



FULBRIGHT

Fulbright Scholar Program: Scholar Liaison Training

Houston, Texas

October 25, 2023





Agenda

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| 8:30 AM | Breakfast |
| 9:00 AM | Welcome Remarks - Athena Mison Fulay, Assistant Director, Outreach & Recruitment, Fulbright Scholar Program (IIE) |
| 09:15 AM | Introductions & Goal Setting – Aferdita Krasniqi, Outreach and Recruitment Specialist, Fulbright Scholar Program (IIE) |
| 10:00 AM | Group Photo |
| 10:15 AM | Fulbright Fundamentals – Athena Mison Fulay |
| 10:30 AM | Fulbright U.S. Scholar Overview
History, Stakeholders, Mission, and Opportunities - Aferdita Krasniqi |
| 11:00 AM | Role of the Scholar Liaison
Expectations, Resources & Best Practices – Aferdita Krasniqi |
| 11:30 AM | Liaison Journey Map: Developing a Fulbright Friendly Campus
Best Practices |





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12:30 PM Networking Lunch

Guest of Honor:

Dr. Laurette Blakey Foster, Executive Director, HBCU-FDN

1:30 PM Learning Circles & Brainstorm

Promoting Fulbright on Campus

Supporting Fulbright on Campus

Celebrating Success

3:30 PM Special Guest: Amirah Nelson, Senior Outreach Officer

Fulbright Specialist Program, World Learning

4:00 PM Wrap Up

6:00 PM Reception





Welcome, Introductions & Goal Setting

- Name, Title, Institution
- Deliverable for today's event
- Where would you go and what would you do on a Fulbright?





Fulbright Fundamentals





History and Funding

- ➡ Created in 1946 by U.S. Congress
- ➡ Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)
- ➡ Flagship academic and cultural exchange program
- ➡ Administered overseas by binational Commissions and U.S. Embassies



