

Global Hidden Gems

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.

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| Does my partner and I need to be legally married or registered domestic partners to be considered a couple | You do not need to be legally married - it will depend on your tax status. |
| Will we have a recording of the session? | Yes! You will get an email follow-up and it will be online within the week. |
| Hello. Is there any program for a professor on development leave? | Good afternoon! Our awards are open to professors in multiple stages in their career. Please make sure to look at our awards (https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search) and the award requirements. |
| Thank you. Do I need to be affiliated with a university to qualify? | No you do not! As long as you meet other eligibility criteria, you are eligible. We encourage independent scholars to apply. |
| Hello! 1) Are there office hours available to speak with one of you to help us decide which Scholar program would be the best fit for us? 2) May we apply to both a Fulbright ETA & Fulbright Scholar program? Thank you. | 1) Yes! There are weekly office hours that are by region. They can be found here: https://apply.iie.org/portal/office_hours 2) No, you may only apply to one award per cycle, it is unlikely that you would be eligible for both. |
| Does adjunct faculty count as emerging professions for qualifications for research opportunities? | Yes! Adjunct faculty have a place within the Fulbright Scholar Program. Be sure to read eligibility for each award, but we definitely have adjunct faculty successfully competing for these awards. |
| Applying as an independent scholar who do you accept recommendation letters from? | You would want your "employer" letter to be either from your most recent institutional affiliation or someone with whom you collaborate very closely as of now. |
| Can my (at time of Fulbright) 18-year-old child be considered a dependent for the awards that provide dependent support? | Hello! If this child is declared a dependent on your taxes, then they can be a dependent on Fulbright. |
| How long should someone wait to know if their status is changed from Alternate to Finalist? | Good afternoon! Each country has its own process for determining if and when alternates may be upgraded. Ultimately, it is difficult to predict whether those selected will accept the award. |
| Does the Fulbright award support open-access publication of scholarship and/or creative work? | Hello! There is actually no set deliverable for Fulbright. So, this publication is at your discretion. |

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| <p>I have reached out to three professors from an institution in a country where I am interested in doing a Fulbright program. Unfortunately, I have not received a response from them yet. I am wondering, if a letter of invitation is necessary from the host institution, what is the best way to obtain one?</p> | <p>It will depend on the award you're applying to. Some will require that letter, others will only say it's encouraged, or not required at all. Best way to obtain one would be to reach out directly to the person you'd be interested in collaborating with and share your ideas. Here are more tips from our website: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</p> |
| <p>Do you have to be affiliated with a university?</p> | <p>No, you may apply as a professional. Be sure to check out the individual award requirements when selecting and applying for an award.</p> |
| <p>Are research opportunities available for emeritus faculty</p> | <p>Good afternoon! Yes, there are! Please see our awards and the award requirements here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search</p> |
| <p>I am an American living in the US, attending remotely a PhD program in Croatia. May I apply to an award in Croatia or am I excluded from applying to this country?</p> | <p>Hello! Please check the "Award Requirements" tab of this and any other award for residency issues. Also of note: you cannot have resided abroad for 5 of the 6 years preceding your application to be eligible.</p> |
| <p>I have an option to expand collaboration with Univ. of Nairobi school of nursing for a specific teaching/research option to expand faculty and student skills for advanced practice. The program states the scholar award must be 5 months and no flex. Is it possible to do 3 months if it meets the project need and host sponsor?</p> | <p>You need to plan your Fulbright project for 5 months if you want to be a competitive applicant.</p> |
| <p>can I get a Master of Public Health through Fulbright?</p> | <p>Hello! That would be from the Student Program: us.fulbrightonline.org. We are the Scholar Program, which does not support courses of study.</p> |
| <p>How critical is it to have a connection with a particular site before applying? I have some international connections, but most are not in areas I would most like to serve/work.</p> | <p>Hello! Many people use Fulbright to foster new connections, so you would be welcome to apply and just as competitive.</p> |
| <p>Who constitutes the committee for evaluation of the proposals? Faculty at the host country?</p> | <p>There is a peer review committee by discipline in the US and if recommended for further consideration, applications are sent to the host country for selection. Selection panels in country will vary in number and participation, but generally, they're people who work in higher education, international education and/or closely with the U.S. embassy in that country.</p> |
| <p>When appropriate, can you please comment on returning to the same institution seven years later if one can explain the reason for doing so, e.g., continuing collaboration between Fulbright awards, new endeavors to pursue at the same institution. The institution I was a Fulbright Scholar at has extended a letter of invitation to return.</p> | <p>Hello! This is definitely something we see happening. Please do elaborate a compelling reason and update your project for the times. Do keep in mind, though, that opportunities for new Fulbright Scholars will be prioritized.</p> |
| <p>Can we apply to different awards- Scholar Awards and International Education Admin Awards at the same time?</p> | <p>No, you may only apply to one Fulbright Scholar award per application cycle.</p> |
| <p>Thank you! And to be clear: ETA is part of the Fulbright Scholar program, not the Specialist Program?</p> | <p>Correct. ETA is a Fulbright U.S. Student Program. The Specialist Program is for scholars and professionals.</p> |

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| <p>How strict are the qualifications listed? For example - PhD - associate or full professor - I have an MBA and been an instructor at a liberal arts institution for 20 years.</p> | <p>Hello! There are many awards for you, but the MBA is not considered a terminal degree, so filter your search accordingly.</p> |
| <p>If we don't get selected, will we be informed as to why?</p> | <p>You can request feedback on your application, but no you will not receive the reasons why you may not have been chosen.</p> |
| <p>SSA does not have Distinguished award- is this correct?</p> | <p>Correct. Here is a full list of distinguished scholar awards: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?title=&field_award_multi_country=All&field_award_type_list%5B8301%5D=8301&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All</p> |
| <p>Do you need to be on tenure, or can I apply as a Research Associate?</p> | <p>You do not need to be tenured or tenure-track! We encourage all types of scholars to apply.</p> |
| <p>Is prior work in public policy required for public policy awards?</p> | <p>Thanks for the question! Yes, the Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship requires 3-5 years of experience in addition to a graduate degree relating to a public policy or public policy adjacent field.</p> |
| <p>Is this recorded for reviewing later?</p> | <p>Yes, this is being recorded and will be posted to our webinar library: https://fulbrightscholars.org/events/webinars</p> |
| <p>Thank you. I understand the University and the particular department is not expecting any Fulbright applicants for the year I am applying for.</p> | <p>Hello! Yes, that can be the case. Do keep in mind, though, that others may apply through other units.</p> |
| <p>SSA does not have Distinguished Scholar Award- is this correct?</p> | <p>Correct. Here is a full list of Distinguished Scholar Awards: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?title=&field_award_multi_country=All&field_award_type_list%5B8301%5D=8301&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All</p> |
| <p>I have an MS and 27 years working for land grant university in research on how to more fully integrate communities into academic initiatives and design and teach professional development programming for faculty that serve as outreach educators with our communities. I am a Full Professor of Practice. Are there Fulbright awards I am eligible for?</p> | <p>Please email us Scholars@iie.org and we can schedule a consultation.</p> |
| <p>How many people are typically selected for the cohorts in the International Education Administrator awards?</p> | <p>This depends on the award/country. Number of spots will be in the award description on our website.</p> |
| <p>Hi, if awarded, is it possible to defer for a year if my institution cannot let me go in the award year?</p> | <p>Good afternoon! Please note that per Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board policy, grants may not be postponed or deferred to a subsequent academic year. If you are unable to accept or begin your grant, you may reapply the following academic year without prejudice.</p> |
| <p>If you have defended your Ph.D, what do you put as your host institution?</p> | <p>I would mark yourself as an independent scholar if you're in between appointments.</p> |
| <p>Can we apply collaboratively with another scholar or graduate student?</p> | <p>No, all applications are for one applicant only. Applications are reviewed individually.</p> |

