



FULBRIGHT

Scholar Program

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Opportunities in Finland in 2025-2026

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Today's Presentation

- Program Overview
- Fulbright in Finland
- Alumni Experience
- Your questions





MISSION

- In partnership with **160 countries worldwide**, Fulbright offers passionate and accomplished faculty, administrators, artists, journalists, lawyers, and other professionals from all backgrounds an **unparalleled opportunity to study, teach, or conduct research**.
- Our mission is to **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**.
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Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Accessibility

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the United States Department of State strives to embed diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) in all aspects of its work.

Public diplomacy is most effective when people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives participate in people-to-people exchanges and programs to promote mutual understanding. The Bureau incorporates DEIA best practices throughout its exchanges and programs, grants, community partnerships, and in its workforce and workplace.

ECA is committed to addressing barriers based on race, ethnicity, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, geographic location, education, income, socio-economic status, and other diversity dimensions, that may hinder inclusion in the organization. The Bureau's commitment to DEIA strengthens U.S. foreign policy and is vital to building trust and partnerships here at home and around the world.





Fulbright by the Numbers

The Fulbright Program funds over **8,000 awards** annually:

900

U.S. scholars and
administrators

900

Visiting
scholars

2,200

U.S.
students

4,000

foreign
students

400

language
teaching
assistants





Why Fulbright?

Fulbright is transformational.

- **Foster relationships** that are real and lasting
- Expand your **publishing network**
- Become more **multicultural** in the classroom
- Serve as an **ambassador** for international exchange
- Gain the **professional recognition** as being identified as a “Fulbright Scholar”
- Join a vibrant **alumni network**





Why Fulbright?

Fulbright is family-friendly.

- Approximately **60%** of our awards provide **dependent support**
- Many Fulbright dependents go on to have international careers





Why Fulbright?

Fulbright is supportive.

- **70% of applicants** engage with IIE staff
- **Continued support** while in country from IIE and host country staff
- Access to **Fulbright alumni** as a resource





Eligibility for U.S. Scholar Program

- **U.S. citizenship**
- **Degree and experience**, as required by award:
 - Ph.D. or other terminal degree
 - MA and higher education teaching or professional experience
 - Professional and/or artistic experience with substantial accomplishments
 - Teaching experience as required
- **Compliance with policies** on previous Fulbright Scholar awards: two year waiting period between Fulbright U.S. Scholar award and next application





Application Components

Requirements:

- ✓ Application Form
- ✓ Project Statement
- ✓ Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- ✓ 2 Letters of Recommendation
- ✓ Language Proficiency Report *(if required)*
- ✓ Letter of Invitation *(if required)*

Supplemental Materials:

- ✓ Course outlines or syllabi *(for teaching)*
- ✓ Reference list *(for research)*
- ✓ Portfolio submissions *(for artists, architects, and journalists)*





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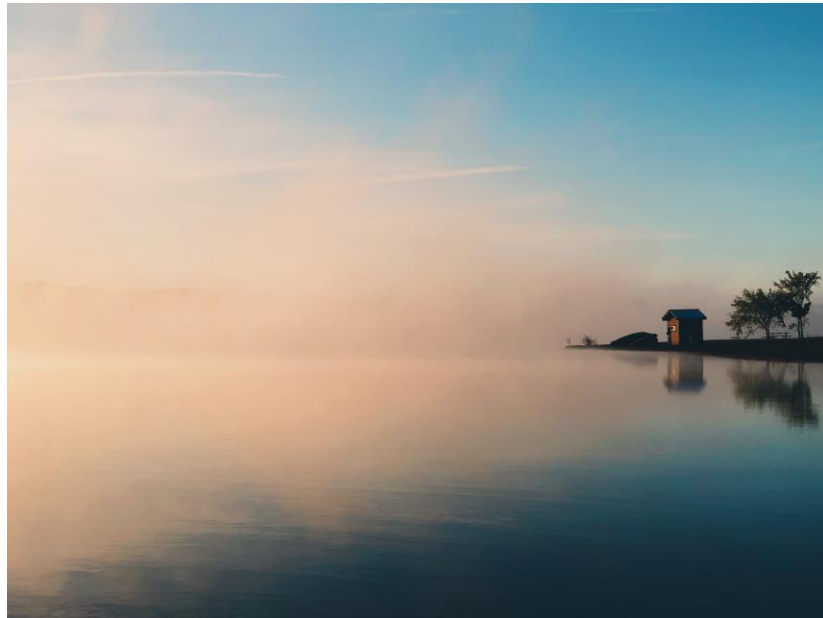
Together Shaping The Future

Science diplomacy

16 award categories

Over 6100 alumni





Education
Nature
Equality
Efficient society
Trust





Distinguished Scholar Awards

- [Fulbright Bicentennial Chair in American Studies](#)
- [Fulbright-Aalto University Distinguished Chair \(Business, Engineering\)](#)
- [Fulbright-Hanken Distinguished Chair in Business and Economics](#)
- [Fulbright-Nokia Distinguished Chair in Information and Communications Technologies](#)
- [Fulbright-Saastamoinen Foundation Distinguished Chair in Health Sciences](#)





Scholar Awards

Scholars, including early career:

- [Fulbright-Haaga-Helia \(University of Applied Sciences\) Scholar Award \(All Disciplines\)](#)
- [Fulbright-Tampere University Scholar Award \(All Disciplines\)](#)
- [Fulbright-Turku UAS \(Turku University of Applied Sciences\) Scholar Award \(Business Administration, Engineering, Technology\)](#)
- [Fulbright-University of Turku Scholar Award \(All Disciplines\)](#)





Scholar Awards

Mid-career and senior academics:

- [Fulbright-Saastamoinen Foundation Grant in Health and Environmental Sciences](#)
- [Fulbright-University of Vaasa Scholar Award \(Business, Technology, Administration, Communication\)](#)
- [Fulbright-University of Oulu Scholar Award \(All Disciplines\)](#)
- [Fulbright-VTT \(VTT Technical Research Center of Finland\) Award in Science, Technology, and Innovation](#)





Other Awards in Finland

- [Mid-Career Professional Development Award](#)
 - Unique opportunity for professional development
- [Seeking Solutions for Global Challenges Award](#)
 - Projects focusing on topics with current and global importance
- [All Disciplines Award](#)
 - Teaching or teaching/research at any field at any appropriate institution in Finland
- [Fulbright Iceland-National Science Foundation Nordic Award in Arctic Security](#)
 - Research related to evolving Arctic security/northern security and geopolitical concerns





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Alumni Perspective:

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2023-24

Fulbright-University of Vaasa Scholar



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Dr. Mujde Yuksel tips for a strong application:

- What inspired me to select Finland?
- My experience
- The Impact







Application Cycle

FEBRUARY	Competition Opens
SEPTEMBER 16	Application Deadline
SEPTEMBER	Program staff conducts technical reviews for completeness
OCTOBER – NOVEMBER	U.S. peer review
NOVEMBER – JANUARY	Applicants notified of status. Recommended applications are sent to host countries and to the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.
JANUARY – JUNE	Final decisions are made
JUNE – ONWARD	Participants prepare for departure



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