41
Heads of State
or Government



62
Nobel Prize
Laureates



80
MacArthur
Foundation
Fellows



17
U.S. Presidential
Medal of Freedom
Recipients



89
Pulitzer Prize
Recipients





Fulbright by the Numbers

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

900

U.S. Scholars and
administrators

900

Visiting
Scholars

2,200

U.S.
Students

4,000

Foreign
Students

400

Language Teaching
Assistants

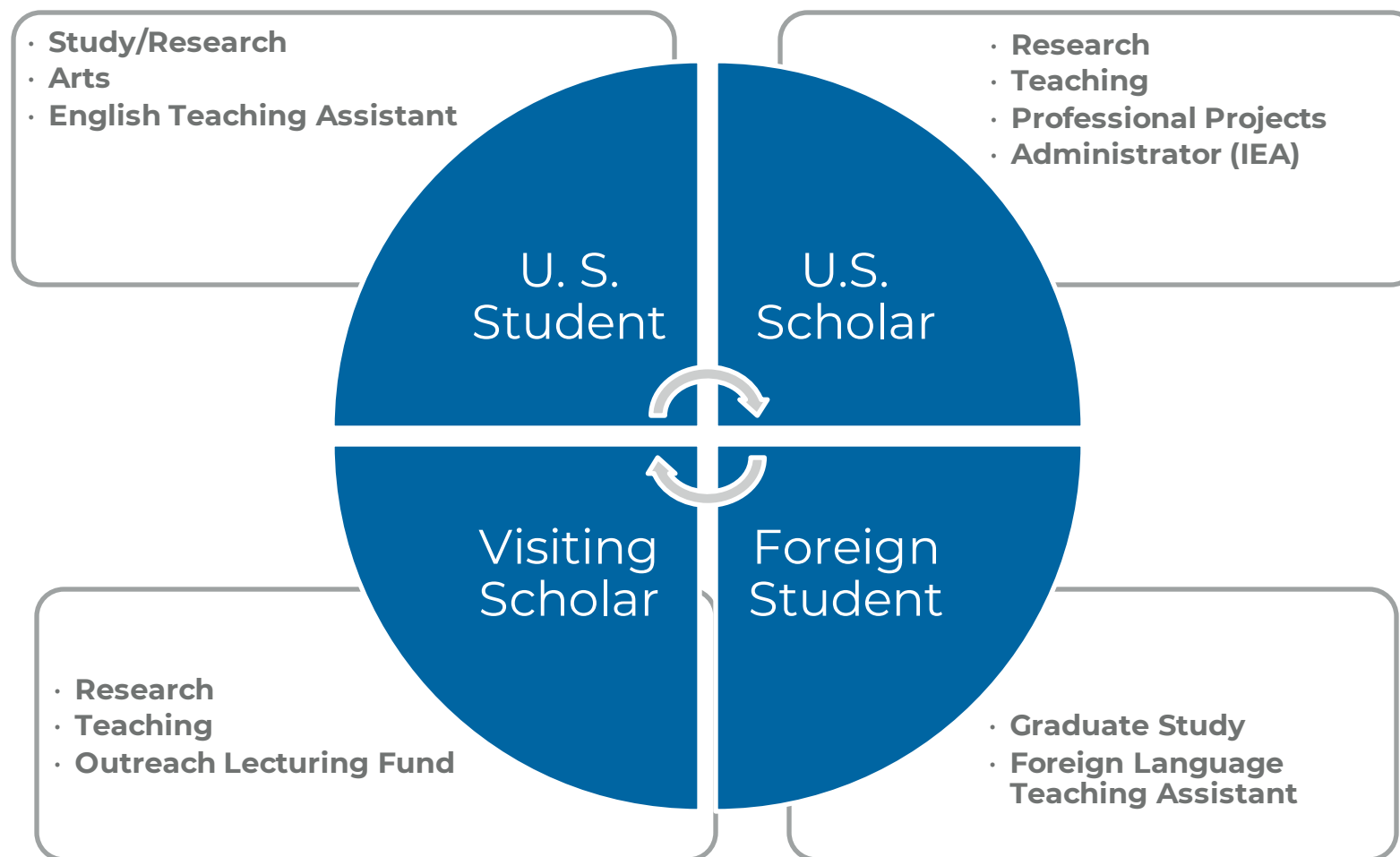


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Fulbright by the Numbers





MISSION

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

A BRIEF HISTORY

- Established in 1946 by Congress, Fulbright is the United States government's **flagship international educational and cultural exchange program**.
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Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Accessibility

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

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

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





Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program Overview





Why Fulbright?

Fulbright is transformational.

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





Why Fulbright?

Fulbright is family-friendly.

- Approximately **60%** of our awards provide **dependent support**
- Many Fulbright dependents go on to have international careers
- 73% Scholars improved **teaching** and **lecturing** skills
- 90% Improved **research** ability
- 72% Changed their research **methods**
- 26% U.S. Scholars assumed a new **leadership** role





Why Fulbright?

Fulbright is supportive.

- **65% of applicants** engage with IIE staff
- **Continued support** while in country from IIE and host country staff
- Access to **Fulbright alumni** as a resource





Eligibility for U.S. Scholar Program



U.S. citizenship



Degree and experience, as required by award:

- Ph.D. or other terminal degree
- MA and higher education teaching or professional experience
- Professional and/or artistic experience with substantial accomplishments
- Teaching experience as required



Compliance with policies on previous Fulbright Scholar awards: two year waiting period between Fulbright U.S. Scholar award and next application





Which Award is for you?

Award Types:

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





Which Award is for you?

Flex Option

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

Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship

Global & Regional Awards

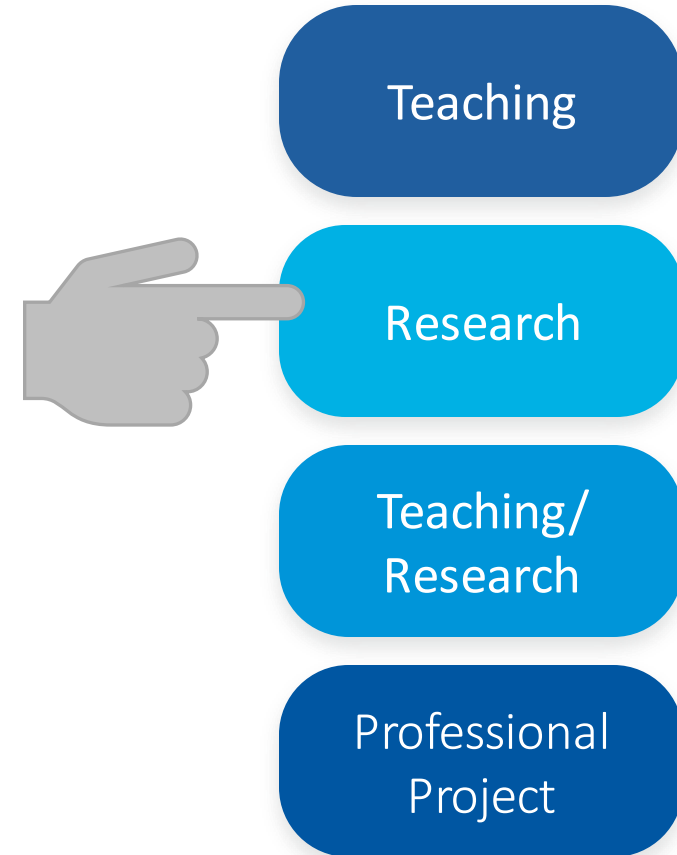




Selecting the Right Award

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

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





Understanding the Awards

Visit fulbrightscholars.org to search awards

Review important details in:

