

# Fulbright U.S. Scholar Opportunities in Sub-Saharan Africa

## Webinar Q&A Box Questions and Answers.

*These questions have been anonymized. Any question too specific to any one applicant has been removed. Questions answered live will appear only in the video recording.*

Question	Answer
Must teaching experiences be on a higher ed level?	Hello! Teaching includes classroom teaching, as well as giving guest lectures, workshops, and seminars, and engaging in other related activities. Classroom teaching is typically at the undergraduate and graduate level, and courses may be designed by the scholar or prescribed by the host institution and may be taught or co-taught by the scholar. The teaching load varies by award, as well as the host institution. Scholars may also consult on building research capacity, advise graduate students, and assist with thesis advising.
Are there certain levels of teaching experience required? (e.g., being a teaching assistant for a few months vs. teaching your own class)	Hello! Teaching includes classroom teaching, as well as giving guest lectures, workshops, and seminars, and engaging in other related activities. Classroom teaching is typically at the undergraduate and graduate level, and courses may be designed by the scholar or prescribed by the host institution and may be taught or co-taught by the scholar. The teaching load varies by award, as well as the host institution. Scholars may also consult on building research capacity, advise graduate students, and assist with thesis advising.
what's the difference between a "scholar" vs. "distinguished scholar"?	Hello! A distinguished scholar is usually for a scholar who is a senior academic. However, some awards accept mid-career academics as well. It differs per award, so please read the award details.
What factors or issues do you consider in evaluating the Flex option?	Note that Flex awards still go through the same application and selection process, including peer review and host country consideration. One important detail to note, though, is if you apply for a Flex award, you need to be very clear about how you plan to spend your time and be explicit regarding when you intend to be in country!
What if the length of the semester of the hosting institution is different (shorter) from the period that is listed in a Fulbright award?	Note that you should present a project that fits within the parameters of the award you're considering.
Is it better to apply for opportunities that select more than one	I wouldn't let that guide where you apply... it's best to choose an award that works well for you as a scholar and your project.

<p>I have prior university level teaching experience but now manage a nonprofit. How difficult is it find a placement that is not associated with a university?</p>	<p>Hello! Every award is different and not all are associated with a university. Please read the award details carefully of the award you're interested in.</p>
<p>I am a scholar of traditonal Malinke and Susu musics in Guinea. The univeristy I had intended to work with is Institut Superieur des Arts Mory Kante de Dubreka, but I don</p>	<p>Hello! Not all universities will be listed and that does not mean you can't work with them.</p>
<p>Can you talk about the difference between a "participant observation" research project vs. a professional project? If an application allows either a professional project or research project is one category more competitive or preferred?</p>	<p>One is not more competitive than another; note that if an award is open to both activities, then the country is willing to consider both types of projects! The most competitive project is one that presents a clear, sound project that addresses all questions and issues noted in the application guidance (<a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</a>)</p>
<p>Can you please tell us how many applications there were for the Africa regional award last year vs how many were granted?</p>	<p>Hello! We unfortunately cannot provide this information.</p>
<p>I am a professional. What should I list for 'institution' or leave that blank?</p>	<p>Hello! You can put your current place of work.</p>
<p>Is there a language requirement for Senegal?</p>	<p>Yes, you can find the language requirement in the award description: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/all-disciplines-758#award-requirements">https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/all-disciplines-758#award-requirements</a></p>
<p>I am not actively teaching but do serve on reviews at local universities and would love to teach while participating in Fulbright. Is formal, past teaching experience necessary to apply/be selected for a teaching or teaching/research award?</p>	<p>Hello! Teaching includes classroom teaching, as well as giving guest lectures, workshops, and seminars, and engaging in other related activities. Classroom teaching is typically at the undergraduate and graduate level, and courses may be designed by the scholar or prescribed by the host institution and may be taught or co-taught by the scholar. The teaching load varies by award, as well as the host institution. Scholars may also consult on building research capacity, advise graduate students, and assist with thesis advising.</p>
<p>do you need to have a degree in environmental sciences for the cabo verde ?</p>	<p>Hello! No, the award in Cabo Verde is open to all disciplines.</p>
<p>If a country is not mentioned in a region in the presentation, e.g. (Ghana in West Africa), does it mean they are not accepting applications for this cycle?</p>	<p>Hello! Not all countries will be highlighted in this presentation. However, for a list of all awards, see our website.</p>
<p>I didn't see Ghana on the slide but do see it on the website. Did I miss something?</p>	<p>Hello! Not all countries will be highlighted in this presentation. However, for a list of all awards, see our website.</p>
<p>I am interested in the flex research/teachig scholarship in sub-saharan Africa to be conducted within one country only. Am I eligible to apply for this award? Also due to my research commitments at my home institution it will not allow me to be away for more than 5 weeks at a time for the entire award cycle - will I be eligible to apply for flex award?</p>	<p>Hello! Please email at <a href="mailto:subsaharanafrica@iie.org">subsaharanafrica@iie.org</a> with this question, so they can provide you with an answer.</p>
<p>Ghana was not listed in the West African group; are they no longer hosting scholars?</p>	<p>Those were simply examples: note that Ghana has an award open to teaching and teaching/research projects (<a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/all-disciplines-793">https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/all-disciplines-793</a>) in addition to the research program</p>

