We don't provide resources to find housing, however, some host institutions/host countries will.</p>
<p>where can I find information on how many applicants there were for a particular award in previous award cycles, so that I can assess the selection rates?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! We do not publish that data.</p>
<p>Are there opportunities in Armenia?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! Yes, if you search Armenia in the country section of the award search you will find: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?country[]=4502&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?country[]=4502&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</a></p>
<p>Hi, can you apply to different countries for the IEA seminar?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! You may only apply for one IEA seminar per application cycle. You can reach the IEA advisor at <a href="mailto:iea@iie.org">iea@iie.org</a></p>
<p>I have some questions that are project and award specific. Would it be best to ask those</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! Office hours are more of all group questions!</p>

<p>during the office hours sessions? Are those individual appointments?</p>	
<p>I'm a former US tenured professor no longer in academia. Am I eligible to apply.</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! Yes, you are eligible to apply. You will want to describe how your project will have impacts for both the host abroad as well as your community at home.</p>
<p>For the International Education Administrator awards, do applicants need to currently work at a college or university? Or would high school-level teachers be allowed to apply if they serve in a student-facing role with an international component?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! The awards specify higher education institutions. You can read the full eligibility criteria on tab 2 of the award description.</p>
<p>Are you allowed to propose visiting two different host institutions in the same country during your stay?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! Yes, if your project requires you to affiliate with two different host institutions then you can propose affiliating with two!</p>
<p>What is a 'references list' for research projects?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! It is a bibliography. More information is here: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</a> within the reference list/bibliography section.</p>
<p>Are you able to apply for IEA seminar and a Global Scholarship or just one?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! The IEA seminars and Global award are both part of the US Scholar Program. You may apply for only one award per cycle. So, "just one."</p>
<p>So, you need to apply to only one region</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! Only one award.</p>
<p>Okay, I'm seeing "just one." Can a person start multiple applications or just open one?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! You can only apply one award per competition cycle. And you will only be able to start one application.</p>
<p>Is there any age cut-off?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! There's no age cut off.</p>
<p>Can you apply for more than one award in a given year?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! You can only apply to one award, per the cycle.</p>
<p>Are there any awards for Mainland, China?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! We do not have a Fulbright Program in China.</p>
<p>Can you give some examples of a "professional project?"</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! Professional Projects may include but are not limited to: Professional consultations or exchange of expertise with other professionals, Artist residencies, Visits to organizations in the applicant's field, Practical experience in day-to-day operations, Public lectures, Mentoring, Arranging and planning exhibitions, Performances or musical compilations, Participation in public events, Preparation of print materials (books, articles, or reviews).</p>



<p>Can you apply to more than one country per submission cycle? sorry if already covered. i joined a couple min late.</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! You're only able to apply to one award per competition cycle.</p>
<p>Can I apply the Global Scholarship Award and regular scholarship at the same time?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! No, you can only apply to one application per cycle.</p>
<p>Can we apply to Fulbright Scholar Award if we are on the Fulbright Specialist roster?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! You can, however you just can't do both at the same time.</p>
<p>Did I understand that the Global Scholar awards are more competitive than the Distinguished Scholar and Postdoctoral Awards?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! The Global Scholar Award is our most competitive award.</p>
<p>What is the success rate of Fulbright applications?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question! We do not publish that data.</p>