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Scholar Program

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Opportunities in Ireland for 2024-25

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- Program Overview
- Why Fulbright?
- Eligibility
- Fulbright Scholar Opportunities in Ireland
- Alum Perspective
- Application Cycle and Tips for U.S. Scholars
- Questions

Today's Agenda





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



Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program Opportunities in Ireland for 2024-25



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U.S. SCHOLAR OPPORTUNITIES



Your Fulbright Experience in Ireland





The Real Ireland



01

Youngest population in Europe (33% under 25) and one of the most educated in the world (top 10).

02

2nd highest quality of life in the world (UN HDI). Among the highest life satisfaction in the OECD

03

Irish GDP growth is the 2nd highest in the world

04

We are one of the most pro-EU with 88% approval.

05

200 different nationalities represented in Ireland

*IDA Ireland statistics

The Real Ireland



01

9 of the top 10
U.S. Technology
companies

02

All of the top
10
Pharmaceutical
companies

03

The top 5
Global
Software
companies

04

14 of the top 15
Medical
Technology
companies

05

8 of the top 10
Financial
Services
companies

*IDA Ireland statistics

The Real Ireland



Yet ultimately most U.S. Fulbrighters come for the people and culture



The difference between Ireland and the U.S.?
“Irish people think 100 miles is a long distance. Americans think 100 years is a long time”. (US. Fulbright Alum quote)

Choosing to come to Ireland...



1. English-Speaking
2. Safe and Family Friendly
3. A gateway to Europe
4. Increasingly diverse
5. Highly educated population
6. Rich landscapes, history, language and culture
7. Pace of life



Choosing the Fulbright Program in Ireland



1. Fulbright Program in Ireland operates from a Commission
2. Many U.S. Scholar awards have Institutional co-sponsors, demonstrating their commitment to the Fulbright Program
3. Many U.S. Student awards have full fees waived and full stipends
4. The Irish Commission and stakeholders are fully and successfully invested in expanding diversity, equity and inclusion of the program.
5. Our selection process is robust, fair and achieves great outcomes
6. Alumni & Commission engagement persists for a lifetime

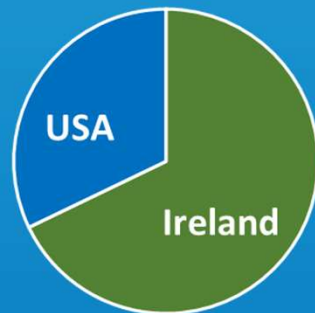




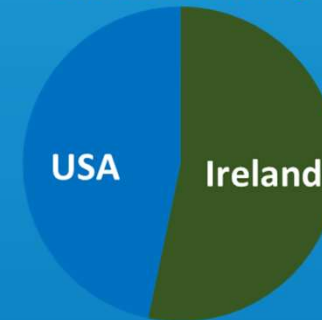
Fulbright Commission in Ireland

Programs Funded by Irish and U.S. Governments & Sponsors

Funding Sources



Awardee Ratio



1946
US Program
Setup

1957
Ireland
Joins

1991
Irish
Commission
Setup

2023
49 Commissions
Worldwide



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

We welcome candidates
from under-represented:

- Communities
 - Areas of research
 - Home organisations and HEIs
 - Geographical areas
 - Ethnicities
 - Ability
- *HINT: Fulbright is about people so please share who you are*



Read more:

<https://www.fulbright.ie/the-irish-commission/diversity-equity-inclusion/>

2024-2025 U.S. SCHOLAR AWARDS APPLICATION TIMELINE

Feb 2023
Applications
Open



Sept 2023
Applications
Close



Sept-Dec 2023
Reviews



Jan-Feb 2024
Interviews



Mar 2024
Offers Made



PLANNING

Review info on
fulbrightscholars.org



Choose
Award
that's right
for you



Plan Proposal
& contact
host



Research
what it means
to be a
Fulbrighter



Apply!



FULBRIGHT U.S. SCHOLAR AWARD CATEGORIES



**ALL DISCIPLINES
AWARDS**

SPONSORED AWARDS

**GLOBAL SCHOLAR
AWARDS
(multi-country)**

**FULBRIGHT-SCHUMAN
AWARDS (EU)**

FULBRIGHT ALL DISCIPLINE AWARDS to IRELAND



TEACHING

RESEARCH

**PROFESSIONAL
PROJECT**



FINDING A HOST

Who do you want to work with?