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| <p>If a host institution permits a flex option format, but the specific award indicates that it is not a flex award, may we request the flex option for the award/can this be changed?</p> | <p>Unfortunately, no. Your host institution may mention it in the letter of invitation, but as the award description determines the parameters of the award, and that is not at the discretion of the host institution.</p> |
| <p>Is the stipend listed in addition to the regular salary we receive from our university in the USA? Penn State pays 60 % of salary for sabbatical? do we continue to receive our salary?</p> | <p>This depends on your institution. I recommend contacting the scholar liaison at your institution to find out more about your campus's specific leave policies. Liaisons can be found here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/liaisons</p> |
| <p>What types of teaching experience are eligible? Is it exclusive to college professors? What about GED and adult education educators and those with secondary teaching certificates?</p> | <p>Yes, we do have opportunities for high school teachers, like the Roving Scholar award in Norway.</p> |
| <p>I read in the application that if you have a previous Fulbright (such as a US Student grant), other applicants who do not have a previous Fulbright are prioritized. Can you please tell us how much priority applicants who do not have a previous Fulbright receive? Is it 25% prioritized, 50% prioritized, etc.?</p> | <p>We do give preference to those who have not had a Fulbright, but as a repeat Fulbright applicant you need to provide a strong rationale to why you need another Fulbright AND it is possible to have another Fulbright.</p> |
| <p>Thanks a lot for this great information, if I was a Dean for three years but not anymore, can I still apply to the Administrator Award?</p> | <p>The IEA awards? No, but for a scholar award, yes!</p> |
| <p>What if you are a professor (non-tenure track - NTT) and are more than 5 years out from your terminal degree (in my case a Juris Doctorate) but don't have publications (since I am a NTT) but have done various fellowships with other orgs and am looking to do research and publish. I am not a newer scholar nor a distinguished scholar, so are there awards open to someone like me? Thanks for your help!</p> | <p>Yes! It will be a matter of finding the project and country/institution that would like to host the work you intend to do, but you would be eligible given your professional experience and degree.</p> |
| <p>Are these individual awards? Can we apply as a group or along with a group of students?</p> | <p>Thank you for your inquiry! Applicants are reviewed as individuals when applying.</p> |
| <p>Greetings Fulbright Team & thank you for providing this information/insight. Advise this presentation will be available for review later and how would we access for review again?</p> | <p>Good afternoon! This webinar is being recorded and will be available on our website by Friday under webinar archives: https://fulbrightscholars.org/events/webinars#layout-multitab-tab-2</p> |
| <p>I have a doctorate in Business Administration, and I am interested in teaching only in Casablanca, Morocco. I was able to initiate communication with one of the professors at ESCA University in Casablanca. I think he is motivated, but more interested in collaboration on his research project. What suggestion can you offer? Also, for teaching, what award should I focus on?</p> | <p>I'd look carefully at the award description. It doesn't look like it requires a specific proportion of research versus teaching, so work closely with your host to determine what would match your own expectations for the experience: https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/all-disciplines-742</p> |
| <p>Are there statistics available on applications to Fulbright Scholar awards to get a sense for which are most competitive?</p> | <p>We do not release these statistics. The specific award descriptions will include how many spaces there are.</p> |
| <p>I see Qatar in inactive. Is that still the case, I thought some universities there would benefit</p> | <p>Qatar is available for 2024-25 for U.S. Scholars through this award! https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/all-disciplines-709</p> |

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| <p>for native speakers of a host country's language, how should I demonstrate language proficiency?</p> | <p>Hello! Native speakers only have to self-evaluate. You will not have to register a Language Evaluator.</p> |
| <p>Thank you for this Zoom opportunity! I applied last year and made it to the final round but there was not enough funding to fund everyone in that step. My project was not funded. I know that, understandably, Fulbright does not have time to offer feedback on every application. I also understand, and think it's great, that there is a focus on EDI, especially in the final selection process. I was just wondering if there were other factors, just in general, that you see in that final step which make a difference between being selected for funding and not. For example, a clarity issue? Anything not articulated well, or over articulated? etc. Thanks again!</p> | <p>Hello! Please know that you were very qualified if you were recommended to a country. I recommend adding a sense of time "urgency" saying that it would be especially critical for you to go in Fall '24 or Spring '25 if you reapply.</p> |
| <p>What sort of protections or support does the Fulbright offer for scholars who travel to regions that are potentially geopolitically unstable (e.g., Taiwan)?</p> | <p>Please review the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Safety, Health, and Security for more information: https://fulbrightscholars.org/resources/fulbright-us-scholar-program-safety-health-and-security</p> |
| <p>As an adjunct at multiple schools, is there a benefit/downside to going through one org or another, or neither?</p> | <p>We do have opportunities for adjuncts in Georgia, Azerbaijan, and many other countries.</p> |
| <p>Is there any guidance provided to professionals in matching them to the best opportunity?</p> | <p>Thank you for your inquiry! Applicants can filter for the 'professionals' career profile or the 'professional project' activity type in our award search.</p> |
| <p>Can you have two different host institutions in the same country?</p> | <p>Yes, you can! But I'd be very clear that what you're intending to do at both and be realistic about what you can accomplish in terms of your time in country and capacity.</p> |
| <p>Can scholar awards be deferred?</p> | <p>Good afternoon! Please note that per Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board policy, grants may not be postponed or deferred to a subsequent academic year. If you are unable to accept or begin your grant, you may reapply the following academic year without prejudice.</p> |
| <p>Can I apply for a Fulbright Scholar award while my application for Fulbright Specialist award is under review?</p> | <p>Hello! Yes, you can apply to both in parallel and be on the Specialist Roster while applying for our awards. However, you cannot complete the grant activities of each program at the same time.</p> |
| <p>I would appreciate help with invitation letters</p> | <p>Good afternoon! On our website we offer guidance on letters of invitations: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#steps</p> |
| <p>Is the Flex option available this round of applications?</p> | <p>Yes, it is available in 63 countries. You can filter it on the award opportunities.</p> |
| <p>If the award length is 3/6 months does that imply how long the awardee must be in that country or is that a maximum and the actual length could vary?</p> | <p>If an award says it's open to "flex," you'll be able to split the duration of the grant up into separate visits of a minimum of one month. If it doesn't, then the expectation is that you're in country the whole duration.</p> |

