Fulbright Information Session

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Who’s in the “Zoom Room”?

- Add to Zoom Chat
- Department?
- Fulbright experience? (Specialist or Scholar)
Learning Objectives:
By the end of this session, you should be able to...

- Describe application requirements, timeline and process for Fulbright Scholars and Specialist programs
- Search for Fulbright opportunities
- Start preparing your Fulbright action plan
- Describe how the CFE and alums can assist you in your Fulbright application
Overview

Fulbright Scholars Program

Established 1946 to expand and strengthen the relationships between the people of the United States and citizens of the rest of the world

Sponsored by U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and administered by the Institute of International Education’s Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)

“Education is the best means—probably the only means—by which nations can cultivate a degree of objectivity about each other’s behavior and intentions.”
- J. William Fulbright
Overview

Fulbright over the years...

**Fulbright Facts**

- **160 Countries**
  Since its inception in 1946, over 400,000 Fulbrighters have participated from over 160 countries.

- **8000 Fellowships**
  Annually, the Fulbright Program awards approximately 8,000 fellowships.

**Fulbright Alumni Include**

- **40 Heads of State or Government**
- **61 Nobel Prize Laureates**
- **76 MacArthur Foundation Fellows**
- **89 Pulitzer Prize Recipients**
Fulbright Programs for U.S. Scholars

• **U.S. Scholars Program** (administered by The Council for International Exchange of Scholars, CIES)
  – Fulbright Scholar Awards (teaching and/or research) “Traditional”
  – Distinguished Chair/Scholar
  – Postdoctoral/early career (<5 years)
  – Flex
  – Global/Multi-country
  – Public Policy Fellowship
  – Roving Scholar (Norway)
  – [International Education Administrators](#) (IEA), senior Higher Ed officials
  – Arctic Initiatives Programs

• **Specialist Program** administered by World Learning
U.S. Scholar Awards

Eligibility for U.S. Fulbright Scholars

U.S. citizenship
Applicants must hold U.S. citizenship at the time of application. Permanent residence is not sufficient.

Residency abroad
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.

Degree and/or Experience
Award descriptions specify where a Ph.D., other terminal degree, or comparable professional qualifications are required. Veterans given priority when all other qualifications appear equal. Current faculty, administrators, and experienced professionals are encouraged to apply. Postdoctoral candidates are encouraged to apply for postdoctoral awards. Students/recent grads see opportunities via the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

Prior Fulbright Scholar Awards
Re-eligible after a two-year pause (does not apply to Specialists). Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously received a Scholar award.

Department of State employees and their immediate family
No.

Terms/Definitions, policies
U.S. Scholar Awards

Specs for 2023-2024 applicants

- 400 Scholars awards available across 135 countries
- Grantees can use their awards to teach, conduct research, or do both
- Duration 2-12 months or Flex(ible) option or Global Scholar options
- **Catalog of Awards**
- Deadline: September 15, 2021
Peruse the Catalog of Awards

Welcome to the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Catalog of Awards 2023-2024

The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program is the largest program of its kind in the United States, awarding more than 800 fellowships annually. Over 400 different types of opportunities are available to teach, research and conduct professional projects in more than 135 countries. Whether you are higher education faculty and administrators, or professionals, artists, journalists, scientists, and independent scholars outside of the academy, the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program has international opportunities to fit your needs and further your goals.

Deadline: September 15, 2022

https://awards.cies.org/ Council for International Exchange of Scholars
## Components of Scholar Applications

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**NOTE:**
--Important to refer to award description to know exact requirements
--Some fields have additional supplemental material requirements.
## U.S. Scholars Awards

### Project Statements Compared

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<th>Research</th>
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<td>Why this country?</td>
<td>What do you propose to do?</td>
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<td>What is the background of the project?</td>
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<td><strong>Implementation</strong></td>
<td>What do you propose to teach?</td>
<td>How will you carry out the research?</td>
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<td>How feasible is your project?</td>
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<td>How adapt materials to culture/language of host country?</td>
<td>How may local political/cultural factors impact your research?</td>
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<td>What if English is not the first language of your students?</td>
<td>How will your results be disseminated?</td>
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<td><strong>Experience</strong></td>
<td>What teaching experience?</td>
<td>What is your professional experience?</td>
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<td>Relevant country experience?</td>
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<td><strong>Impact</strong></td>
<td>Impact on your teaching/professional work home and abroad?</td>
<td>Project significance for your discipline?</td>
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<td>How use experience upon return?</td>
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Combo/Flex/Global/Prior Awardee considerations

For more info click here
U.S. Scholar Awards

Reference Letters

• For research awards: 2
  — One letter from a colleague or supervisor at your current place of employment.
  — One letter should be from a colleague within your discipline and outside of your current place of employment.

