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Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Opportunities in Law and Political Science

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Today's Presentation

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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





Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards give opportunities to U.S. citizens to teach, research, carry out professional projects, and participate in seminars around the world.

Why Fulbright?

Fulbright is transformational.

- Foster sustainable partnerships
- Expand your publishing network and gain new teaching perspectives
- Serve as a cultural ambassador
- Gain the professional recognition as being identified as a Fulbright Scholar
- Join a vibrant and supportive 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 **scholar liaisons** and **alumni** as resources





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
- **Fulbright U.S. Scholar alums are eligible**; two year waiting period between end of your last Fulbright U.S. Scholar award and next application





What can a Fulbright U.S. Scholar do? Start by finding your award!

Over 400 individual awards in more than 100 countries to **teach, research**, teach AND conduct research (listed as **teaching/research**), carry out a **professional project** or attend a **seminar**:

fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search

Select ***one award*** that suits your profile as a scholar, your project and your goals – and apply!





Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards

Award Types that support research, teaching, and/or professional projects:

- Postdoctoral Awards
- Scholar Awards
- Distinguished Scholar Awards

Awards vary from **2-12 months**



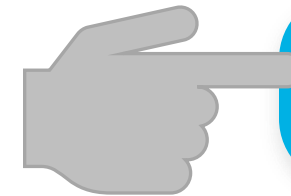
Over 60 countries allow for the **Flex option**, which lets you divide a longer grant into two to three visits over up to two years, depending on the award.





Selecting the Right Award

- **Match** country interest, expertise, career profile, and proposal to the award description
- Most awards are for one country, but there also some **regional and global awards** – check your options!
- **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*



Alumni Perspectives



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Kevin Deegan-Krause

Professor

Political Science

Wayne State University

Fulbright U.S. Scholar to Slovakia, 2008

Project: Taking Sides and Making Sides:
How Leaders Shape Political Conflict in New
Democracies



Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards in Law and Political Science for 2025-26



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Awards in Political Science: Opportunity is waiting for you around the world!



- 75 awards specifically seeking Political Science, Law and International Relations projects, in addition to over 200 All Disciplines awards
- Of awards open to your field, 89 do not require a Ph.D. or Terminal Degree
- Looking for a country or award that we don't mention? **Remember that this is just a fraction of what's available!**





Europe and Eurasia

- **Albania:** [Multiple Disciplines](#)
- **Belgium:** [NATO Security Studies](#)
- **Denmark:** [Distinguished Scholar Award in American Studies](#)
- **European Union:** [Postdoctoral Award to the European University Institute](#)
- **Finland:** [Fulbright-Tampere University Scholar Award \(All Disciplines\)](#)
- **Hungary:** [Fulbright-Ludovika University of Public Service Award](#)





Europe and Eurasia

- **Italy:** [Fulbright-LUISS Research Lecturership in Business, Economics, Law and Political Science](#)
- **Montenegro:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **North Macedonia:** [Rule of Law, Judiciary Reform and Civil Society](#)
- **Portugal:** [Fulbright Award in Law and Sustainability / NOVA School of Law](#)
- **Romania:** [Media Literacy and Cybersecurity](#)
- **Spain:** [International Studies at the Universidad Autonoma de Madrid](#)





East Asia and Pacific

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- **Australia:** Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Political Science (Flinders University)
- **Timor Leste:** All Disciplines
- **Philippines:** U.S.-Philippine Relations
- **Taiwan:** Political Science and International Relations





Western Hemisphere

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- **Canada:** [Research Chairs in Indigenous Studies](#)
- **Chile:** [Social Sciences, Humanities, and Education](#)
- **Suriname:** [All Disciplines](#)
- **Uruguay:** [All Disciplines](#)





Sub-Saharan Africa

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Teaching experience sought in Sub-Saharan Africa

- **Eswatini:** All Disciplines
- **The Gambia:** All Disciplines
- **South Africa:** Science and Technology
- **Zambia:** All Disciplines





Middle East and North Africa

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- **Gulf Countries:** Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates
- **Jordan:** All Disciplines
- **Tunisia:** All Disciplines
- **Egypt:** Distinguished Scholar Award





South and Central Asia

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- **India:**
 - Fulbright-Nehru Distinguished Scholar Award
 - Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Award
- All Disciplines Awards: **Kyrgyz Republic** and **Bangladesh**
- Multiple Disciplines awards in **Tajikistan** and **Uzbekistan**





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

Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Awards (All Disciplines)

INDIA

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024**

[Begin Application Process](#)

[Add to Comparison](#)

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AWARD CODE
25326-IN

ACTIVITY TYPE
Professional Project ?
Research ?
Teaching ?
Teaching/Research ?