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Are awards available for South Africa?	Hello! Not all countries will be highlighted in this presentation. However, for a list of all awards, see our <a href="#">website</a> .
Do applicants require active university/college affiliations? Are independent scholars with required experience welcome?	Hello! No, independent scholars are welcome to apply.
Is administration in higher education opportunity a separate track or included in the research/teaching track ?	Hello! The IEA award is different than research and teaching, and there is no research/teaching involved.
Is there any flexibility in the time length of the award? I was hoping to go for one semester rather than two.	Hello! All awards differ and have different award lengths. You can find that in the award details page of the award you're interested in.
Are 5 month teaching assignments available in Mauritius?	Hello! Please see awards in Mauritius here: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;country%5B%5D=4472&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;country%5B%5D=4472&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</a>
I keep hearing PhD. Does EdD or other doctoral degrees qualify?	most awards that require that credential require a "PhD or equivalent terminal degree" unless the award says otherwise. You can see what other degrees Fulbright considers terminal degrees in our eligibility details here: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#eligibility">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#eligibility</a> (under education, experience, career profile section)
I see combined teaching/research; is it possible to combine teaching/professional project?	Hello! No. There is no research or teaching in a professional project. The Professional Project activity type provides professionals and artists in various fields the opportunity to interact with relevant organizations abroad to explore a topic related to their field without answering a defined research question. Professional Projects may include professional consultations; artist residencies; visits to organizations in the applicant's field; practical experience in day-to-day operations; public lectures; mentoring; arranging exhibitions, performances or musical compilations; preparation of print materials (books, articles, or reviews); exchange of expertise with other professionals; participation in public events; or other appropriate professional activities.
For research, are there any funds given for research supplies?	Hello! Please read the award benefits tab of the award you're interested in.
I'm looking at the Guinea page and it says award length is 10 months. Is that flexible?	you're correct that the award to Guinea does require that you propose a 10-month project. Unfortunately, this is not flexible. <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/all-disciplines-759">https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/all-disciplines-759</a>
When it says All Discipline is it specific to certain topics?	Hello! The All Disciplines award is open to any discipline.