• Teaching and teaching/research awards: 2
  — As above, but at least one of which evaluates your abilities as instructor

• You are responsible for ensuring referees are registered and that they submit letters online through a 2-step process by deadline

• Referees should be able to evaluate your professional work and merits of proposed teaching and/or research project

https://cies.org/application-requirements
Letters of Invitation

• May be required, recommended, optional, not required
  – See “Invitation Requirements and Developing Contacts Abroad” in Catalog of Awards, and search for your specific program requirements there as well.

• If letter is expected:
  – Write to host contact directly; include copy of cv, and description of activities you will want to pursue
  – If host contact agrees there is a match, you may request letter of invitation
  – Letter of invitation writer cannot provide reference letter
  – If letter not in English, include English translation of it, along with original
  – Letter is not binding, and know that host may invite others!

• Content: should include activities, timeline, host’s interest, how it benefits them (for each country if Global Scholar)

• Confirm host eligibility via check with Fulbright staff.
# U.S. Scholars Awards

## Review Criteria—Teaching Awards

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<td>• Professional qualifications</td>
<td>CV, Statement, references, Letter of Invitation (if applicable, should demonstrate match)</td>
<td>• What experiences have prepared you to teach in host country?</td>
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<td>• Matching expertise to award</td>
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<td>• Teaching experiences?</td>
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<td>Teaching ability</td>
<td>CV, Syllabus, reference that speaks to your ability as instructor, Statement</td>
<td>What courses or activities you propose?</td>
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<td>Quality and feasibility of activities proposed</td>
<td>Statement, Syllabus, Letter of Invitation (if applicable)</td>
<td>• What courses or activities you propose?</td>
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<td>• How adapt your materials to the culture/language of host country?</td>
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<td>Outcomes, potential impact and benefits for host</td>
<td>Statement, letter of invitation (if applicable)</td>
<td>• Expected impact on your teaching and/or professional work—in host country and home?</td>
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<td>and home institutions</td>
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<td>• Expected use of experience upon return?</td>
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<td>• How will you disseminate your results?</td>
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Additional review details at [https://cies.org/programs/us-scholar-awards#review-criteria](https://cies.org/programs/us-scholar-awards#review-criteria)
# U.S. Scholars Awards

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<td>CV, Statement, references</td>
<td>Research/professional experience?</td>
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<td>Intellectual merit</td>
<td>Statement, bibliography</td>
<td>• What do you propose to do?&lt;br&gt;• Background of project? (Solid understanding of state of current research)&lt;br&gt;• How will you carry out the proposed research?</td>
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<td>• Feasibility&lt;br&gt;• Need for residence in host country</td>
<td>Statement, Letter of Invitation (if applicable)</td>
<td>• How feasible is your project in terms of facilities/resources in host country(ies) and amount of time allocated?</td>
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<td>Outcomes, potential impact and benefits for host and home institutions</td>
<td>Statement, Letter of Invitation (if applicable)</td>
<td>• Project significance for discipline/home institution, your development, and host country’s benefit?&lt;br&gt;• How may local political or cultural issues impact your work?&lt;br&gt;• How will your results be disseminated?</td>
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## U.S. Scholars Awards

### Review Criteria—All Awards

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<td>Foreign language proficiency</td>
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<td>Having prior Fulbright</td>
<td>Statement</td>
<td>• What accomplishments and contributions resulted from your earlier</td>
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<td>• Fulbright work?</td>
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<td>• How will this application build on your previous Fulbright experience?</td>
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<td>Veteran Status</td>
<td>CV</td>
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<td>Personal qualities</td>
<td>Statement, references, letter of invitation (if applicable)</td>
<td>Statement should reflect a genuine enthusiasm of being collegial, having cultural</td>
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<td>adaptability, and sensitivity</td>
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Fulbright Scholars Timelines
2022 Applicants (2023-24 awards)

