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Spotlight on Mexico: Opportunities with the US Fulbright Scholar Program

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The Fulbright Program



- Established 1946 to expand and strengthen the relationships between the people of the United States and citizens of the rest of the world
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Fulbright in Numbers



380,000+
Fulbright grants
awarded since
1946



800
U.S. Scholar
grants annually



160
Participants
countries



37
Heads of State or
Government



59
Nobel
Laureates



84
Pulitzer Prize
recipients

MacArthur
Foundation

71
MacArthur
Fellows



16
Presidential Medal of
Freedom recipients

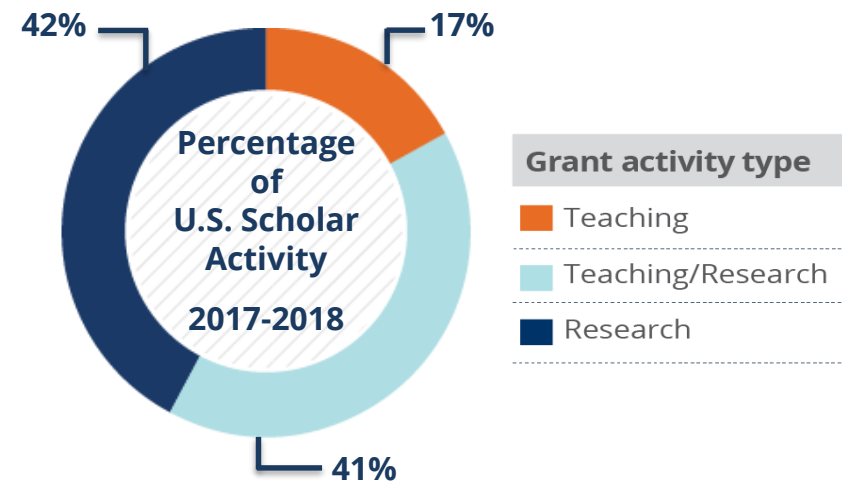


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Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

- Supports teaching and/or research for three to 12 months
- Programs active in +125 countries
- For faculty, administrators and professionals
- Open to all disciplines
- Apply to specific award with proposed project
- Application deadline: **September 16th**
- Variety of host institutions



Eligibility for U.S. Scholar Programs

- U.S. citizenship
- Degree as required by award
 - Ph.D. or other terminal degree may be required
 - Some 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
- Applicants who have served in the U.S. Military are encouraged to apply
- Teaching experience as required by award
- New policies on previous Fulbright Scholar grants and waiting periods between grants



Scholar Alum Insights

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Host institution

University of Guadalajara

Project Title: Indian on Both Sides:
Indigeneity, Race, and National Borders



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Mexico



➤ 10450-MX Fulbright Garcia Robles Postdoctoral Scholar Award

- Up to four grants
- Research, or Teaching/Research
- Three to nine month grant period
- PhD should be conferred within the past three years
- Preferred disciplines: Agriculture; Biological Sciences; Chemistry; Computer Science; Engineering; Environmental Sciences; Law; Mathematics; Physics and Astronomy; Political Science; Public Administration; Public/Global Health; Urban Planning
- Intermediate Spanish required



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Mexico



➤ 10447-MX U.S. Studies Chair

- Up to four grants
- Teaching only
- A variety of specializations related to U.S. Studies: History, Economics, Law, Political Science, and more.
- Intermediate Spanish recommended, but teaching is in English
- Letter of invitation should not be sought. Placement will be at one of the following
 - **Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)**
 - **Universidad Veracruzana**
 - **Universidad de Guadalajara**
 - **Universidad de las Américas Puebla**



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Mexico



➤ 10449-MX Fulbright Garcia Robles Scholar Border Program

- One grant available
- Teaching, Research, or a combination
- Three to nine month grant
- Must be affiliated with an institution in a U.S.–Mexico border state. Eligible states are California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.
- Must secure an affiliation with a Mexican university or research institution in a U.S.–Mexico border state, with the exception of Tamaulipas. Eligible states are Baja California Norte, Sonora, Chihuahua, Coahuila (Saltillo is the ONLY city eligible in Coahuila), and Nuevo Leon.
- Scholar will live in the U.S., but travel to Mexico a minimum of 8 days per month
- Intermediate Spanish required
- Letter of invitation strongly preferred



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Mexico



➤ 10448-MX Science and Technology

- Up to six grants
- Research, Teaching, or Research/Teaching
- Three to nine month grant
- All STEM disciplines (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Medical sciences that DO NOT include patient contact will be considered. Public policy and health initiatives are also considered priority areas of interest.
- Intermediate Spanish required.
- Letter of invitation strongly preferred at application; required by grant start date.



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Mexico



➤ 10446-MX Social Sciences and Humanities

- Up to six grants
- Research, Teaching, or Research/Teaching
- Three to nine month grant
- All Social Science/Humanities fields, but preference for: Economics, Law, Political Science, Public Administration, Urban Planning
- Intermediate Spanish required.
- Letter of invitation strongly preferred at application; required by grant start date.



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Mexico



➤ 10451-MX Teaching English as a Foreign Language

- Up to five grants
- Teaching or Teaching/Research
- Three to nine month grant; nine month proposals preferred
- The main purpose of this grant is capacity building of English language programs in Mexican institutions. Award focuses on TEFL, Linguistics, Education, and related specializations.
- Fluent/Advanced Spanish required
- Letter of invitation should not be sought—the Fulbright Commission will place candidates in relevant institutions



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Mexico – Canada



- **10477-MC Fulbright-Carlos Rico Award for North American Studies**
 - Up to two grants
 - Four to ten months, divided evenly between Canada and Mexico
 - The aim of the award is to enhance collaboration between leading North American scholars working on projects of importance to Canada, Mexico, and the United States.
 - A wide variety of specializations, with preference for: Area Studies, Economics, Environmental Sciences, Law, Political Science, and more
 - Letters of invitation required
 - Intermediate Spanish required in Mexico; English is sufficient for Anglophone Canada; for Francophone Canada, commensurate French required.



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Special Considerations for Mexico

➤ Language Requirements

- Intermediate to advanced Spanish required, varies by award.
- Self- and external-evaluation required unless native speaker.

➤ Travel Warning

- In Mexico some states may be restricted due to State Department Travel Warning. Refer to: [U.S. State Dept. Travel Warning](#)

➤ Regional Travel Award

- During their grant period, Fulbright U.S. Scholars in the Western Hemisphere region may apply for a short-term regional travel grant in eligible WHA countries.
- The Regional Travel Program covers travel to and from the destination; lodging may be offered by the hosting institution.
- Scholars apply for this grant once in country on their Fulbright grant.



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Application Resources

- [Fulbright Scholar Program website](#) and [Catalog of Awards](#)
- **Apply**
 - [Application](#) and [Application Instructions](#)
 - [Application Guidelines, Project Statement Guidance](#) and [Samples](#)
- **Learn**
 - [Webinars](#)
 - The Fulbright Scholar [Blog](#)
- **Connect**
 - [MyFulbright](#)



Application Components

- 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/organization?
- 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 “Locations” 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



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