<p>Is Tanzania hosting scholars for 2025-2026? it was not mentioned in the presentation but listed on the website.</p>	<p>Hello! Hello! Not all countries will be highlighted in this presentation. However, for a list of all awards, see our website.</p>
<p>I am not an administrator but I have done a lot for International Education and Internationalization of Curriculum. I am a Fulbright Specialist to Colombia on Internationalization of their curriculum. Am I qualified for the IEA Seminar award for HBCU's?</p>	<p>Hello! Please email <a href="mailto:iea@iie.org">iea@iie.org</a>, so they can provide you an answer to your eligibility.</p>
<p>Are there a specific number of slots allocated for the Regional Awards?</p>	<p>Hello! The number of awards are in the awards details page, under number of recipients.</p>
<p>Thank you, the teaching duties sound fine and exciting. However my question is: is previous teaching experience required in order to have a competitive application?</p>	<p>Hello! This is dependent on the award and the needs of the host institution. We suggest reading the award details carefully and reaching out to the host.</p>
<p>Can you talk about the "number of recipients" section. Is that per award or are there regional considerations?</p>	<p>The Number of Recipients line in an award description refers to that *that specific award*. Hope that helps!</p>
<p>Is it helpful to have a letter of recommendation from the host institution in the Fulbright country?</p>	<p>Hello! Letters of recommendation should come from colleagues who know your work. However, the host is more than welcome to provide a letter of invitation.</p>
<p>Can I email Mr. Scott specific questions after this seminar?</p>	<p>Hello! If you have specific questions about the region, please email <a href="mailto:subsaharanafrica@iie.org">subsaharanafrica@iie.org</a>.</p>
<p>I missed what a reference list is? Publications?</p>	<p>A reference list is not a list of your own publications. Rather, it is a list of sources related to your project. This is to demonstrate to a review committee that you are familiar with the scholarship surrounding the project you intend to pursue through Fulbright. Please refer to the reference list section in our guidance: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</a></p>
<p>If your research project involves environmental art outreach, would a portfolio be useful for a research award application?</p>	<p>Hello! A portfolio can only be submitted for projects in the arts.</p>
<p>For clarification, is the reference list for the application the same information that can be found in the CV? Or is it a list that is related to the research work that you are planning to do?</p>	<p>Hello! For more information about the reference list, please see our website: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</a></p>
<p>Question: I plan to apply for the Fulbright scholar award. Part of my research involves a training my host (Sub-Saharan Africa) in an essential part of the work at a collaborator lab in the UK? The issues I foresee here: the collaborator is not a US citizen; or can one do a flex fellowship that is partly in sub-Saharan Africa and in the UK?</p>	<p>Hello! This could be a project for the Global Award. For more information, please email <a href="mailto:GlobalAward@iie.org">GlobalAward@iie.org</a>.</p>
<p>I am also interested in other regions who have already held their webinars - are past webinars available for viewing?</p>	<p>Yes! You can see all archived webinars, including their slides, on our site: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/events/webinars#layout-multitab-tab-2">https://fulbrightscholars.org/events/webinars#layout-multitab-tab-2</a></p>
<p>Are awards available only for scholars based in the US or those from sub-saharan africa are also eligible?</p>	<p>Hello! This program is open to U.S Citizens and for eligibility based on residency abroad, please see our website: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#eligibility">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#eligibility</a></p>