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





Application Components

Requirements:

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

Supplemental Materials:

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



Tips for a strong application:



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



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



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





Application Cycle

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





Bring Foreign Fulbrighters to your Campus

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

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

Deadline: June 1

Website: fulbrightscholars.org/sir

Email: SIR@iie.org

FULBRIGHT OUTREACH LECTURING FUND (OLF)

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

Website: fulbrightscholars.org/OLF

Email: OLF@iie.org

FULBRIGHT LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSISTANT (FLTA) PROGRAM

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

Website: foreign.fulbrightonline.org

Email: dcook@iie.org





Additional Fulbright U.S. Programs

SCHOLARS

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

STUDENTS

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

TEACHERS

- Distinguished Award in Teaching Research Program FulbrightDA@irex.org
- Group Projects Abroad GPA@ed.gov
- Teachers for Global Classrooms FulbrightTGC@irex.org



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Role of Scholar Liaisons – Critical Allies and Advocates

- Promote the Fulbright Scholar Program
- Educate Faculty & Administrators
- Encourage Candidates on Campus
- Recognize & Celebrate Fulbright
- Support the Development of Fulbright- friendly institutional policies





Promote the Fulbright Scholar Program

- Host a Fulbright Day! Sponsor IIE staff to travel to campus for a series of presentations with faculty, administrators, and alumni
- Share Scholar Liaison Updates and/or attend Liaison Linkup
- Speak to faculty meetings, introduce yourself as the Fulbright Scholar Liaison, suggest Fulbright as an agenda item at meetings
- Link www.fulbrightscholars.org directly to your website
- Order additional materials for distribution around campus or to have on hand for meetings
- Invite a Fulbright Scholar Alumni Ambassador or Outreach Lecturer or hold a Fulbright Workshop





Educate Faculty & Administrators

- Appoint a Scholar Liaison
- Discuss Fulbright at faculty orientation, staff meetings, study abroad, international events
- Raise awareness of international education initiatives and partner with Fulbright in the discussion
- Assert how Fulbright demonstrates a commitment to faculty development and international programs
- Make faculty exchange part of the strategic plans





Encourage Candidates on Campus

- Maintain a list of interested faculty and administrators
- Advise and/or refer interested applicants to the IIE team
- Connect interested faculty with Fulbright Alumni
- Share our monthly newsletters across campus and with alumni
- Review a list of sabbatical eligible faculty and encourage them to consider

Fulbright





Recognize & Celebrate Fulbright

- Compile a list of Fulbright Scholars from your campus or larger community
- Link up with the local Fulbright Association in your region & the Fulbrighter App
- Celebrate all engagement with Fulbright, including your participation in this event and appointment as Liaison
- Ask if your campus can search "Fulbright" across faculty resumes to identify "transfers"





Recognize & Celebrate

- Publish names of award winners in publications, newsletters, and announcements
- Send letters of congratulations to grantees signed by senior leadership: president, provost, vice president, or dean
- Host a reception, coffee hour, luncheon for returning Fulbrighters
- Highlight Fulbrighters during International Education Week or any international focused event on campus





Next Steps: Five for Fulbright

1. Appoint and identify your Liaison/FPA on campus.
2. Host a virtual or in-person event! (OLF, Alumni Ambassador, or IIE staff)
3. Convene a meeting to discuss your institution's Fulbright plan.
4. Reach out to alumni – capture, celebrate, and share their stories. Empower them as voices for Fulbright.
5. When you return to campus, host an OLF, S-I-R, or FLTA – your faculty and students may be more interested in going abroad the more they meet people from abroad.

Keep in touch! Let us know how things are going and use us as a resource!





Liaison Resources

- The [Liaison Toolkit](#) is where all Resources for Liaisons live
 - [Scholar Liaison Handbook](#)
 - [Scholar Liaison Network](#) and [Fulbright Scholar Directory](#)
 - [Registration for Liaison Linkups and Liaison Trainings](#)
 - Fulbright Promotional Materials
 - [Ordering Physical Materials](#)
 - [Campus Visit Flyers](#)





Liaison Journey Map





Connect with a Fulbright Alumni Ambassador



Fulbright U.S. Scholar Alumni Ambassadors are official representatives of the program and can share with your faculty and administrators about the impact their Fulbright had on them personally and professionally, as well as on their institution.