• Applications Open | **February 2022**

• Application deadlines | **September 15**

• IIE/CIES reviews (eligibility/technical) | **September**

• Peer Review Committee | **October-November**

• Notifications of peer review status **recommendations** | **Nov-December**

• Public Affairs Sections (of Embassies or binational Fulbright Commissions) **In country review/nominations** | **December-April**

• Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board final decisions & notifications | **January-May 2023**

• Finalize award details/start dates/orientations | **June-Onward**

https://cies.org/
U.S. Scholars Awards

Grant Benefits

• Base stipend/maintenance
  – Salary supplement available for *some* teaching and teaching/research awards

• Housing

• Additional allowances and special benefits could include:
  – Travel for you (and possibly family)
  – Relocation allowance
  – Book research allowance
  – Dependent tuition allowance

• Benefits vary considerably by award, so check Catalog of Awards for benefits
Fulbright Specialist Program (FSP)

- Still State Department-funded program but now administered by Worldlearning.org: https://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org/eligibility-specialists/
- Awards to qualified U.S faculty to engage in short-term, collaborative projects with other professionals at higher education institutions abroad
- You serve as expert consultant in your discipline
# Specialist Versus U.S. Scholars

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<td><strong>Duration</strong></td>
<td>2-12 months (continuous)</td>
<td>2-6 weeks</td>
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<td><strong>Purpose</strong></td>
<td>Teaching, research, or combination of research/teaching</td>
<td>Needs of host institutions; not personal research</td>
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<td><strong>Institutional Commitment</strong></td>
<td>At time of applying</td>
<td>After being put on Roster</td>
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<td>Sept. 15, 2022</td>
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<td><strong>Application</strong></td>
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Fulbright Specialist Process

Host Institutions
- Need + Idea
  - Submits Project Proposal
  - Receives Fulbright Commission/U.S. Embassy Approval
  - Receives U.S. Department of State Approval

Specialists
- Skills + Knowledge
  - Applies to Join Fulbright Specialist Roster
  - Approved by Peer Review Panel
  - Added to Roster and Eligible to be Matched with a Project

Open vs Named Projects

Project Matched with a Qualified Individual from the Roster

Specialist Approved by J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board
Considerations When Applying

• Unlike the U.S. Scholars Program, you do not need to secure placement at particular host institution at time of applying

• Acceptance to the roster means you are a candidate. Not all candidates are guaranteed grants.

• Once on a roster, begin to establish connections at your target host institutions (technically, you could begin earlier)
Delivering a seminar or workshop
Consulting on faculty or workforce development
Developing academic or training curricula and materials
Lecturing at the graduate or undergraduate level
Conducting needs assessments or evaluations for a program or institution
Research collaborations
Identifying Possible Host Institutions

- Your contacts
- Departmental or campus international office.
- Networking with foreign faculty
- Peruse professional journals in your field to find authors or institutions from particular countries)
- Contact [UNC’s Area Studies Research Centers](#) funded by Title VI of the Department of Education

- Use this link to find where past Specialists did their projects: [Participating Countries](#)
FSP

Review Criteria

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<td>CV, Education, Employment history/specializations, leadership in field, references</td>
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<td>Suitability to Specialist Grant Activity</td>
<td>CV, Employment history/specializations, references</td>
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<td>Cross-cultural communication skills and adaptability</td>
<td>Essays 1-2, language proficiency record, references</td>
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<td>Expected benefits to host institution (stakeholders)</td>
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<td>Personal qualities</td>
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Essay 1: Why are you interested and how you and your activities benefit you and your host’s institution.

Essay 2: Experience working internationally and why you think you’d be effective at the host institution.

https://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org/specialist-application-process/
FSP

Grant Benefits for Specialist

- Roundtrip, economy-class airfare
- Transit allowance
- Enrollment in health benefits program
- Daily honorarium ($ not specified)
- Lodging, meals, and in-country travel expenses
Your Action Plan!
See the Google document: “9 things you can do now...”
Assistance From the CFE and/or Alums

• Online Resources at Teams site including successful UNC grants!
• Keep updated listing of UNC-CH FSP and U.S. Scholars grantees
• Facilitate networking with past/current grantees
• Provide individual consultations as needed with application components or help with submitting the application
• Can coordinate mock review of application
• Contact information
  – cfe@unc.edu
## UNC Faculty Fulbright Alum: Roger Narayan

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<td>Narayan</td>
<td>Engineering Education</td>
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