- Find **experts** in your field
- Reach out to Fulbright **Alum**
- Consider **diverse** institutions where you can establish **new** Irish-U.S. connections



FULBRIGHT SPONSORED AWARDS



STEM

- Astronomy and Astrophysics at DIAS, Research, 6 months
- Computer Science at ATU Donegal, Teaching/Research, 3 months
- Geoscience/Earth Science; GSI, Teaching/Research, 6-10 months
- Medical Sciences/Education at RCSI, Teaching/Research, 3 months
- Theoretical Physics at DIAS, Research, 3-12 months

BUSINESS

- Sustainable Business: UCC, Teaching/Research 3-6 months
- Business Administration: DCU, Research, 3 months
- Business and Management: TUD, Teaching/Research, 3-10 months
- Entrepreneurship and Business Innovation: ATU Donegal, Teaching/Research, 3 months

FULBRIGHT SPONSORED AWARDS



HUMANITIES

- UCD Mary Ball Washington (History) at UCD, Teaching/Research 4-5 months
- Visual Arts: Museum Studies at IMMA, Professional Project/Research, 6-8 months

OTHER – All Disciplines in Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences

- Investigating Impact through Innovative Research: UCC, Research/Teaching, 3 months

EXPECTATIONS

IRELAND IS:

- Vibrant
- European
- Diversifying
- Nationally Aware
- Family & People Friendly

IRELAND IS NOT:

- The USA
- Large
- Perfect
- Inwardly Focused
- Unaware Globally

EXPECT:

- Curiosity
- Opinions about the USA & the World
- Different Cultural Responses
- Familiarity
- Unfamiliarity

IRISH ACADEMIA IS:

- Not Student (Service) Led
- Not as busy
- Primarily EU-focused
- Almost free to attend for EU students
- Strong & Weak



Quick Things to Know or Do



- Watch: Fr Ted | Derry Girls | Young Offenders | Foil, Arms & Hog
- Watch: The Quiet Girl | An Irish Goodbye | Once | The Siege at Jadotville (award-winning documentary)
- Read: Roddy Doyle | Ross O'Carroll-Kelly | Maeve Binchy
- See: Gaelic Football | Hurling | Rugby
- Listen to: RTE 1 | Today FM | Podcasts
- Go to: A Céilí | Concert (local & International) | Trad Session | Heritage Sites | Museums & Galleries

Your Next Steps...



1. **REVIEW** info, webinars & eligibility criteria at www.Fulbright.ie & fulbrightscholars.org

2. **REACH OUT** to Institutions for Letter of Invitation

3. **CONNECT** with the Irish Commission online



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[Fulbright Ireland](https://www.facebook.com/FulbrightIreland)



[Fulbright Commission Ireland](https://www.linkedin.com/company/FulbrightCommissionIreland)



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Alumni Experiences



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Selecting the Right Award

- **Match** country interest, expertise, career profile, and proposal to the award description
- **Language ability** (if applicable)
- **Discipline preferences**, when specified
- **Project relevance** to the host country and/or institution
- **Benefits** to you and your community



Teaching

Research

Teaching/
Research

Professional
Project

Remember: *you can only apply for **ONE AWARD** per application cycle*





Understanding the Awards

Visit fulbrightscholars.org to search awards

Review important details in:

- award details
- award requirements
- award benefits
- country/area overview

Back to awards search

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR AWARD

Developing Military Leadership

KOSOVO

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

Begin Application Process

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24593-KO

ACTIVITY TYPE
Teaching/Research ?

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) not required

CAREER PROFILE
Professionals ?

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS
Exactly 1

AWARD START PERIOD
January 2024

AWARD LENGTH
3 months

FLEX OPTION
No

MULTI-COUNTRY/AREA AWARD
No

DISCIPLINES
Education





Application Components for Scholar Awards

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)*





Tips for a strong application:



Before you start, **read your award's description carefully** to ensure you meet all requirements and your proposed project is possible.



Start application and enter referees' information **as soon as possible.**



Take advantage of IIE resources, including webinars, office hours and application guidance on our website.





Application Cycle

FEBRUARY	Competition Opens
SEPTEMBER 15	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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