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| <p>What are the host institutions responsibilities? And what could scholars do if the host does not meet their responsibilities?</p> | <p>Thank you for your inquiry! Firstly, the award will state if host institutions have specific responsibilities. If the award does not, host institutions do not have specific obligations. As it is a pleasure to host Fulbright U.S. Scholars, we encourage applicants to discuss with their host institution if they can provide workspace and/or an office in addition to helping you find housing.</p> |
| <p>I'm a retired emerita professor, so not technically connected or representing university. Do I need to have a direct connection?</p> | <p>Not a direct connection, but you need to plan how are you going to share your Fulbright experience when you are back in the United States.</p> |
| <p>I am applying for the Flex option. Currently, I am considering two options as below. I will avoid the option which reduces the competitiveness of the proposal. Also, I am not sure if I can propose to start after two years if I am applying now. I am considering two years in advance because I need to get the sabbatical approval. Do you see any better option from the reviewer's perspective out of these two options?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Option 1 2024 July/Aug: 1.5 month 2025 Dec-Jan 2026: 2 months 2026 July/Aug: 1.5 months</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Option 2 2025 July/Aug: 1.5 month 2026 March-May: 3.5 month</p> | <p>Hello! Please check the Flex box at the bottom of the first page of the award to make certain these timeframes are complaint. That will be the most important thing; anything that complies with that will be equally competitive as another arrangement.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Thanks</p> | |
| <p>What is a "letter of invitation"?</p> | <p>A letter of invitation is a letter provided by the proposed host institution expressing their interest in hosting you and your proposed project.</p> <p>Applicants are responsible for obtaining and uploading the letter of invitation to their Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program application if required by the award. Please review the award you are interested in to see if this is required.</p> |
| <p>Is there a way to search for which countries have adjunct opportunities?</p> | <p>Not really, as adjuncts will be eligible for most of them! Here's a link to the full catalog: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search</p> |
| <p>Hello, Thinking down the road, are retired faculty eligible to apply?</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Good afternoon! Yes, they are :)</p> |
| <p>Is the family support only for dependent children?</p> | <p>No! It is for anyone you declare a dependent on your taxes. Parents and spouses can also be covered.</p> |
| <p>Follow up to Aferdita Krasniqi: I currently work in adult education, and am really finding value in teaching adults, though I traditionally love teaching teens. Are there needs/programs interested in that level of education?</p> | <p>Hello! For K-12 students, look into Fulbright-Hays programs. We do not administer those, however.</p> |

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| <p>Looking to do a project in Germany that would involve working with relevant museums and archives (not necessarily universities). Given that I'm not a recent graduate I assume I'd have to apply for a distinguished scholar award but I don't see one for Germany. Are there awards that I'd be eligible for?</p> | <p>Hello! You are definitely eligible for Germany's award. You will see the accept mid- and senior- level scholars on that award.</p> |
| <p>Is a spouse considered as a dependent? If so, what benefits can a dependent get?</p> | <p>Hello! If they are a dependent on your taxes, yes, they can be. If not, though, rest assured they can typically get a visa to come with you to the host country.</p> |
| <p>I believe this was mentioned a little while ago. Are we allowed to submit more than one application, say one for a Fulbright opportunity in Spain and another for a Fulbright opportunity in a different country (say Netherlands)? I am asking since these are super competitive</p> | <p>No, you may only apply to one award per application cycle.</p> |
| <p>I believe this was mentioned a little while ago. Are we allowed to submit more than one application, say one for a Fulbright opportunity in Spain and another for a Fulbright opportunity in a different country (say Netherlands)? I am asking since these are super competitive</p> | <p>There are, however, several Fulbright Schuman EU Affairs awards that would allow you to do work in both countries: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=sc+human&field_award_multi_country=All&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All&field_do_you_offer_additional_de=All</p> |
| <p>What is the acceptance rate?</p> | <p>Good afternoon! Per the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board policy, we cannot give that information.</p> |
| <p>How often does the country selection change for the IEA seminars? If at all?</p> | <p>There are changes, but there is not a set time. This is based on the awards that countries are offering in that year.</p> |
| <p>Any advice for making sure your teaching interests match a specific country program? It's less clear than research, for example</p> | <p>I'd explore what about your field is explained differently in the country you'd like to go to. Is there more of an emphasis on things that we don't necessarily do? How does this affect curriculum and syllabi? Would having an American teaching them expand on this? And how will this then impact how you teach when you return. And how will the field benefit from your time and experience doing this.</p> |
| <p>As a Ph.D. candidate, I am on track to finish my research by next May. Prior to returning to school full-time, I had the opportunity to teach graduate-level courses at a military university. I was even promoted to assistant professor during my time there. Would this teaching experience still be considered valid?</p> | <p>Hello! Yes, this absolutely counts. However, you are still an "early career" scholar, so make sure that the award that interests you accepts that career profile.</p> |
| <p>What if my terminal degree was in 2000 and I began an academic position in 2021 following 20 years of professional work? Would I qualify as an early career, mid-career, or senior academic?</p> | <p>If your experience is within the same field, you would qualify as a senior academic.</p> |
| <p>Where do we see hidden gem?</p> | <p>We are showing them now!</p> |
| <p>Can a pair of scholars apply as a team for a/one scholarship?</p> | <p>No, applications are for one applicant and each application is reviewed individually.</p> |
| <p>Is there a way to see past successful applications?</p> | <p>We cannot share whole applications, but there are useful excerpts at fulbrightscholars.org > Apply > Application Steps > Project Statement.</p> |