More information on inviting an Ambassador can be found on:

<https://fulbrightscholars.org/alumni-ambassadors>

72 Emeriti Ambassadors
42 Active Ambassadors
80 + Events Annually



Developing a Fulbright Friendly Campus



	Ability to Take Leave	Renumeration	Course and Service Obligations	Benefits
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sabbatical available & off-sabbatical available any time Sabbatical available & off-sabbatical leave w/ minimal limits on total 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial incentive to apply: Full salary, full award Full salary, full award, even for off-sabbatical leaves (potential limits on total off-sabbatical leaves) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No course or service obligations No course obligations: Some service related to award (i.e. meet with overseas alumni, present to prospective foreign students) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full benefits, including full retirement match: Award period counts toward sabbatical
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sabbatical w/ one leave btw sabbaticals possible No off-sabbatical leave, but sabbatical flexibility No sabbatical available, but leave for externally funded opportunities possible w/ limits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salary top-up based on award remaining after travel, research, and in-country housing costs subtracted Top-up based on award remaining after travel and research subtracted Top-up based on award total 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No course obligations: Continued advising and service Course reduction w/ remaining load redistributed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full benefits, inc. full retirement: Award period doesn't count toward sabbatical Full benefits w/ retirement match adjusted to top-up amount
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sabbatical only Sabbatical and other leave availability unknown Leave without pay No leave possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salary top-up based on award total plus course coverage Leave without pay Leave without pay: Must cover courses from award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course load redistributed Virtual teaching at home institution while on award¹ Must pay for course coverage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No benefits



Networking Lunch

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Learning Circles & Brainstorm

1. Promoting Fulbright on Campus:

Questions:

- What types of engagement have proven most effective to promote Fulbright Scholar opportunities on your campus?

Who are your best allies to promote Fulbright? What departments can be a challenge?

Do you use different strategies for different audiences? (E.g., STEM vs. humanities, post docs and new faculty vs. full professors)





Learning Circles & Brainstorm

Supporting Fulbright on Campus:

Questions:

- How do you support faculty and staff when applying for a Fulbright?
- Do you have leave policy in place?
- Is your home institution providing additional support?





Learning Circles & Brainstorm

3. Celebrating Success:

Questions:

- How are you and your institution using 'success' to raise awareness about the Fulbright program?
- Consider the moment someone becomes an awardee, a grantee, and alumni!





Special Guest: Amirah Nelson

Senior Outreach Officer

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Fulbright Specialist Program

Established in 2001, the Fulbright Specialist Program provides **U.S. citizens who are well-established academics and professionals** with opportunities to serve as expert consultants and engage in short-term, project-based exchanges at a range of institutions across the globe.

- 2-6 week projects focused on education, training, or capacity building
- 150+ eligible countries and other areas
- ~400 projects annually
- Specialist benefits include round-trip economy class international airfare, \$100 transit allowance, \$200 daily honorarium, visa fees, and limited benefits health plan. Host institutions traditionally provide lodging, meals, and in-country transportation.
- Administered by World Learning





Sample Project Activities



- Delivering **seminars, training or workshops**
- Consulting on **faculty or workforce development**
- Developing **academic or training curricula** and materials
- Giving **lectures** at the graduate or undergraduate level
- Conducting **needs assessments or evaluations** for a program or institution
- Supporting **accreditation** process for a university program
- Engaging in **strategic planning** activities



Program Structure

- Host-driven structure: overseas institutions develop and submit project proposals.
- U.S. individuals must apply for admission to the Fulbright Specialist Roster and be approved by peer review panel.
- If admitted, Roster candidates receive a three year tenure during which they may be matched with projects.
 - Submitting interest to an open project
 - Nomination by the host institution (named project)

SPECIALIST APPLICATION DEADLINE (COMPLETED APPLICATION AND AT LEAST TWO COMPLETED REFERENCE FORMS)	SPECIALIST NOTIFICATION
SEPTEMBER 6, 2023	OCTOBER 13, 2023
NOVEMBER 3, 2023	DECEMBER 8, 2023
JANUARY 5, 2024	FEBRUARY 9, 2024
MARCH 8, 2024	APRIL 12, 2024
MAY 10, 2024	JUNE 14, 2024
JULY 12, 2024	AUGUST 16, 2024
SEPTEMBER 13, 2024	OCTOBER 18, 2024
NOVEMBER 15, 2024	DECEMBER 20, 2024





Key Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Demonstrates significant experience in your respective field through professional, academic, or artistic achievements
- Open to tenure-track and non-tenure track faculty, adjunct faculty, administrators, and emerita/us faculty
- U.S. Alumni of other Fulbright programs are eligible to apply; 24-month waiting period between projects and tenures applies to anyone previously admitted to the Fulbright Specialist Roster

Online Application Components

Required:

- Personal Information
- Education
- Employment
- Resume/CV
- Essays (2)
- Reference Contacts (3)

Optional:

- Geographic Preferences
- Language Skills





Wrap Up!