<p>Is this application cycle available every year or is it less frequent than that?</p>	<p>Yes, this application cycle for U.S. Scholar awards happens every year!</p>
<p>Any opportunities to teach or research in Kenya?</p>	<p>Yes, please see our awards list  <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;country%5B%5D=4470&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;country%5B%5D=4470&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</a></p>
<p>My husband does some WAE (I don't recall what it's called now but he's retired and does some periodic work - a few weeks a year - work for DoS on a very limited basis). Am I eligible for these awards?</p>	<p>Hello, As you probably saw, there are restrictions on department of state employees (including part time and consultants) and their immediate families. If this applies to your husband, then this could potentially affect your eligibility. Please review <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#eligibility">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#eligibility</a> and if it is still unclear, please email us at <a href="mailto:SubSaharanAfrica@iie.org">SubSaharanAfrica@iie.org</a>. I suggest this because we want to review all details of your situation thoroughly to make sure we advise you correctly!</p>
<p>2 more questions: 1. where can I sign up for/request to attend a webinar specific to my discipline (architecture)? and 2. is there maximum age for participation (I am 56)?</p>	<p>Hello! There is no age limit. For all of our webinars, please see our website:  <a href="https://apply.iie.org/portal/scholar_webinars">https://apply.iie.org/portal/scholar_webinars</a></p>
<p>If awarded can scholar depart as early as June 2025? I thought I read August 2025</p>	<p>Hello! This is dependent on the award. Different awards depart on different dates.</p>
<p>If you are an American citizen from a particular region (e.g. Latin America, Africa, Asia, etc)., should you avoid going to that region because of any biases?</p>	<p>Hello! There is not; however, some awards requirements do not accept dual citizens so I would read the award requirements carefully.</p>
<p>Is there an opportunity in Ethiopia?</p>	<p>Hello! Yes, please see our website:  <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;country%5B%5D=4467&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All">https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&amp;country%5B%5D=4467&amp;field_award_multi_country=All&amp;field_award_degree_reqs=All&amp;field_invitation_req=All&amp;field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</a></p>
<p>My research is mainly interdisciplinary, though I got a Phd from a social science discipline but work mainly on public health related projects. What discipline should I list? The one for my research or academic background.</p>	<p>The discipline of your Fulbright U.S. Scholar application is the discipline of your *project*, not necessarily that of your discipline. Just be sure that your application clearly demonstrates that you have the expertise and background necessary to carry out the activities you're proposing.</p>
<p>Are retired people eligible?</p>	<p>yes. Unless the award says otherwise, retired and emeriti faculty receive awards every year!</p>
<p>May we get a recording of this session and share with others at our institution? Thank you!</p>	<p>Yes! After today, the recording and slides will be shared on our webinar archive, which you can find here:  <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/events/webinars#layout-multitab-tab-2">https://fulbrightscholars.org/events/webinars#layout-multitab-tab-2</a></p>
<p>For research awards that indicate a stipend (e.g., \$3000), is that a strict amount on what will be used to support research goals at the host institution? Or would that be adjusted based on the research proposal</p>	<p>The award stipend provided in the award description is what you would receive... it is not adjusted based on the type of research you're doing, so you should plan with that amount of financial support for your project.</p>
<p>For AARP I read FLEX can include 3 visits over 2 years. Is the total Fulbright funded time in your host country limited to six or nine months?</p>	<p>Hello! For funding, please see the award benefits tab in the award.</p>

What is the age requirement?	There is no age requirement - or limit! Scholars at all stages in their career are welcome to apply.
What if I have a lot of time as a practitioner, but have been teaching a specific field for the last 3 years. Would I apply for early teaching?	Hello! We recommend applying to the award that fits best your interest and experience. If you're having trouble picking an award, please email <a href="mailto:saharanafrica@iie.org">saharanafrica@iie.org</a> for for more help.
What is the monthly stipend for Madagascar?	You can find the award allowances for Madagascar in the award benefits section of the description: <a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/all-disciplines-785#award-stipend">https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/all-disciplines-785#award-stipend</a>
Is the stipend intended to cover our research/project or our living expenses or both?	Hello! Both.
Thanks for this. I have reviewed that information but it is still unclear.	Ok thanks for letting us know. In that case, please feel free to email us with more detail about your situation and we can assist.
for research, does the award fund the research in addition to the monthly stipend ?	Hello! For funding, please read the benefits tab in the award.
The follwoing question may nto be relevant to today's talk. I appreciate it if someone in your team can respond. What does it take to be a liasian?	Hello! Please email at <a href="mailto:outreach@iie.org">outreach@iie.org</a> so they can explain to you the process.
Are awards available to research institutes, or just universities?	Check the award description! If there are restrictions on the types of institutions who can host you, it should be listed in the location's details section.
FOr AARP program, to apply for FLEX option, what is the monthly stipend for Madagascar ??	per the AARP description, Monthly benefits will follow the rates for Researchers for Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar grants in each proposed country. Check the award benefits section of the Madagascar award for those details!
For research projects are awardees required to be in country?	Hello! For all awards, awardees are expected to be in country.
Can allied health professions apply ? Especially maternal health and Infant mortality in pediatric cardiology	Hello! Health professions/disciplines are welcome to apply. However, treatment of patients or people is not allowed.
Are retired people eligible to apply	Hello! Yes, you are.
Do you always fill up to the total number of recipients listed or do you fund less than that number depending on the number of applications that have received an recommendation from the review committees i.e., the number of applications that have received a certain score or above in review?	Hello! This is dependent on the amount of funding available for the awards.