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| <p>I am surprised that this is considered confidential.</p> | <p>Hello! The reason is because if we say "Jordan got 0 applications last year," people would flock to it at the expense of other nations. As this is a diplomatic exercise of binational agreements, you can see how that would be detrimental.</p> |
| <p>Are Domestic Partnerships valid for family support?</p> | <p>Yes, provided they have a tax status (partners/spouses/parents/children), they are eligible for dependent support when it's listed as a benefit in the award.</p> |
| <p>Hello all! I have noticed that for many of the hidden gems, invitation letters are "recommended". I've tried reaching out to the program contact in Cabo Verde a few times but have not heard back, and that is the only contact listed. Any suggestions? Would it be all right to proceed without an invitation letter, or is it better to choose a different program?</p> | <p>Great question! As a letter of invitation is not required, but recommended, you may complete your application without a letter of invitation. Be sure to contact all contacts listed in the award to see if someone can get you in touch with the University of Cabo Verde.</p> |
| <p>Can one apply for more than one award per cycle?</p> | <p>You can only apply for one award per application cycle. You should identify an award that's a good fit for you as a scholar and your project, then focus on that!</p> |
| <p>Would you say a bit about opportunities for scholars in arts and humanities in Central Asia (the Silk Road cities/formerly Soviet republics?)</p> | <p>Hello! South and Central Asia is coming up. Jaclyn is even going to mention the Silk Road.</p> |
| <p>For the teaching track, how many classes are we supposed to teach every semester in the host university? There is no information about the number of classes in the award details</p> | <p>This depends on the host institution, which award are you interested in?</p> |
| <p>I meant individual guidance?</p> | <p>We encourage you to attend an office hour: https://apply.iie.org/portal/office_hours</p> |
| <p>Good afternoon, would the regional award offer the possibility of more than one educational institution in the same country?</p> | <p>Hello! Actually, most of our awards allow for this. Just make sure it's a true 50/50 split and that each institution is aware of the other.</p> |
| <p>Fulbright Scholar Liaison here. One of my faculty asked whether an award can be deferred from Fall 2024 to a Spring 2025 timeframe. I am 98% sure that the answer is no, but.... it makes sense to ask the experts.</p> | <p>No, there is no deferral option.</p> |
| <p>I am assuming there are more opportunities in these particular countries that are not listed?</p> | <p>Yes! We cannot cover all awards in just one hour, but please check out our awards catalogue for more info. You can filter by country. https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search</p> |
| <p>If I am from another country but live and work in the US, do I apply as if I am from US or do I apply through my home country?</p> | <p>No, these opportunities are for U.S. Scholars who are citizens of the U.S. interested in going abroad. Foreign nationals interested in the Fulbright Program to come to the US need to apply through their country of origin to come to the US.</p> |
| <p>I investigated the Finland opportunity, but it was broadly written, and I was unable to determine the degree to which it would be a strong match for my skills. What should be my next step?</p> | <p>Finland offers dozen awards and depending on your discipline you can apply to one of the partnership awards or the All Discipline award that is for those who cannot find their discipline in the specific awards.</p> |

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| <p>My teaching question is about adults who never completed high school. That is to say 18–24-year-olds trying to complete their degrees (some who might have had trouble during Covid) and adults over 24 year olds. These learning centers are often on college campuses here in the US; are there comparable programs seeking Fulbright scholars?</p> | <p>This is research that you would need to do when developing your project proposal.</p> |
| <p>Many of the awards seem based in the sciences. Are there many offered in the arts? Thank you!</p> | <p>Yes, we have many awards for the arts. You can search our awards and filter by discipline. https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search</p> |
| <p>I didn't mean by country. But, overall. Total number of proposals received for say 400 opportunities. I just want to check whether this is worth trying.</p> | <p>Unfortunately, we are not able to provide that information. However, in this webinar we are highlighting countries that are hidden gems.</p> |
| <p>What if you want to go to a specific university for a Fulbright, but that university is not listed in the list of Fulbright awards/opportunities? Is this a non-starter?</p> | <p>This depends on the award, for more information, contact the person listed on the left hand side of the award page.</p> |
| <p>This is maybe too specific, but do you know of any awards that are aimed at organismal biology, like ornithology?</p> | <p>I did a keyword search for ornithology, but didn't yield anything. But that just means that you may be eligible for the over 100 all discipline awards being offered. That's a country's "catch all" indicating they're truly open to all fields and disciplines.</p> |
| <p>I am interested in AWARD CODE 24427-AE for teaching, no mention of number of classes expected to teach every semester</p> | <p>This will depend on the host institution. Consulting the host institution will get you the most accurate answer.</p> |
| <p>I am really not clear on your response.</p> | <p>You can resubmit the question and we're happy to try and clarify.</p> |
| <p>Can you explain more about the opportunity with the Natural History Museum in Vienna, Austria? I am an academic in the Communication discipline and would like to learn more about how my area of expertise might work there.</p> | <p>Hello! I invite you to email me at EuropeEurasia@IIE.ORG</p> |
| <p>Do Fulbright staff assist with making initial contact with universities in these gems?</p> | <p>We do not.</p> |
| <p>If I am planning on applying for the fall, 2025 semester - I am assuming that the program competition will open in February, 2025. Would this be correct?</p> | <p>Good afternoon! Our current competition is open for the 2024-2025 year. If you would like to apply for Fall of 2025, you will need to apply in this current competition or for the 2025-2026 competition, which will open in February 2024.</p> |
| <p>Hello, thanks for the presentation! While I have worked and taught in my current industry (Culinary Arts) for 13+ years, I am about to go back to school for my BA. Which type of Fulbright program would be more appropriate for me to focus on, a professional program or a student program?</p> | <p>I suggest that you apply to the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.</p> |
| <p>Hello, thanks for the presentation! While I have worked and taught in my current industry (Culinary Arts) for 13+ years, I am about to go back to school for my BA. Which type of Fulbright program would be more appropriate for me to focus on, a professional program or a student program?</p> | <p>I would add that it will depend on the level of the type project you have in mind. Given your robust professional experience, you may qualify for some of the Scholar awards as a professional.</p> |

