



Fulbright Information Session

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**Fulbright experience (Specialist or
Scholar)**

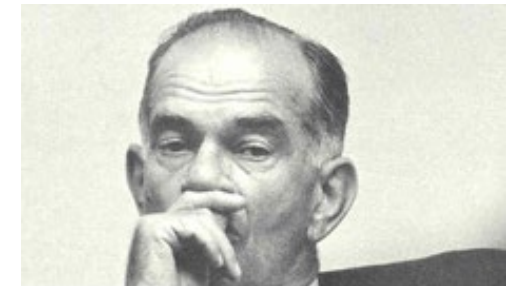
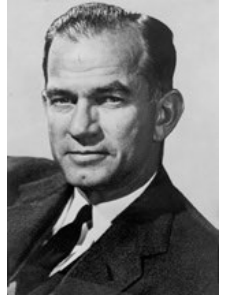
Learning Objectives:

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 UNC Fulbright alumni can assist you with your 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



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Fulbright Scholars Program

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



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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 or Scholar
 - Postdoctoral or Early Career (<5 years)
 - Flex
 - Global or 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)

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](#)

Specs for 2023-24 Applicants

- 400 Scholars awards available across 135 countries
- Grantees can use their awards to teach, conduct research, or do both
- Duration is 2-12 months, or Flex(ible) option, or Global Scholar options
- [Catalog of Awards](#)
- Deadline: September 15, 2022

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

SELECT ONE OF THE FILTERS BELOW OR

BROWSE ALL AWARDS

Select Region



or

Select Country/Area



Select Discipline



SEARCH AWARDS

Components of Scholar Applications

For All Applications	Research/Teaching Supplementary Materials
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project Statement• CV• Reference Letters (2) <p><i>Depending on country:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letter of Invitation• Language Proficiency Report	<p>For research awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Select Bibliography <p>For teaching awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Course Syllabi <p>For research and teaching awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bibliography• Course Syllabi

NOTE:

- Important to refer to award description to know exact requirements.
- Some fields have additional supplemental material requirements.

Project Statements Compared

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

Combo/Flex/Global/Prior Awardee considerations

[For more info click here](#)

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 a least one of which evaluates your abilities as instructor
- **You are responsible for insuring 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**

Letters of Invitation

- May be required, recommended, or **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 is 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, and how it benefits them (for each country if Global Scholar)
- Confirm host eligibility via Fulbright staff

Review Criteria – Teaching Awards

Criterion	Components of Application	Questions From Project Statement
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Professional qualifications•Matching expertise to award	CV, Statement, References, Letter of Invitation (if applicable, should demonstrate match)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What experiences have prepared you to teach in host country?• Teaching experiences?
Teaching ability	CV, Syllabus, Reference that speaks to your ability as Instructor, Statement	What courses or activities do you propose?
Quality and feasibility of activities proposed	Statement, Syllabus, Letter of Invitation (if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What courses or activities do you propose?• How do you adapt your materials to the culture and language of host country?• How do you adapt to an environment in which first language of students is not English?
Outcomes, potential impact, and benefits for host and home institutions	Statement, Letter of Invitation (if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expected impact on your teaching and/or professional work—in host country and home?• Expected use of experience upon return?• How will you disseminate your results?

Review Criteria – Research Awards

Criterion	Components of Application	Questions From Project Statement
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professional qualifications• Suitability	CV, Statement, References	Research and professional experience?
Intellectual merit	Statement, Bibliography	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What do you propose to do?• Background of project? (Solid understanding of state of current research)• How will you carry out the proposed research?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feasibility• Need for residence in host country	Statement, Letter of Invitation (if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How feasible is your project in terms of facilities or resources in host country(ies) and amount of time allocated?
Outcomes, potential impact, and benefits for host and home institutions	Statement, Letter of Invitation (if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project significance for discipline, home institution, your development, and host country's benefit?• How may local political or cultural issues impact your work?• How will your results be disseminated?

