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**An Introduction to
Fulbright Scholar Grants for
U.S. Faculty and Professionals**

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The Fulbright Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, is the U.S. government's flagship international exchange program and is supported by the people of the United States and partner countries around the world. For more information, visit fulbright.state.gov. The Fulbright Scholar Program is administered by CIES. CIES is a division of the Institute of International Education.

Presentation Overview

- **Introduction**
- **How to apply for Fulbright Scholar grants**
- **Additional Fulbright Scholar opportunities for U.S. faculty and professionals**
- **Fulbright Visiting Scholar opportunities**



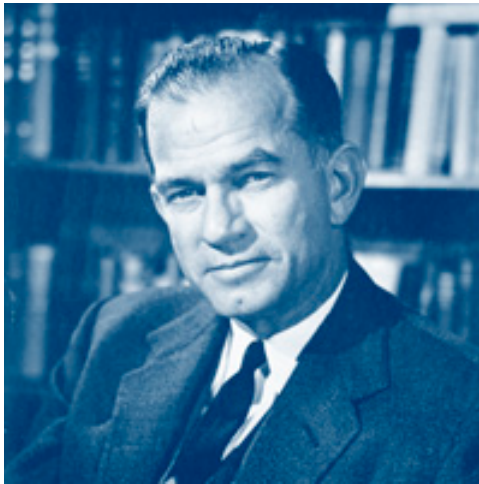
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Senator J. William Fulbright (1905-1995)



“International education exchange is the most significant current project designed to continue the process of humanizing mankind to the point, we would hope, that nations can learn to live in peace.”

Fulbright Scholar Program

- **Established in 1946**
- **Sends U.S. academics and professionals overseas and brings scholars and professionals from abroad to the U.S.**
- **Sponsored by U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs**
- **Administered by the Institute of International Education’s Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)**



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Who Participates In Fulbright?

- **Every year grantees come from approximately 500 institutions**
- **From every state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico**
- **All levels and ranks of academe and the professional world**
 - **Tenured and untenured**
 - **Some awards target new or young faculty**
- **Artists, writers, unaffiliated scholars**
- **From every type of institution**



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Eligibility Requirements

- **U.S. citizenship**
- **A Ph.D. or equivalent professional/terminal degree in your field**
- **For professionals and artists outside academia, professional standing and accomplishments**
- **Teaching experience if required by award**
- **Limits apply to prior Fulbright Scholar grantees**



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Language Requirements

- **English for most teaching awards**
- **Research awards require language appropriate for project**
- **Latin American countries usually require Spanish or Portuguese**
- **Francophone Africa generally requires French**



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What Fields Are Represented in the Fulbright Program?

- **All academic fields and many professional fields are eligible**
- **“Traditional” Humanities and Social Sciences**
 - **Hard and Applied Sciences**
 - **Technology**
 - **Engineering and Mathematics**
 - **Performing and Plastic Arts**
- **Emerging Interdisciplinary fields**
- **177 “All Discipline” Awards 2013-2014**



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Awards in more than 125 Countries

- **More than 1,100 grants for
Faculty
Administrators
Professionals**
- **Core grants of two to 12 months**
- **Specialist trips of two to six weeks**
- **Seminars of two to three weeks**



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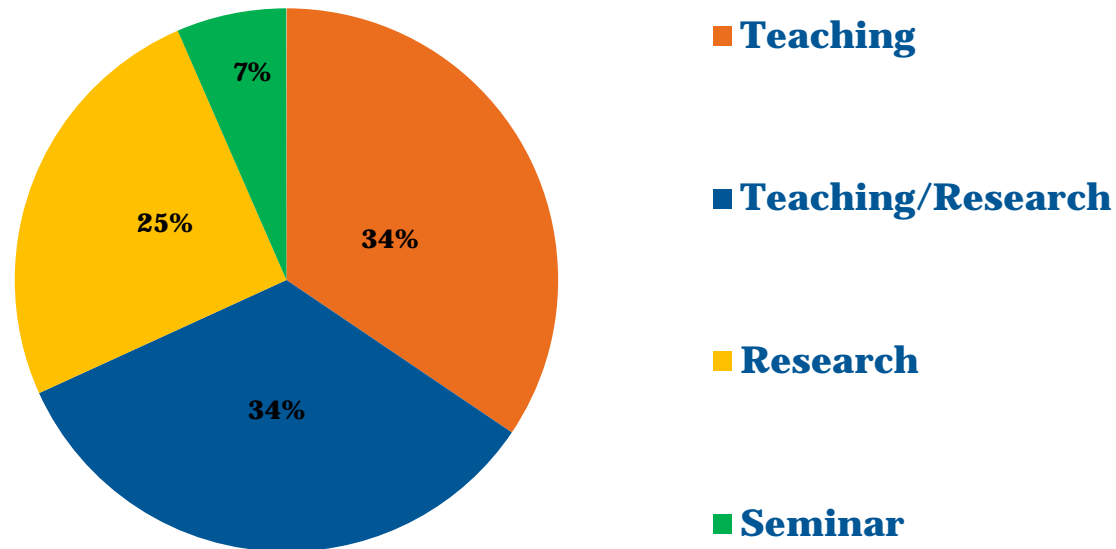


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Worldwide Opportunities

Four types of awards



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Multi-Country Opportunities

- **Sub-Saharan - African Regional Research Program**
- **Middle East and North Africa Regional Research Program**
- **South and Central Asia Regional Research Program**
- **Europe: European Union Affairs, Austrian-Hungarian Research Award**
- **Western Hemisphere: Canada/Mexico Joint Award in North American Studies**



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How to Apply for the Core Fulbright Program