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| <p>Once established in an award country, is it typical/permitted for return trips/visits home to US?</p> | <p>Not traditionally. You're expected to be in country for the full duration of your award. The exception to this would be for awards that have the flex option.</p> |
| <p>Can you let us know how many scholarships are available for 2024-25 for each hidden gem country</p> | <p>That is always listed on each award description. Take a look at awards that interest you!</p> |
| <p>So are you saying that I should consider the research as well?</p> | <p>Yes? It will depend on the specific award you're applying for. If it is a combination teaching/research award, then yes, you must have a research component.</p> |
| <p>I'm a college professor 20+ years post PhD. Regarding teaching posts...if language is not specified should I assume I would teach in the language of the country, or English? (I'm just beginning to look, but am currently exploring sites in Ethiopia and other African countries)</p> | <p>If no language requirement is specified, you would be teaching in English.</p> |
| <p>I just got back doing a projet in Balkans / Amsterdam</p> | <p>Welcome back!</p> |
| <p>Hello! Thanks for this webinar! I've attended several now, and they are always so helpful. I'm at a point now where I think I would most benefit from an individual consultation to help me figure out my best fit in one of these "hidden gems" given my (journalism/creative writing) teaching and research experience. Is an office hour the best way to to do that?</p> | <p>Hello! Yes, Office Hours are the perfect venue for more specificity.</p> |
| <p>Am I missing it, or are there opportunities in African countries?</p> | <p>There are MANY opportunities in sub-Saharan Africa... don't worry - we are going through awards by region today. Europe and Eurasia simply happens to be first. Stay tuned!</p> |
| <p>My main interest was just to teach, not do research. But it seem as if the professor would like me to collaborate on his research.</p> | <p>Hello! You can certainly do a teaching-only award if it is listed as an option on the award, so maybe dialogue with the professor to see if he is open to that as well.</p> |
| <p>Is it an advantage or disadvantage as a candidate to have previously completed a research project in a country as part of a non-Fulbright fellowship?</p> | <p>There is not a disadvantage, priority is given to applicants who have not already had a Fulbright. We would advise you to include your justification to return to this country in your application.</p> |
| <p>Does having language experience in one of the countries give you a better chance of being selected for an award?</p> | <p>Language requirements exist in certain countries but is not required for the vast majority of our awards. But if you intend on doing research, then yes, you will be required to explain how you'll do the work with or without language skills. And having language skills could be an asset in that instance.</p> |
| <p>Does being a Fulbright Scholar tend to open doors to meeting/interviewing US foreign service professionals, ambassadors, etc.?</p> | <p>Fulbright is intended to collaborate with foreign Scholars and Students and not U.S. officials.</p> |
| <p>hello, I am a former Fulbright Scholar to India in 2008 and applying again this year to Cardiff Metropolitan Uni in Wales. Cardiff only gives one award- should I apply to UK - both are very competitive but my application is specific to the Arts and UK is the epicenter of</p> | <p>UK offers partnership awards and for the arts we have an award with the Glasgow School of Arts.</p> |

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| <p>Animation . Please advise, Catherine Bebout beboutc@montclair.edu</p> | |
| <p>You mentioned a Sep 15 deadline. However, with some of the Intl Educ Admin Programs, their application deadlines are different. Which deadlines do I need to focus on?</p> | <p>If you are applying for an IEA award, focus on the individual deadlines listed per country on our website.</p> |
| <p>Are there any opportunities outside of Europe/Eurasia?</p> | <p>Good afternoon! Yes, we have global hidden awards in all regions!</p> |
| <p>Will these slides be made available to participants? Unfortunately I arrived late. Thank you!</p> | <p>Yes, the webinar is being recorded and will be posted to our webinar library: https://fulbrightscholars.org/events/webinars</p> |
| <p>Advise if the specific Hidden Gem Europe & Eurasia Liaison are the University Primary Point of Contact or affiliated only with Fulbright? If not aligned with the University is there a list for the University Liaison or direct University Point of Contact?</p> | <p>If an award is restricted specific sites, then that will be the only institution(s) eligible for the program. Most of these instances will have the contact information for the person you will need to secure a letter of invitation from. If you are looking to affiliate with an institution not listed, but it says it's open to any institution, then you should obtain a letter from the department you are intending to collaborate with on your grant.</p> |
| <p>Some of these countries have all Awards and all Disciplines. What differences between All wards and all disciplines in these cases.</p> | <p>Some countries are more flexible and offer research or teaching in any discipline. Some other countries offer specific/partner awards.</p> |
| <p>May I submit the same application (with some updates of course)that was not awarded previously?</p> | <p>You may, however we recommend reviewing and ensuring the application is up to date.</p> |
| <p>Hi. Could you describe what is meant by "Flexible Award?" Thank you.</p> | <p>Yes, flex awards allow you to complete the award over a longer period of time, without spending the entire time in your award country. For example, you may spend 2 months in the award country, then return home for two months before returning to complete the award.</p> |
| <p>I have two international universities interested in supporting my Fulbright research proposal on human rights and reparations. I see there are limited awards for multi-country. Fulbright-Schuman European Union Affairs Program. I believe the only award that would meet a multi-country award is the Fulbright-Schuman EU Affairs program with only 2 awards. I am wondering if you recommend being hosted by only one institution and doing a scholar award for that country or risking it with a multicounty award?</p> | <p>I would USUALLY recommend always selecting the single country option whenever possible. HOWEVER, the Fulbright-Schuman award is a special opportunity that I believe would be very interested in this work, provided it directly affects issues critical to the EU at the moment. Which I think yours may be. Join the EUR office hour if you'd like to talk this through more! https://apply.iie.org/portal/office_hours</p> |
| <p>Do the Distinguished Chairs in Australia require a letter from the partner institution?</p> | <p>Good afternoon! Yes, all distinguished chair awards in Australia require letter of invitations.</p> |
| <p>I am interested in information regarding a scholar's bibliography requirement. Is this all publishing of the applicant or is the bib based on resources utilized by the applicant?</p> | <p>Hello! Please see our Application Steps page, because the guidance here has changed. It's between a bibliography and a lit review; it allows you to situate your work in your scholarly field.</p> |

