Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

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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.
Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

- Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program
- International Education Administrator Seminars
- Collaborative Research

Percentage of U.S. Scholars: 90% U.S. Core, 10% IEA Seminars

Year: 2017-2018
Core 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 16
- Variety of host institutions

Percentage of U.S. Scholar Activity 2017-2018

- Teaching: 17%
- Teaching/Research: 41%
- Research: 42%
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!
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/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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Administrator Seminars

• International Education Administrator Seminars (IEA)
  – India, Taiwan - Aug. 1
  – Japan, Korea - Nov. 1
  – France, Germany - Feb. 1

• Russia Community College Administrators Seminar
  – Oct. 15
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