Review Criteria – All Awards

Criterion	Components of Application	Questions From Project Statement
Foreign language proficiency	Self-Evaluation and/or Formal Evaluation Reports	
Having prior Fulbright	Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What accomplishments and contributions resulted from your earlier Fulbright work?• How will this application build on your previous Fulbright experience?
Veteran status	CV	
Personal qualities	Statement, References, Letter of Invitation (if applicable)	<p>Statement should reflect a genuine enthusiasm of being collegial, having cultural adaptability, and sensitivity</p> <p>Also, for teaching:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why teach in this country?• What experiences have prepared you to teach in this country?

Fulbright Scholars Timelines

2022 Applicants (2023-24 awards)

- Applications open: **February**
- Application deadlines: **September 15**
- IIE/CIES reviews (eligibility/technical): **September**
- Peer Review Committee: **October-November**
- Notifications of peer review status recommendations: **November-December**
- Public Affairs Sections (of Embassies or binational Fulbright Commissions) In-Country Review and Nominations: **December-April**
- Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board final decisions and notifications: **January-May 2023**
- Finalize award details/start dates/orientations: **June-onward**

<https://cies.org/>

Grant Benefits

- **Base stipend and/or 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**

U.S. Scholars Versus Specialist

	U.S. Scholars	Specialist
Duration	2-12 months (continuous)	2-6 weeks
Purpose	Teaching, research, or combination of teaching and research	Needs of host institutions; not personal research
Institutional Commitment	At time of applying	After being put on Roster
Deadline	September 15, 2022	Rolling
Application	Project Statement	2 essays

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 Joint Fulbright Specialist Roster
- ✓ Approved by Peer Review Panel
- ✓ Added to Roster and Eligible for Match with a Project

**Projects Matched with a Qualified
Individual from the Roster**

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**Specialist Approved by J. William
Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board**

Specialist Program Activity Examples

- **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](#)

Review Criteria

Criterion (check definitions!)	Components of Application
Professional qualifications	CV, Education, Employment History and Specializations, Leadership in Field, References
Suitability to Specialist Grant Activity	CV, Employment History and Specializations, References
Cross-cultural communication skills and adaptability	Essays 1-2, Language Proficiency Record, References
Expected benefits to host institution (stakeholders)	Essays 1-2, References
Personal qualities	Essays 1-2

Essay 1: Why you are interested, and how you and your activities benefit you and your host's institution.

Essay 2: Previous experience working internationally and why you think you'd be effective at the host institution.

<https://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org/specialist-application-process/>

Grant Benefits for Specialist

- Roundtrip, economy-class airfare
- Transit allowance
- Enrollment in health benefits program
- Daily honorarium (amount 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 UNC Fulbright Alumni

- Online Resources at Teams site including successful UNC grants
- Keep updated listing of UNC-CH FSP and U.S. Scholars awardees
- Facilitate networking with past and/or current awardees
- Provide individual consultations on preparing your application
- Can coordinate mock review of application
- Contact information: cfe@unc.edu

UNC Faculty Fulbright Awardee: Anne Klinefelter

Name ▲	US Institution	Foreign Institution	Discipline	Program Country	Academic Years	Program
Patricia Klinefelter	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	University of Helsinki	Law	Finland	2019-2020	Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

A background image of a university campus. On the right, there is a white, circular gazebo with several columns. In the center, a large, leafy tree dominates the upper half of the frame. In the background, there are brick buildings with white window frames. The overall scene is bright and sunny, with some shadows on the ground.

Questions?

Upcoming...

2022 CFE SUMMER WRITING GROUP PROGRAM



The background image shows a university campus. On the right, there is a large, classical-style building with a portico supported by several tall, white columns. To the left of the building, a large, mature tree with dense green foliage dominates the upper half of the frame. In the foreground, there is a paved area and a low stone bench. The overall scene is bright and sunny, with some shadows cast on the ground.

Thank you!

Please check your email inbox later today for an invitation to a brief survey about today's session.

Sources

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Searchable Catalog of Scholar Awards	https://awards.cies.org/
Specialist Program	https://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org/eligibility-specialists/
Fulbright Scholar Directory (look up current and prior Core and IEA scholars; no Specialists)	https://cies.org/fulbright-scholar-directory
Tax Information	http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/International-Taxpayers/Fulbright-Grants