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| <p>Do Distinguished Chair awards require the applicant to be a chair?</p> | <p>Thanks for your question! Most of our Distinguished Scholar awards do not require applicants to be a chair. I recommend looking at the award requirements tab more specifically to determine the requirements for that specific award.</p> |
| <p>Do you know of any particular areas that would be interested in teacher education or arts-based practices?</p> | <p>Hello Tabitha! I know we had an alum who did teacher education in Uruguay, off the top of my head. These kinds of projects are welcomed all over, though!</p> |
| <p>Can I apply for multiple centers and decide on among awards?</p> | <p>No, you may only apply to one award per application cycle.</p> |
| <p>Are there countries that are especially interested in psychiatric/mental health related background?</p> | <p>Yes, we have great awards in psychology. Check Austria has a specific award at the Freud Institute.</p> |
| <p>Greetings from LA! I applied last year as a Global Scholar, as an independent artist, to work 2 months apiece in Nigeria and Brazil: I received the "Alternate" status, so no final award. Today I heard one of you say "the Global Scholar award is our most competitive", so, while I feel better about losing, this makes me think I should apply for only one country, right? I am particularly interested in working and researching in Nigeria; however, I see their awards are for 6 months to 10 months – far longer than I can do. Am I missing anything, or misunderstanding??</p> | <p>That is correct, our global awards are the most competitive as there are the most applicant with the fewest spots. If the award period is too long, check out the flex award possibilities. This way you will not have to complete the entire award at once.</p> |
| <p>My area of interest and experience is immigration policy. I am beginning work on a book and exploring other efforts to advance policy reform. Mexico is my focus, but researching policies and approaches in other countries would strengthen my work. Is multi-national work possible?</p> | <p>Hello! I think you might be especially interested in our Carlos Rico award, which allows for approaches looking at Canada and Mexico.</p> |
| <p>if an award lists teaching responsibilities and within those 5-6 fields (law, politics, economics, arts/cultural, etc.) We would only focus/apply for our one specialty area, i.e. arts/cultural, and not need to address all the areas, correct? Would it enhance our application if we felt we were suited to teach in more than one of those areas?</p> | <p>That is correct, the field will be your specialty. The strongest applications are focused and are for one discipline. For more advice, contact the staff member listed on the left side of the award page.</p> |
| <p>I know Fulbright scholar has 900 per year. Among them, How many distinguished scholar per year?</p> | <p>Thanks for your question! As you can see in our catalog awards, there are over 40+ distinguished awards offered out of the 400+ awards in our catalog of awards.</p> |
| <p>Are awards listed as Flex or is that option available for most awards?</p> | <p>Good afternoon! It will let you know in the award details of the award if the flex option is available.</p> |
| <p>Last year, Vietnam was a hidden gem... What has changed?</p> | <p>Vietnam is hot! A lot of exciting economic developments in Vietnam over the last year, so it just means it's not *as* hidden as it may used to have been. But still a great time and program to be a part of right not.</p> |
| <p>Any opportunities in Central Asia?</p> | <p>Yes! Check them out here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&</p> |

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| If I apply next month, when would be the start date? | It depends what country and what award because every award has different start dates, but we are accepting applications for academic year 2024-25. |
| Do you have a scholars program in Ecuador? | Good afternoon! We do have an all disciplines award in Ecuador. You can find it here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/all-disciplines-668 |
| Do we get access to the recording? | Yes, the recording will be posted to our webinar library. https://fulbrightscholars.org/events/webinars |
| Thanks! I noticed that one as well as the Garcia Robles Border Scholar Travel Award, however, the "travel" term has me a little confused. Any insights on this? | If this is what you're referring to, this is a travel award only - it doesn't support a stipend or in country support: https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/fulbright-garcia-robles-mexico-us-border-scholar-travel-award-1 |
| making a big circle around my location of interest: SSAfrica (Malawi specifically) | Sub Saharan Africa Hidden Gems will be highlighted soon. Again, this is not an exhaustive list of undersubscribed opportunities. |
| What is the best way to set up a consultation if you have specific questions regarding your situation? | The best way to contact the regional lead for the award you are interested in. https://fulbrightscholars.org/contact-us |
| Post doc says recently graduated, do you know if there is a cut off of time after graduation? | Hello! Most awards want you to be within 5 years of receiving a doctoral degree, but it can range from 3-8 years. |
| Also, I wonder about the level of competition for such a focused interest (border issues)? | Hello! Specificity can only help, as fewer people are qualified for something so niche. |
| Hello , i had some Cnx issues did I miss any important info ? | The webinar is being recorded and will be posted to our webinar library: https://fulbrightscholars.org/events/webinars |
| Can you search opportunities by language? | Thank you for your inquiry! We suggest putting the language you are interested in the keyword search to determine which awards require or recommend that language. |
| Would undergraduate teaching assistant terms count as "teaching experience"? | Hello! Yes, typically we just need to see some pedagogical experience. |
| Will you be sharing this power point so that we can use the hyperlinks next to the hidden gem locations? Thank you. | Yes, the recorded webinar and ppt will be available in our webinar library: https://fulbrightscholars.org/events/webinars |
| If countries are not included as "hidden jam," does that mean that they are more competitive? | Not necessarily! But these are ones we especially wanted to highlight due to the exciting nature/uniqueness of the award/region/country. |
| I did not come across many professional projects in the alumni directory. Could you provide some advice or insight for applicants in creative fields interested in completing professional projects? | Yes - we have multiple Alumni Ambassadors who have completed professional projects, and they are always happy to help and advise. You can search them and their projects here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/alumni-ambassadors |
| My husband is a Brazilian-American (citizenship in both countries, living in US for last 25 years). It sounds | Hello! Please check each Brazilian award's Award Requirements tab to see citizenship requirements, which vary by opportunity. |

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| like he is eligible. Would his Brazilian citizenship be an advantage or disadvantage for an award to Brasil? | |
| It seems that the Scholar Awards in the UK are only for some specific universities. Are there any scholar awards that are broadly open to all universities in the UK? | The awards are determined by our colleagues in the UK, so they work to partner and select which institutions participate in the program on an annual basis. |
| Re: teaching - I'm referring specifically to the 7+ years requirements. I've taught for 6 years and two semesters of undergraduate teaching | Hello! There, I would be more inclined to count those years after your highest degree earned. |
| Why are there only 6 awards for IEA? Which of the IEA awards are the most popular? | We do offer IEA in few countries where they expressed interest to host Scholars for two weeks for a seminar. I suggest that you consider the country that interests you and where you can have a great impact. |
| I am an Algerian PhD student option English Language Teaching which opportunities you provide for PhD in this field . Thank you | For Visiting Students, please reach out to your Embassy. https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKewixjo e3hK2AAxW8D1kFHxw5BOEQFnoECCQQAQ&url=http s%3A%2F%2Fforeign.fulbrightonline.org%2Fabout%2F foreign-student-program&usg=AOvVawOHb_JPy-XKOFeitf6tVzWP&opi=89978449 |
| Rather than picking a country or region, how do you find out the subject matter interest by country such as bioethics? | Thank you for your inquiry! I suggest searching for certain terms in the keyword search as well as filtering by a broader discipline. |
| What is the difference between All Disciplines and Multiple disciplines | Hello! "Multiple Disciplines" will have a specified list in their top, blue box. "All Disciplines" means there is no disciplinary specificity. |
| Oh so it doesn't include teaching during your Ph.D.? | Hello! That could count. I think just the undergrad teaching is more nebulous unless you had significant responsibilities. |
| If you could kindly share more info on the programs you listed on Japan and Korea (new STEM) and kindly send an email with links to my email donald.Lie@ttu.edu that would be awesome! Thanks so much for your great work! Blessings don | Please go to our website: www.fulbrightscholars.org for more information on Japan and Korea (the new STEM award). |
| Can applicants apply for more than one opportunity in the current cycle? | Unfortunately, applicants can only apply to one award per competition cycle. |
| Thank you all for providing such insightful information condensed into highlights per each Scholar Award Region/Types. I am grateful for what you have done as I was asked by a senior US Department of State Representative to pursue a Fulbright Scholar Award years ago. | Thanks for your kind words! I hope you consider applying! |
| Are these SSA countries just listed in addition to others or these are the only SSA countries offering Fulbright Scholar program? | These countries are our hidden gems. You can view all awards in SSA here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search?query=&field_world_area%5B4455%5D=4455&field_award_multi_country=All&field_award_degree_reqs=All&field_invitation_req=All&field_do_you_offer_additional_de =All |