- **Go to CIES Web site www.iie.org/cies**
 - **Online Catalog of Awards and application**
 - **Program overview, Guidelines, Frequently Asked Questions and Tips for Applying**
 - **Web site for updated award information (DEADLINE AUGUST 1)**
 - **CIES Fulbright Webinars (www.cies.org/webinar)**
 - **Monthly electronic publication The Fulbright Scholar Blog (<http://fulbrightscholarblog.cies.org/>)**



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Selecting an Award

- **Awards are created in the hosting country by the local Fulbright commission or the American embassy**
- **Country listings**
- **Activity? Teaching, research or both**
- **Indices – by Discipline or All Discipline**

50% of grants are All Discipline awards

- **Read award descriptions and stipend information carefully**
- **Contact CIES program officer(s) for more information about awards and countries**



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Components of Online Application

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



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Making Contacts Abroad

- **International office on your campus**
- **Online U.S. and Visiting Fulbright Scholars Lists – searchable by discipline and country**
- **International division of your professional organization**
- **Who is publishing in your field**
- **CIES program officer may be able to help**
- **University search Web sites such as Braintrack - www.braintrack.com**



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Submitting a Competitive Application

- **Match your expertise and your experience to all award activities**
- **Focus on what you plan to DO--not your biography**
- **Get three strong, current reference letters**
 - **One from your supervisor**
 - **One from someone not at your institution**
 - **One from a colleague who knows your work well**
- **Each part of application relates to the whole and supports your candidacy**



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Project Statement

- **Brief self-introduction to the reviewers, an opportunity to provide answers to the questions reviewers may have about you.**
- **Why you are interested in a Fulbright and why in this particular place?**
- **What professional experiences and skills do you offer a host institution and host country?**
- **What do you hope to gain from the experience, i.e., the lasting impact on you?**
- **How adaptable are you? How well will you deal with challenging situations?**



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Review Process and Timetable

- **Step 1: CIES Program officers review applications for eligibility, completeness, etc. (August)**
- **Step 2: Discipline review committees read applications electronically. (September)**
- **Step 3: U.S. peer review committees. Committees represent many disciplines and focus on one world area. (October to December)**



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- **Step 4: Applicants receive notice of their status, either recommended or not recommended. (November through January)**
 - **Step 5: Applications of recommended candidates are forwarded to host countries for selection and to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, which has final approval. Applicants are notified as approvals are given. (February through May)**
 - **Step 6: Grant Packets are sent to selected grantees. (May through June)**



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Grant Benefits

- **Package includes stipend, in-country living allowance, travel for grantee**
- **Some countries: travel for dependents, dependent schooling, research allowance, book allowance**
- **Stipends and benefits vary considerably from country to country**
- **Country benefits are found with the Award descriptions at www.iie.org/cies**



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Additional Opportunities for U.S. Scholars

- **Fulbright Specialist Program**
- **Seminars for International Education Administrators**
- **German Studies Seminar**
- **Fulbright NEXUS Regional Scholar Program**



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Fulbright Specialist Program

- **Two- to six-week consulting and/or teaching opportunities**
- **Online application to Fulbright Specialist roster with rolling deadline**
- **Institutions overseas develop projects and request specialists from the roster**
- **Program does not support research**
- **Twenty-five eligible disciplines, including new STEM education fields**
- **Minimum of two years between grants**



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Global Initiatives

- **IEA Seminars**
 - **India: AUGUST 1, 2012**
 - **Korea: NOVEMBER 1, 2012**
 - **Japan: NOVEMBER 1, 2012**
 - **Germany: FEBRUARY 1, 2013**
 - **France: FEBRUARY 1, 2013**
- **German Studies Seminar: OCTOBER 15, 2012**
- **Fulbright NEXUS Regional Scholar Program:
JUNE 15, 2012**



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Opportunities for Visiting (Non-U.S.) Scholars

- **Core Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program**
- **Occasional Lecturer Fund (OLF)**
- **Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence (SIR) Program**
- **Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program for Iraq**
- **Fulbright NEXUS Regional Scholar Program**



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Core Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program

- **Visiting Scholars from other countries research, teach and help internationalize U.S. campuses**
- **Overseas scholars should contact the Fulbright commission or U.S. Embassy in their home countries**
- **Letter of invitation from potential host is always useful**

Fulbright Occasional Lecturer Fund (OLF)

- **Travel support for Fulbright Visiting Scholars already in the U.S. for short-term guest teaching**
- **Contact: OLF@iie.org**



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Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program

- **Brings scholars and professionals from abroad to campuses that do not often host visiting scholars**
- **Involves colleges and universities that serve student populations underrepresented in international exchange programs**
- **Application is made by the interested U.S. institution**
- **Deadline is **OCTOBER 17****
- **Contact: **SIR@iie.org****



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Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program for Iraq

- **Discipline-specific cohorts brought to U.S. campuses for two to three months of professional development and research**
- **Iraq scholar cohorts vary by discipline**
- **Previous cohorts have been in: Science and Technology, Engineering, TEFL/Applied Linguistics, Business/Economics, Environmental Science and Agricultural Science**
- **Iraq program institutional deadline: TBD**



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Other Fulbright Programs

- **Fulbright U.S. Student Program**
 - For recent graduates, postgraduate candidates up through dissertation level and developing professionals and artists to study and research abroad
 - Administered by Institute of International Education, IIE
www.fulbrightonline.org/us
- **Fulbright Teacher and Administrator Exchange**
 - Principally for primary- and secondary- level educators
 - Administered by FHI
 - <http://www.fulbrightteacherexchange.org/>
- **Fulbright-Hays Awards**
 - For faculty research, group projects and seminars abroad in certain social sciences and humanities fields
 - Administered by the International Education and Graduate Programs Service of the U.S. Department of Education
www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oie/iegps



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