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Scholar Program

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Opportunities in Sub-Saharan Africa in 2023-24

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Today's Webinar

- Program Overview
- Why Fulbright?
- Eligibility
- Types of Awards
- Regional Highlights
- Application Cycle and Tips
- 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 & Inclusion

Fulbright strives to ensure that it reflects the diversity of U.S. society and societies abroad. We encourage the involvement of people from traditionally underrepresented audiences in all our grants, programs and other initiatives.

Opportunities are open to people regardless of their race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, geographic location, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.





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

Approximately 400,000 “Fulbrighters” have participated in the program since its inception in 1946.





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

Fulbright is family-friendly.

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

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 and waiting periods between grants





Fulbright Scholar Awards – Which is for you?

4 Award Types:

- Scholar Awards (all awards in Sub Saharan Africa)
- Postdoctoral Awards
- Distinguished Scholar Awards
- International Education Administrator Awards

Flex Option

- Available in 63 countries and all world areas
- Allows multiple visits over two years

Global & Regional awards





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

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





Regional Highlights

- 25 countries represented from Benin to Zimbabwe
- 35 award offerings in the region
- 25 All-Discipline awards
- The Africa Regional Research Program allows applicants to conduct research in up to three Sub-Saharan countries (South Africa excluded)





Highlighted Awards

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South Africa:

- [Social Sciences and Humanities](#)

Award Length: 6-10 months

Activity: Professional Project, Teaching and/or Research, Open to Early Career, Mid- Career, and Senior academics, Artists, and Professionals

Host institution(s): any of the 26 universities or technical universities in the country's system

Areas of Interest: education and teacher education, multicultural and diversity studies, social sciences, public administration and urban planning

South Africa:

- [Science and Technology](#)

Award Length: 6-10 months

Activity: Teaching and/or Research, Open to Mid-Career and Senior Academics, and Professionals

Host institution: Applicants may propose an appropriate host

Areas of Interest: Agriculture, computer science, engineering, environmental sciences, geology, global/public health, information sciences, physics and astronomy





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Zambia:

- [Journalism and Broadcasting](#)

Award Length: 10 months

Activity: Professional Project, Teaching and/or Research, Open to Mid-Career and Senior Academics, and Professionals

Host institution(s): Evelyn Hone College, University of Zambia, Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation, Mulungushi University

Areas of Interest: Journalism, broadcasting, news production and editing

Botswana:

- [Public Health](#)

Award Length: 9-10 months

Activity: Teaching and/or Research, Open to Early Career, Mid- Career, and Senior academics

Host institution(s): University of Botswana, Botho University, Boitekanelo College

Areas of Interest: Biology, Medical Sciences, Nursing, Nutrition, Public Health





Zimbabwe:

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- [Public Policy and Governance](#)

Award Length: 7-10 months

Activity: Teaching, Open to Mid-Career and Senior Academics

Host institution(s): Africa University, Midlands State University, University of Zimbabwe

Areas of Interest: Journalism, broadcasting, news production and editing

Burkina Faso:

- [Engineering and Environmental Sciences](#)

Award Length: 10 months

Activity: Teaching and/or Research, Open to Mid-Career and Senior Academics, and Professionals

Host institution(s): International Institute for Water and Environmental Engineering, Ouagadougou

Areas of Interest: Water and sanitation engineering, energy, civil engineering or environmental science

- [Business Administration, Law or Medical Sciences](#); 9 months; Teaching, Teaching/Research

Award Length: 9 months

Activity: Teaching and/or Research, Open to Mid-Career and Senior Academics, and Professionals

Host institution(s): Universite Saint Thomas d'Aquin (USTA), Institut Superieur Prive Polytechnique

Areas of Interest: Water and sanitation engineering, energy, civil engineering or environmental science





Understanding the Awards

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Fulbright Distinguished Scholar Award

BEGIN APPLICATION PROCESS

Distinguished Scholar Award in Law at the University of Trento

ITALY
Europe and Eurasia

AWARD DETAILS | AWARD REQUIREMENTS | AWARD BENEFITS | COUNTRY/AREA OVERVIEW

AWARD ACTIVITY
The Fulbright Scholar is expected to teach:

- 1 undergraduate course, for approximately 42 hours (6 hours a week), to classes of 10-30 students
- 2/3 seminars to doctoral students for a total of 6/8 hours to classes of 5-10 students.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Thursday, September 15, 2022

Visit
awards.cies.org





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)
- Select bibliography (for research)
- Portfolio submissions (for artists, architects, and journalists)





Tips to submit 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 your application and enter your referees' information as soon as possible.** You can always save and return to it.
- **Take advantage of IIE resources**, including webinars, office hours and pointed application guidance on our website.

Remember: You only can receive an award if you apply!





Application Cycle

2023-24 Competition Now Open

FEBRUARY	Catalog of Awards 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





Connect with a Fulbright Alumni Ambassador



Fulbright U.S. Scholar Alumni Ambassadors are official representatives of the program and can share with your faculty and administrators about the impact their Fulbright had on them personally and professionally, as well as on their institution.

More information on inviting an Ambassador can be found on: cies.org/alumni-ambassadors

72 Emeriti Ambassadors
26 New Ambassadors
80+ Events Annually





Bring Foreign Fulbrighters to your Campus

Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence (S-I-R) Program

Host scholars from other countries to teach for a semester or an academic year

NEW DEADLINE:
June 1

Website: cies.org/sir
Email: SIR@iie.org

Fulbright Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF)

Host current Fulbright Visiting Scholars for short-term lectureships of 2 – 6 days on discipline or cultural topics to internationalize the campus

Website: cies.org/olf
Email: OLF@iie.org

Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program

Host native speaking language teaching assistants to enhance students' understanding different languages and cultures

Website: foreign.fulbrightonline.org
Email: Dcook@iie.org



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