Fulbright Scholar Program Opportunities

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Institute of International Education
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International education exchange is the most significant current project designed to continue the process of humanizing mankind to the point, we would hope, that nations can learn to live in peace.

- Established 1946
- Sends U.S. academics and professionals overseas and brings scholars and professionals from abroad to the U.S.
- Sponsored by U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
- Administered by the Institute of International Education’s Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)
Fulbright U.S. Scholar Programs

Programs are active in over 125 countries for faculty, administrators and professionals

Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program - Annual competition; teaching and/or research; two to twelve months

Fulbright Specialist Program - Six deadlines per year; teaching and development; two to six weeks

Administrators and Seminar Programs - Annual competition; teaching, seminar, and/or research; vary from two week to two month exchanges
Eligibility for U.S. Scholar Programs

- U.S. citizenship
- A Ph.D. or professional/terminal degree
  - Core Program requires PhD in hand by February 2017 for the 2017-2018 competition
  - Many awards in the Core Program are open to MA and professional or academic experience
- Professionals and artists outside academia - recognized professional standing and substantial accomplishments
- Teaching experience as required by award
- Preference is given to candidates who have not previously received a Fulbright Scholar grant
Navigating the Catalog of Awards

• Awards in Catalog are created in the hosting country by the local Fulbright Commission or the American embassy
• Search by Country, Regional, or Global listings
• Search by Activity - teaching, research or both
• Search by a specific Discipline or All Discipline
• 50% of grants are All Discipline awards
• Read award descriptions and stipend information carefully
• Contact CIES program officer(s) for more information about awards and countries
Fulbright Flex Awards

• The Flex Award is designed for scholars who require multiple visits to the host country over short segments
  • May space visits over 2 years
• Applicants must indicate plans for Flex in their project statement, including a project timeline.
• Flex grantees may be asked to give public talks, mentor students, and otherwise engage with the host-country academic community
• Opportunities in some country and some regional awards
Application Components

- Application Form
- Project Statement
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Course Outlines or Syllabi (for teaching awards)
- Select Bibliography (for research awards)
- References
- Supplemental Materials (depending on award)
  - Language Proficiency Report
  - Letter of Invitation
  - Additional materials for applicants in the Arts, Architecture, Writing and Journalism
What is the Review Process and the Timeline?

AUGUST
CIES staff conduct technical reviews for completeness

SEPTEMBER
Discipline-specific committees review applications

SEPTEMBER-EARLY NOVEMBER
U.S. peer review committees discuss applications for a single geographical region

NOVEMBER-JANUARY
Applicants notified of status - Recommended applications are sent to host countries and to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board

FEBRUARY-MAY
Grantees notified of final approvals

MAY-JUNE
Grant packets sent to grantees
Application Resources

- CIES website – [www.cies.org](http://www.cies.org)
- Online **Catalog of Awards** and Application
- Program Overview, Guidelines, Frequently Asked Questions and Tips for Applying
- CIES **Webinars**
- The Fulbright Scholar **Blog**
- **MyFulbright** Community