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# Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program Postdoctoral and Early Career

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# Mission

- In partnership with 160 countries worldwide, Fulbright offers passionate and accomplished faculty, administrator, artists, journalists, lawyers, and other professionals from all backgrounds an unparalleled opportunity to study, teach, or conduct research.
- Our mission: 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.
- Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and administered by the Institute of International Education.



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# Diversity and Inclusion

Fulbright strives to ensure that it reflects the diversity of U.S. society and societies abroad. We encourage the involvement of people from traditionally underrepresented audiences in all our grants, programs and other initiatives.

Opportunities are open to people regardless of their race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, geographic location, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.



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# Eligibility for U.S. Scholar Programs

- U.S. citizenship
- Degree as required by award
  - Ph.D. or other terminal degree may be required
  - Many awards are open to applicants with a Masters and professional or academic experience
- Open to professionals and artists outside academia with recognized standing and substantial accomplishments
- Teaching experience as required by award
- New policies on previous Fulbright Scholar grants and waiting periods between grants



# Selecting the Right Award

- Match your expertise, experience and proposal to the award description
- Regional experience and language ability
- Discipline preferences listed in the award
- Relevance of the project to the country; why will host country benefit from your project?
- Career level - early career, postdoctoral, mid-level, Distinguished Chair



# A Fulbright that Works for You

- Flex option
  - Available in 63 countries and 2 world areas
  - Allows multiple visits over two years
- Awards throughout your career:
  - Postdoctoral awards
  - Early Career
  - Distinguished Chair
- Multi-country awards
- Global Scholar Award
- Home university affiliation is not required. Applications from artists and professionals, independent and emeriti scholars are welcomed!



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# East Asia and the Pacific

- **Australia:** Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship in All Disciplines (Deakin University)
- **Australia:** Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship in Multiple Disciplines (The University of New Castle)
- **China:** Studies Postdoctoral Scholar Award
- **Taiwan:** Arts, Education, Humanities, Professional Fields and Social Sciences (Postdoctoral Scholar Award)





# Europe and Eurasia

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- **France:** Fulbright-EHESS Post-Doctoral Award in Social Sciences (Junior Research)
- **France:** Hauts-de-France Regional Award (Junior Research)
- **Spain:** All Disciplines (Junior Research)
- **EU:** Fulbright-Schuman Postdoctoral Award at the European University Institute (Florence, Italy)



# Middle East and North Africa

- **Israel:** All Disciplines Postdoctoral Fellowship  
Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Haifa  
Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship at Weizmann Institute for Science
- **Qatar:** Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship in Water, Energy, and the Environment at HBKU



# Western Hemisphere

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- **Brazil:** Postdoctoral Scholar Award in Natural and Applied Sciences
- **Canada:** Postdoctoral Research Award
- **Chile:** Fulbright Astronomy and Antarctic Studies Award (Postdoctoral Scholars/Early Career Scientists)
- **Mexico:** Fulbright-Garcia Robles Postdoctoral Scholar Award



# Early Career Awards

- [Australia: Fulbright Future Scholarship \(funded by the Kinghorn Foundation\)](#)
- [Belgium: NATO Security Studies](#)
- [China: Social Sciences, Humanities and the Arts](#)
- [India: Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Award \(All Disciplines\)](#)
- [Multiple Countries: Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship](#)
- [Poland: Media Literacy and Cybersecurity](#)
- [United Kingdom: Fulbright-Lancaster University \(STEM-Science and Technology\)](#)



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# Early Career Awards

- [Albania: Investigative Journalism](#)
- [Austria: Fulbright-FH JOANNEUM University of Applied Sciences Graz Visiting Professor in Computer Sciences](#)
- [Azerbaijan: All Disciplines](#)
- [Belarus: Economics and/or Business Administration](#)
- [Cyprus: All Disciplines](#)
- [Estonia: Multiple Disciplines](#)
- [Finland: Mid-Career Professional Development](#)
- [South East Asia: ASEAN Research Program](#)
- [Central Asia: Teaching English as a Foreign Language](#)



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# Application Components

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- Application Form
- Project Statement
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Letters of Reference
- Additional components, depending on award
  - Course Outlines or Syllabi (for teaching awards)
  - Select Bibliography (for research awards)
  - Language Proficiency Report
  - Letter of Invitation
  - Supplemental materials for applicants in the Arts, Architecture, Writing and Journalism



# Project Statement

- Your opportunity to lay out your proposed **project specifics** in as much detail as possible
- Why Fulbright and why this country/institution/organizations?
- Focus on what you plan to **do**; the specific courses you plan to teach/the methods and goals of your research
- Outcomes from the grant - impact on hosts, home institution and you
- How adaptable are you? How well will you deal with challenging situations?



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# Affiliations and Invitations

## Host Institution:

- If a host is identified, it will be found under Location in the Catalog
- When a host is not identified, there are several resources to help find an affiliation:
  - International office on your campus
  - U.S. and Visiting [Fulbright Scholar Directory](#)
  - Review award description for suggested hosts or resources

## Letter of Invitation:

- Non-binding expression of interest from proposed host abroad
- Should come from person with whom you will be collaborating
- Should be on host institution letterhead





# Submitting a Competitive Application

- Address the Fulbright goal of promoting mutual understanding
- Why you are interested in a Fulbright and why in your proposed host country
- Professional expertise and skills you can offer; benefits to the host institution and host country; exchange of knowledge and experience
- Cultural diplomacy; demonstrated flexibility, adaptability
- Outcomes, impact, and multiplier effect
  - for your professional development, home campus, students, field at large; for your host institution
  - future collaborations; linkages: personal, professional, institutional; plans for sustaining relationships
  - internationalizing campus and curriculum



# Review Process and Timeline

**SEPT. 16**

Application deadline

**SEPT.**

Program staff conduct technical reviews for completeness

**OCT. - NOV.**

U.S. peer review

**NOV. – JAN.**

Applicants notified of status - Recommended applications are sent to host countries and to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board

**JAN – APRIL**

Grantees notified of final approvals

**MAY – onward**

Grantees prepare for grants



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