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| <p>Are there many applications submitted to work in Colombia?</p> | <p>Hello! We cannot share competitiveness between awards. But Colombia accepts up to 15 grantees per year.</p> |
| <p>Maybe you could comment to the full group about Travel awards? I don't see any information in the award description that states "it doesn't support a stipend or in country support:" as Athena stated in her response.</p> | <p>Hello! All regions except Europe will have some short-term travel benefits after you would be selected. Check the "Award Benefits" tab to see what that entails in the region that most interests you.</p> |
| <p>Okay thank you. Can you share why it's not on the hidden gems list?</p> | <p>Hello! No, I cannot share that, sorry.</p> |
| <p>I am searching for a PhD funded scholarship in my field. is it possible? another question, i am a contractual teacher of English. Can i apply for the FLTA program??</p> | <p>Please direct your questions to the Foreign Student Program: https://foreign.fulbrightonline.org/about/foreign-student-program</p> |
| <p>Hi, thanks for this helpful presentation. I am a full professor with 20 years experience, former dept chair and have many publications... but I don't feel like I am "distinguished" — my life is a mess :) . What is the line between "distinguished scholar" and "scholar"?</p> | <p>Hello! "Distinguished" only applies to the number of years you have been researching/teaching after your terminal degree. Plus, those awards often pay more. People also self-select out of "Distinguished," making it a much more specific award.</p> |
| <p>Good afternoon: I already decided which Award was my very best option in France. My main concern, after having completed all the required documents, is the Invitation Letter from members of the corresponding University. I did very interesting contacts with the Institute and have received excellent orientation. But until the 24 of August the University will not be available, as notified. Do you think I would have the time to provide the best conditions for having an Invitation letter? Thank You. Marc.</p> | <p>As long as all components are received by the award deadline on September 15th there will be no impact on your application. The letter of invitation is evidence of the host's interest in hosting you and your proposed project.</p> |
| <p>and can you give an idea of the degree of competition, e.g., # applicants to # awards? I'm a physician researcher, tenured professor, interested in issues of health equity.</p> | <p>Thank you for your inquiry! Due to Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board bylaws, we cannot reveal the number of past applicants nor current applicants. We encourage applicants to look at the application resources on our website to create a competitive application.</p> |
| <p>Hi, I was wondering about the Flex award to Japan. I was a bit confused by the maximum segment length of 4 months. The total number of months is 9. So, if I break up a flex award into two segments, is the maximum total 8 (i.e. 2 x 4) months or 9 months?</p> | <p>Hello! We have had some issues with the totals not matching in the Flex box, so I recommend emailing EastAsiaPacific@iie.org to get clarification.</p> |
| <p>I think you're right that the Carlos Rico award looks like the best fit for me. Is there a way to get information about past awards and/or awardees?</p> | <p>Yes! Go to fulbrightscholars.org > Connect > Scholar Directory. There you will need to search for Canada OR Mexico but people with both countries will come up. We just supply their project title and cannot give their email, but most people are a Google away.</p> |
| <p>Can you apply to both the Scholars program and the Specialist program at the same time?</p> | <p>Yes, you can apply and be on the Specialists roster at the same time while on a Scholar grant. But you cannot go on a Specialist grant while on your Scholar grant.</p> |
| <p>Hello! When the Award Details stipulate the country supports "up to 5 awards," what does that mean? Do</p> | <p>Thank you for your question! Indeed, the intent is to fund up to 5 quality projects for the 2024-25 academic</p> |

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| <p>they have funding for five? Will five projects get selected? Or just what the Fulbright Commission is interested in this particular year? Can you translate for me what that means? THANK YOU--great seminar!</p> | <p>year. We encourage applicants to review our application resources (application steps page, review criteria page) to create a competitive application.</p> |
| <p>But engage in each opportunity during different times (if accepted to both).</p> | <p>Hello! Yes, if you are accepted to Scholar and Specialist, you can do both activities as long as there is no overlap.</p> |
| <p>Are there SAMPLE Project Statement (examples for review) on the Fulbright website. Is there a limit of words for the project statement.</p> | <p>Hello! Go to Apply > Application Steps > Project Statement for some excerpts and to learn the page limit. There is no word limit, though!</p> |
| <p>Can the award be for 2 countries?</p> | <p>This would be in the award description if there is an option for regional visits. Traditional scholar awards are completed in 1 country only.</p> |
| <p>Hi Julia, thank you! Much appreciated. I'll send an email with my question.</p> | <p>Talk soon!</p> |
| <p>One more specific question: the Carlos Rico award specifies that a PhD or other terminal degree is required. I have a Masters in Community and Regional Planning as well as 20 years of professional experience as executive director of a nonprofit serving immigrant families. Might a Masters degree be considered a terminal degree in this case?</p> | <p>You might be a better expert than I there, as I am not sure if there is a PhD in your field.</p> |
| <p>If a country is not included in today's presentation, does it mean it's not considered a hidden gem?</p> | <p>Note that hidden gems are simply a sample of what our regions have to offer. You can search awards on our site fulbrightscholars.org</p> |
| <p>Hi from Wisconsin. Thank you for this great webinar on Hidden Gems. What is the application timeframe or target application due date for a 2025-26 Fulbright Fellowship?</p> | <p>The application will be due September 15th.</p> |
| <p>If a letter of invitation is not required, does it strengthen the application to have a letter of recommendation from the host country or institution?</p> | <p>If possible, we encourage applicants to solicit a letter of invitation if it is preferred or optional as it is a missed opportunity not to speak with your potential host institution about their institutional needs.</p> |
| <p>Can we use the directory for the IEA award?</p> | <p>Yes</p> |
| <p>What is a reference list?</p> | <p>The Reference List demonstrates to the review committee that you are aware of the current state of research or work related to the discipline of your proposed project. It should contain sources that situate your project in the current field and include any critical theory informing your project. References may include (but are not limited to) journal articles, books, newspaper articles, works or exhibitions by other artists, conference proceedings, reports, films or videos, collection articles, court cases, microforms, websites, and digital images.</p> |
| <p>What level of admin do you recommend for letters of rec? Dept chair, Dean, VP? Former student?</p> | <p>1st Recommendation must come from your home institution, ideally your Head of Department, Deant, but not a student. 2nd Letter can come from a colleague outside your home institution.</p> |

