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TITLE OF PRESENTATION

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FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR PROGRAM
COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF SCHOLARS
WASHINGTON DC
“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)
Presentation Overview

- Introduction
- How to apply for Fulbright Scholar grants
- Additional Fulbright Scholar opportunities for U.S. faculty and professionals
- Fulbright Visiting Scholar opportunities
Eligibility

- U.S. citizenship
- A Ph.D. or professional/terminal degree
- Professionals and artists outside academia - recognized professional standing and substantial accomplishments
- Teaching experience as required by award
- As a general matter, preference for Fulbright Scholar opportunities will be given to candidates who have not previously received a Fulbright Scholar grant
Who Are Fulbrighters?

- Grantees from nearly 500 institutions
- 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam
- All levels and ranks of academe
- Tenured and untenured
- Postdoc and new faculty
- Professionals
- Artists, writers, independent and retired scholars
- From every type of institution
Language Requirements

- English - most teaching awards
- Spanish - most awards in Latin America
- Portuguese - desirable in Brazil
- French - Francophone Africa
- Research awards - language skills appropriate for completion of the project
Is My Field Represented?

- All academic fields and many professional fields are eligible
- Traditional Humanities and Social Sciences
  - Hard and Applied Sciences
  - Technology
  - Engineering and Mathematics
  - Performing and Visual Arts
- Interdisciplinary fields
- 584 Awards listed for 2015-2016
- 300+ All/Multiple Discipline Awards 2015-2016
Opportunities to 125+ Countries

More than 1,200 Grants:
- Faculty
- Administrators
- Professionals

Grant Lengths:
- Core grants of - two to 12 months
- Specialist trips - two to six weeks
- Seminars - two to three weeks
2013-14 U.S. Scholar Grants by Activity

- Teaching: 22%
- Research: 27%
- Teaching/Research: 39%
- Seminar: 12%
What’s New for 2015-2016?

• Salary supplements for teaching and teaching/research grants in 85 countries
• Global TEFL award
• Postdoc/Early career awards
• Flex awards
• New awards and countries
  • Fulbright-Terra Foundation Awards
  • Fulbright-Fogarty Postdoctoral Research Awards
  • Belize, the Bahamas and Guyana
• Changes to lifetime limit and time between grants
Multi-Country Opportunities

- Sub-Saharan - Africa Regional Research Program
- Middle East and North Africa Regional Research Program
- East Asia and the Pacific - Cross-Strait Studies
- South and Central Asia Regional Research Program
- Europe: Fulbright-Schuman European Union Affairs, Austrian-Hungarian Research Award
- Western Hemisphere: Fulbright-Carlos Rico Award for North American Studies
Application Resources

- CIES Website: [www.iie.org/cies](http://www.iie.org/cies)
- Online [Catalog of Awards](http://www.iie.org/cies) and application
- Program overview, Guidelines, Frequently Asked Questions and Tips for Applying
- CIES [Webinars](http://www.iie.org/cies)
- The Fulbright Scholar [Blog](http://www.iie.org/cies)
- [My Fulbright](http://www.iie.org/cies) community
Selecting an Award

- Awards are created in the hosting country by the local Fulbright Commission or the American embassy
- Country listings
- Activity? Teaching, research or both
- Indices – by 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
Application Process

- 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
Making Contacts Abroad

- International office on your campus
- Online U.S. and Visiting Fulbright Scholars List – searchable by discipline and country
- International division of your professional organization
- Who is publishing in your field
- CIES program officer may be able to help
- Online web searches ([Universities Worldwide](#))
Submitting a Competitive Application

• Match your expertise, experience and proposal to the award description
• Focus on what you plan to DO
• Biographical information chiefly in the C.V.
• Get three strong, current reference letters
• One from your supervisor, if teaching
• One from someone not at your institution
• One from a colleague who knows your work well
• Each part of an application relates to the whole and supports your candidacy
• Self-introduction to reviewers
• Opportunity to provide answers to the questions reviewers may have about you
• Why Fulbright and why this particular place
• What professional experience and skills will you bring to a host institution and country
• Outcomes from the grant, focus on the impact on hosts, home institution and you
• How adaptable are you? How well will you deal with challenging situations?
August: CIES staff review for completeness, etc.
September: Discipline review committees read electronically
October to November: U.S. peer review committees meet to discuss a single geographical region
November through January: Applicants notified of status, either recommended or not recommended
February through May: Recommended applications sent to host countries and J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board for final approval
May through June: Grant packets sent to grantees
Grant Benefits

- Package includes stipend, in-country living allowance, travel for grantee
- Some countries add travel for dependents, dependent schooling, research allowance, book allowance
- Stipends and living allowances vary considerably from country to country
- New, enhanced grant structure for some countries
- Country benefits are found with the award descriptions at [http://catalog.cies.org/](http://catalog.cies.org/)
Additional Opportunities

- Fulbright Specialist Program
- Seminars for International Education Administrators
- Fulbright NEXUS Regional Scholar Program
Fulbright Specialist Program

- Two to six-week consulting and/or teaching opportunities
- Institutions overseas develop projects and request specialists from the roster
- Rolling deadline
- Reviewed and placed on Fulbright Specialist roster for five years
- Program does not support research
- Twenty-five eligible disciplines, including STEM education fields
Global Initiatives

- International Education Administrator Seminars (IEA)
  - India: AUGUST 1
  - Japan and Korea: NOVEMBER 1
  - France, Germany: FEBRUARY 3

- Fulbright NEXUS Regional Scholar Program III
Visiting (Non-US) Scholar Programs

- Core Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program
- Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF)
- Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence (S-I-R) Program
- Fulbright Faculty Development Programs for Iraq, Lebanon, Palestinian Territories (West Bank and Gaza) and Afghanistan
- Fulbright NEXUS Regional Scholar Program
Core Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program

- Visiting Scholars from other countries research, teach and help internationalize U.S. campuses
- Overseas scholars should contact the Fulbright commission or U.S. Embassy in their home countries
- Letter of invitation from potential host is always useful
Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF)

- Travel support for Fulbright Visiting Scholars already in the U.S. for short-term guest teaching
- Browse Fulbright Scholar List to seek out a scholar that fits the host institution’s needs and interests
- Scholar lists become available 1 October
- Contact: OLF@iie.org
Scholar-In-Residence Program

- Brings scholars and professionals from abroad to campuses that do not often host visiting scholars
- Involves colleges and universities that serve student populations underrepresented in international exchange programs
- Application is made by the interested U.S. institution
- Deadline is OCTOBER 15
Visiting Scholar Programs for Iraq, Lebanon and Palestinian Territories

Visiting Scholar Program for Iraq
• Junior scholars for faculty development, mentoring and cultural exchange
• Hosting cohorts in specific disciplines

Visiting Scholar Program for Lebanon
• Junior scholars for faculty development, mentoring and cultural exchange
• Hosting cohorts in specific disciplines

Visiting Scholar Program for Palestinian Territories
• Junior scholars for faculty development, mentoring and cultural exchange
• Hosting cohorts in specific disciplines
Other Fulbright Programs

**Fulbright U.S. Student Program**
- For recent graduates, postgraduate candidates up through dissertation level and developing professionals and artists to study and research abroad

**Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program**
- Principally for primary- and secondary-level educators

**Fulbright-Hays Awards**
- For faculty research, group projects and seminars abroad in certain social sciences and humanities fields
- Administered by the International Education and Graduate Programs Service of the U.S. Department of Education: [www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/iegps](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/iegps)