Fulbright Scholar Program

Our Mission and Your Future

The Fulbright Program is the United States government’s flagship international educational and cultural exchange program. Our global network of Fulbrighters fosters mutual understanding between the United States and over 160 partner countries, advances knowledge across communities, and improves lives around the globe.

Established in 1946 by Congress, the Fulbright Program offers opportunities for passionate and accomplished scholars and professionals of all backgrounds. Fulbright Scholars study, teach, conduct research, and help find solutions to shared international concerns. As a Fulbright Scholar, you’ll make meaningful contributions to communities abroad and at home, as well as your chosen field. You’ll also advance your career by joining a network of thousands of alumni serving as leaders across the globe.

Each year, the Fulbright Scholar Program awards more than 1,700 grants to U.S. and Visiting Scholars. For more information, visit cies.org or email us at scholars@iie.org.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO Host Visiting Scholars

If you are not applying to become a Fulbrighter yourself, the Fulbright Program also offers myriad opportunities for U.S. universities to host visiting scholars from around the world. Hosting a Fulbright Visiting Scholar—eminently qualified individuals who teach, research, lecture, and contribute their unique perspectives—can enhance your campus community.

Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program
After applying in their home countries, approximately 900 faculty and professionals from more than 100 countries receive Fulbright grants each year to conduct research and/or teach in the United States. The Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program links campuses around the world and introduces new ideas and networks to students, faculty, and administrators.

Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program
The Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program (S-I-R) provides U.S. colleges and universities the opportunity to host scholars from other countries for a semester or an academic year. Fulbright S-I-Rs teach primarily at the undergraduate level, collaborate with faculty and administrators, and interact with the campus and local community. Institutions underrepresented in the Fulbright Program are especially encouraged to participate, as are minority-serving institutions, community colleges, and rural institutions. For more information, please visit: cies.org/sir or contact us at sir@iie.org.

Outreach Lecturing Fund
The Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF) provides funding for U.S. institutions to host Fulbright Visiting Scholars who are already in the United States for short-term speaking engagements.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR U.S. Scholars

For more than 75 years, leading American academics, administrators, and professionals have taught and conducted research abroad through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program. As a Fulbrighter, you can play a crucial role in advancing knowledge in your field, and reinvigorate your classroom teaching. Fulbright Scholars, including both faculty and administrators, are uniquely able to infuse curricula with cross-cultural perspectives, revitalize teaching methods, and open doors to collaboration with colleagues and students throughout the world.

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program
Each year, the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program provides approximately 800 grants in more than 130 countries to support teaching and research in a wide variety of academic and professional fields. New program models include:

- Selective Fulbright Distinguished Scholar Awards, which recognize eminent scholars with records of significant publications and outstanding teaching.
- Fulbright Postdoctoral and Early Career Awards, which present an excellent opportunity for recently minted scholars to deepen their expertise, acquire new skills, and make connections with peers in their fields.
- Fulbright Public Policy Fellowships (P PPP), which provide opportunities for early and mid-career professionals and practitioners in the United States to serve in a partner foreign government ministry or institution.

Fulbright International Education Administrators Seminars
The Fulbright International Education Administrators (IEA) Seminar Program offers fully funded grants for U.S. higher education administrators to participate in an intensive, two-week seminar abroad to learn about other countries' higher education systems. Seminar participants develop new perspectives and insights for improving internationalization opportunities on their campus. Seminars are available in India, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Germany, France, and Russia.

Visit cies.org/iea for information about deadlines and preferred specializations for each country.

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