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| <p>Are US citizens currently living in Canada eligible for any of these awards?</p> | <p>Good afternoon! Applicants who have resided abroad for five or more consecutive years in the six-year period preceding the application deadline are ineligible. A period of nine months or more during a calendar year constitutes a full year. If you have been living in Canada less than that timeframe, you are still eligible.</p> |
| <p>Is Malaysia considered a hidden gem?</p> | <p>It is a great country to do a Fulbright.</p> |
| <p>Clarify "Reference List" please; thank you.</p> | <p>The Reference List demonstrates to the review committee that you are aware of the current state of research or work related to the discipline of your proposed project. It should contain sources that situate your project in the current field and include any critical theory informing your project. References may include (but are not limited to) journal articles, books, newspaper articles, works or exhibitions by other artists, conference proceedings, reports, films or videos, collection articles, court cases, microforms, websites, and digital images.</p> |
| <p>I am currently a Fulbright Specialist. My roster term ends in 2025. Can I still apply to the Fulbright scholars program?</p> | <p>You can still apply for a U.S. Scholar award while you're on the roster, but remember that you can't carry out a Specialist grant and a U.S. Scholar Award concurrently</p> |
| <p>I need the person, committee name whom the host institution can write a letter. For example, I am applying for Nepal. Tribhuvan University is going to give a letter as a host institution. I do not know whom to address it. Is it need to be addressed to Fulbright selection committee?</p> | <p>You may address it as such, or to whom it may concern.</p> |
| <p>Would a Postdoctoral Award be considered "All Disciplines"? Or, is that a specific award? Thanks.</p> | <p>Check the award description! Many postdoctoral awards are open to all disciplines, but the award will specify whether it's restricted to certain fields.</p> |
| <p>Is India included in your list?</p> | <p>India was included in our presentation today! You can see all awards on fulbrightscholars.org</p> |
| <p>Hi, are the short essays required? I didn't see that on the slide. Thank you for this fantastic talk!</p> | <p>Yes, they are required.</p> |
| <p>Any requirement on whether the recommendation letters should be internal or external (e.g, collaborators)?</p> | <p>1st Letter is from your home institution and the 2nd from outside your home institution.</p> |
| <p>Are the referee letters due on September 15th as well?</p> | <p>Yes.</p> |
| <p>Are there hidden gems for music, music technology and/or music composition? I am flexible about location, but it's hard to find places that offer awards in these areas?</p> | <p>Hello! I know there is an award in Austria, the Botstiber award, that is looking for music. There is also a performing arts award in Egypt.</p> |
| <p>are references from my current university and/or from the host institute/university?</p> | <p>References are from anyone who can speak to your professional qualities and achievements. One letter should be from a colleague or supervisor at your current place of employment. If your institution or employer recently changed, one of the letters should be from someone at your previous institution or</p> |

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| | <p>employer.</p> <p>One letter should be from a colleague within your discipline. This can be someone outside of your current place of employment and can include colleagues with whom you have collaborated on research in the last several years in the U.S. or abroad.</p> |
| Can you apply if you plan to defend your PhD before starting the program? | Check the award description! Typically, you can apply as you're completing your PhD, but you must complete your degree before the start of the fellowship |
| Is the due date September 15 or September 25? | September 15! |
| I thought the application deadline was October 10th. Am I thinking of something different? | The application deadline for Fulbright U.S. Scholar awards is September 15. |
| Does it help at all if you were an alternate the previous year? | Hello! No, each application is a brand-new one. But know that being an Alternate means you had a very strong application indeed. |
| Where, specifically, can I learn about flex awards? thanks! | You can search in our awards list for awards open to Flex (see the search criteria). Feel free to reach out to us with other questions! |
| Yes, the "field" i questionable and general multi-disciplinary when it comes to immigration (economic, human rights, public policy, international relations, etc.) | Hello! Yes, we understand. Please choose the discipline with which you most closely identify that appears on the award to ensure a smooth application process. |
| I had a Fulbright student award during 2020, and only completed two months of the award before being sent back to the US due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Would I still receive lower priority as an applicant to future Fulbright awards, or would the extenuating circumstances be taken into consideration? | Hello! Fulbright Student awards do not count against you and only add to your "Cultural Preparation" short essay. |
| what is the percentage of recommended applications being ultimately advanced/accepted (by host countries), 50 percent? 75 percent? | We do not release these statistics. |
| Do the review processes usually involve interviews? | No, they are primarily based on your application. |
| Thank you. For which country was there a mention of projects to support river ecology? | Guyana! |
| How can I find the office hours? | Fulbrightscholars.org > Connect > Office Hours |
| Will the transcript with all questions asked and answers be made available? | Yes! |
| Does being a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer factor in to awardee decisions? | It can! If you can demonstrate how your time as Peace Corps volunteer can contribute to your cultural understanding and adaptability. Hello from RPCV Uzbekistan 01 |
| Are letters of recommendation preferred from Chair of department? | <p>One letter should be from a colleague or supervisor at your current place of employment. If your institution or employer recently changed, one of the letters should be from someone at your previous institution or employer.</p> <p>One letter should be from a colleague within your discipline. This can be someone outside of your current place of employment and can include</p> |

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| | colleagues with whom you have collaborated on research in the last several years in the U.S. or abroad. |
| will we get a copy of this webinar? | This webinar is being recorded and will be archived on our site. We'll send it to those registered as well |
| I'm here today but considering for 2025-2026. Is there a great deal of change from year to year with awards offered? Or can I expect similar opportunities the next cycle? | Hello! We cannot be sure an award will be offered again, so if there's a very specific one that interests you, I recommend applying this year! |
| Do you assist in finding positions when no letter of invitation is required? | Unfortunately, no! |