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# Western Hemisphere Virtual Advising

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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 Master's and professional or academic experience
  - Recent Master's degree recipients and undergraduate degree holders are eligible for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program
- Open to professionals and artists outside academia with recognized standing and substantial accomplishments
- Teaching experience as required by award
- Candidates who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces are encouraged to apply
- 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

# 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

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# 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?

# 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

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| **SEPT. 16** | Application deadline |
| **SEPT.** | Program staff conduct technical reviews for completeness |
| **OCT. - NOV.** | U.S. peer review |
| **DEC.** | Applicants notified of status - Recommended applications are sent to host countries and to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board |
| **JAN. – APR.** | Grantees notified of final approvals |
| **MAY – onward** | Grantees prepare for grants |

# 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](#)

# Fulbright Scholar Program

## Open Q & A

# Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: How can I contact you?**
A: E-mail addresses are listed in the award descriptions.

**Q: When is the application deadline?**
A: September 16, 2019

**Q: Can I apply to two or more awards in the same competition?**
A: No, applicants must select one award.

**Q: Is there a preference for teaching, research, or teaching/research? What proportion is required for teaching/research?**
A: See award description for any stated preferences; generally open to design of project and capacity of host institution if not otherwise stated in award.

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