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

CAREER PROFILE
Artists ?
Early Career Academics ?
Mid-Career Academics ?
Professionals ?
Senior Academics ?

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS
Up To 40

AWARD START PERIOD
July 2025 - March 2026

AWARD LENGTH
4 months - 9 months

FLEX OPTION
Yes

MULTI-COUNTRY/AREA AWARD
No

DISCIPLINES
Projects are sought in all disciplines





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)*





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

The 2025-26 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Competition: Now Open!

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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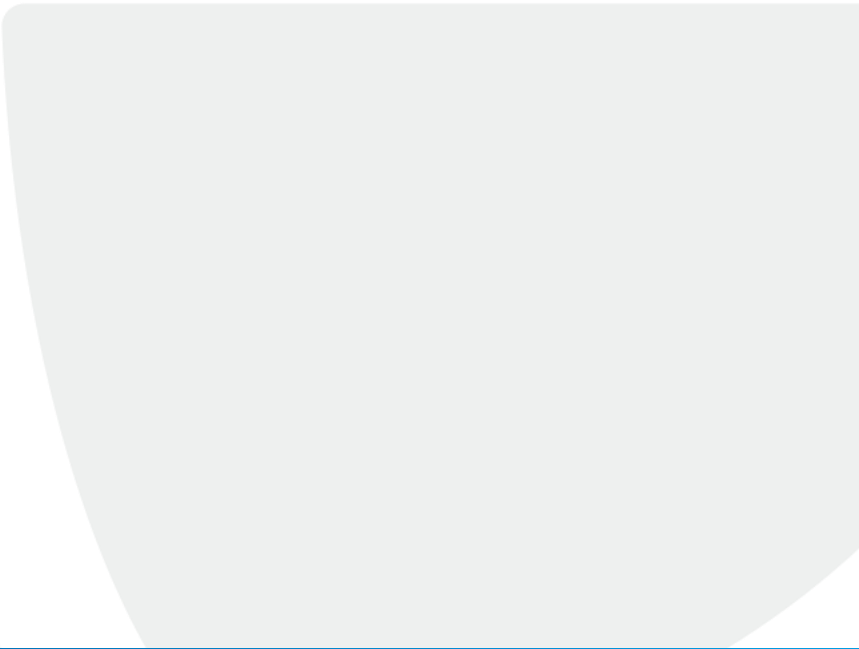
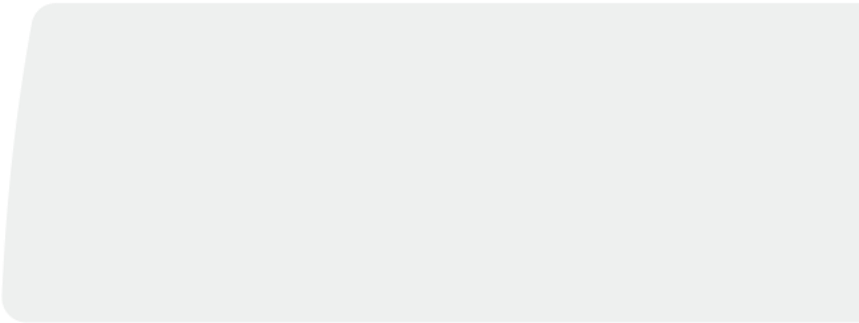
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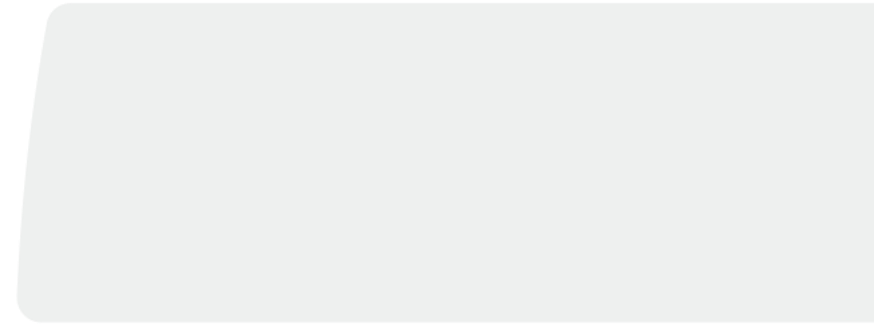
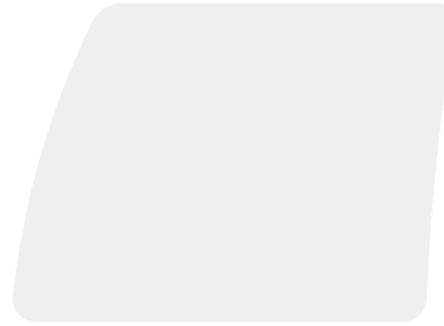
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